

# LESSON 9

# THE CHARISMATIC

# MOVEMENT

“I will pour out of My Spirit  
on all flesh.” — Acts 2:17

**Africa's Role in the  
Greatest Missionary  
Movement in History**



# THE GLOBAL ROOTS (1901–1906)

**1901 — Topeka,  
Kansas**

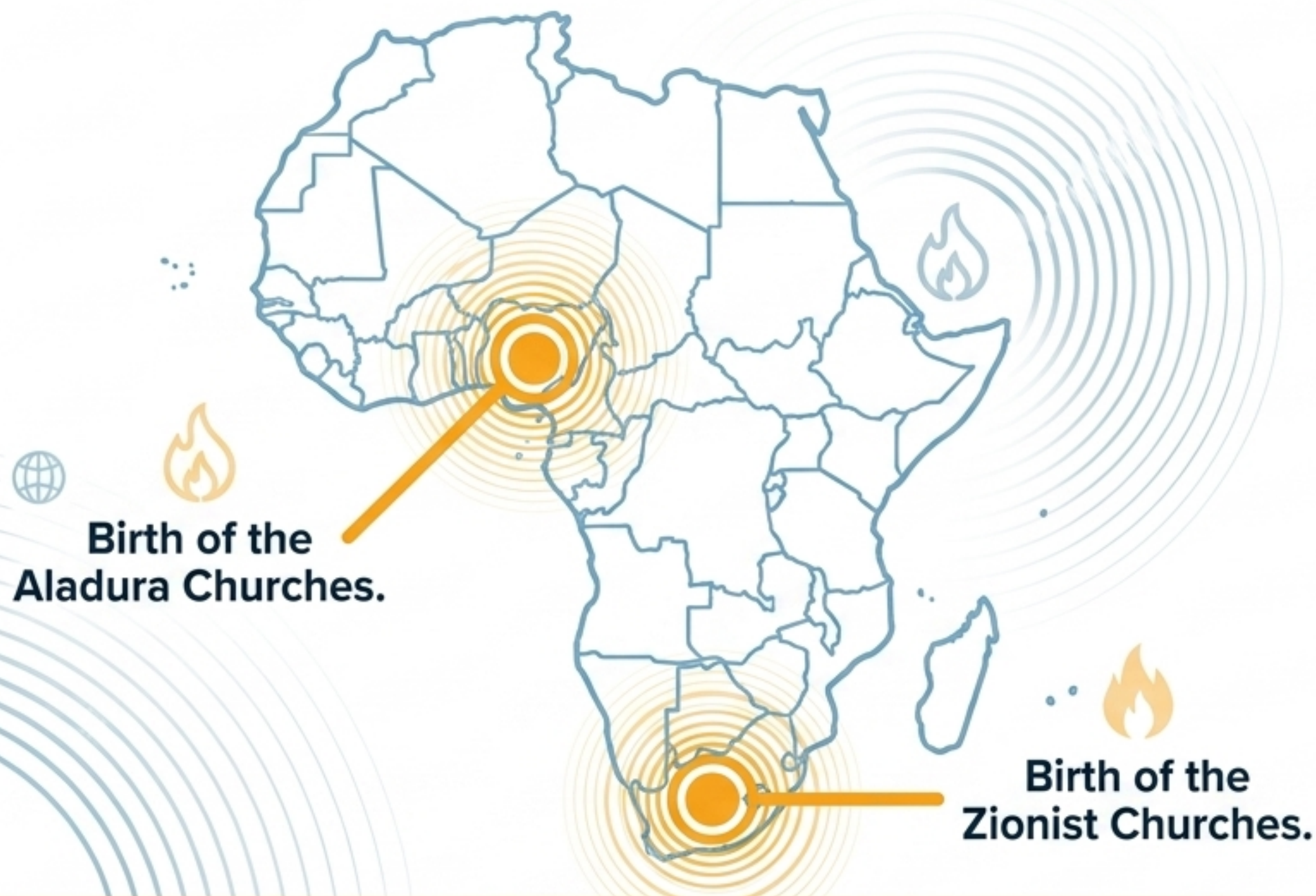
**Agnes Ozman &  
Charles Parham:**  
Tongues recognized  
as initial evidence.

**1906 — Azusa  
Street**

**William J. Seymour:**  
A historic outpouring  
marked by radical  
racial and social  
inclusion.

***“The fire scatters globally within years.”***

# AFRICA: CO-CREATOR, NOT JUST RECIPIENT



The fire arrived early in the 1900s.

Indigenous African prophetic movements arose as genuine, Spirit-led responses.

**Africa did not just receive Pentecostalism; we helped shape it.**

# THE SECOND WAVE: CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

## 1950s & 1960s



The Holy Spirit moves within mainline denominations.



“Neo-Pentecostalism” emerges worldwide.



Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Catholic believers experience Spirit baptism and the gifts of the Spirit.

# THE THIRD WAVE & THE AFRICAN EXPLOSION

## The 1980s Global Shift

- Focus on **Power Evangelism** (Signs & Wonders confirming the Word).
- The rise of **independent apostolic networks**.

## Africa's Dynamic Response

- Explosion of **independent Charismatic** churches.
- Pioneers like **Benson Idahosa** bridging the movement.
- The birth of **African mega-churches** (e.g., RCCG, Winners' Chapel).

# CHARISMATIC MISSIONS TODAY: AFRICA LEADS



1. Robust belief in the supernatural.



2. Joyful, infectious worship.

The majority of Spirit-filled Christians now live in the Global South.



3. Holistic theology (Spirit + practical needs).



4. Fearless faith amid suffering.

# CHALLENGES WE MUST CONFRONT



1. **Distorted Prosperity Theology:** Replacing genuine discipleship with transactional faith.
2. **Weak Theological Foundations:** Generating enthusiasm without biblical literacy.
3. **Excessive Individualism:** Undermining the local sending church for personal apostolic brands.

**We must build structures strong enough to hold the fire.**

# YOU ARE THE CUSTODIANS



**The Charismatic movement is a sovereign move of God to fulfill Acts 1:8.**

- **Guard the fire.**
- **Correct the errors.**
- **Go to the nations.**



# REFLECT & DISCUSS

**What does the racial unity at Azusa Street teach us about the Holy Spirit's work?**

**How did African indigenous movements contribute to the global story?**

**What are the greatest strengths of African Pentecostalism as a missionary force?**

**What are its most significant weaknesses?**

# PRAYER FOCUS



- **Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit in Africa.**
- **Pray for the next generation of African Pentecostal missionaries.**
- **Ask for supernatural power combined with deep, unbreakable biblical grounding.**

**THIS WEEK'S ACTION STEP**

# **Record an Oral History**



- 1. Interview an older pastor or leader in your area.**
- 2. Ask about the early days of the Charismatic revival in your nation.**
- 3. Identify 3 specific ways the Holy Spirit moved.**
- 4. Share their testimony with your study group.**