

ZECHARIAH

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CHAPTER 8

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT JERUSALEM?

The City of the Great King

The Golden City

The City of David

The City of God

The City of Truth

The Holy City

The Place Where God Sees and Grants Peace

Jerusalem has no natural harbor. It isn't situated on any major trade route, nor is it a gateway city. It's not a banking or industrial or commercial or medical center. It has no natural resources, no oil! While it's too hilly for an airport, it also does not command any strategic high ground.

It has nothing at all to commend it except for the fact the God chose it for Himself; and to Satan, that makes it the most desirable piece of real estate on the planet.

MY TOP SEVEN

- 1. This is Mount Zion
- 2. The Shin, which symbolizes one of the names of God (Shaddai) is carved throughout the hills and valleys.
- 3. This is where the Temple was erected where the Holiest of Holies resided.
- 4. This is Mt. Moriah where the Akedah (the offering of Isaac) took place.
- 5. This is where the hosannas rang out for the Messiah.
- 6. The place where Yeshua was crucified and resurrected.
- 7. One day soon Yeshua will return and reign from here throughout the Millennium.

Again the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying, ²“Thus says the Lord of hosts ‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.’

COMMENTS

Lord of hosts = the armies of heaven

Zealous - I love this word / it is defines at being extremely dedicated or having intense enthusiasm ... in the ancient Hebrew comes from the idea “to become intensely red.” It has the thought of a face becoming flushed with deep emotion.

[Does God ever change? Don't mess around with the “apple of His eye”!]

BTW if you think God is finished with Israel then you will not be able to handle the book of Zechariah!

₃ "Thus says the Lord: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the Lord of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

COMMENTS

City of Truth

List other titles for Jerusalem:

⁴“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand, Because of great age.

⁵ The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.’

COMMENTS

Playing not Praying

Dr. J. Vernon McGee took this as meaning that there would be no cars in the millennial Jerusalem.

6 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:

'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?'

Says the Lord of hosts.

COMMENTS

7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:
'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east
And from the land of the west;
8 I will bring them *back*,
And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
They shall be My people
And I will be their God,
In truth and righteousness.'

COMMENTS

Land of the West?

9 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:

'Let your hands be strong,
You who have been hearing in these days
These words by the mouth of the prophets,
Who *spoke* in the day the foundation was laid
For the house of the Lord of hosts,
That the temple might be built.

10 For before these days
There were no wages for man nor any hire for beast;
There was no peace from the enemy for whoever went out or came in; For I set all
men, everyone, against his neighbor.

COMMENTS

A reminder to ... consider your ways

This encouraging command was for those who had heard the words of the prophets
in the day the foundation was laid for the house of the LORD of hosts. The
foundation was set more than fifteen years before. Though they faced lack of
resources (**no wages for man**) and opposition (**no peace from the enemy**), God
wanted them to find strength for the work (**let your hands be strong**) in His promise.

11 But now I *will* not *treat* the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says the Lord of hosts.

12 'For the seed *shall be* prosperous,
The vine shall give its fruit,
The ground shall give her increase,
And the heavens shall give their dew—
I will cause the remnant of this people
To possess all these.

COMMENTS

The Vine is a messianic term

¹³ And it shall come to pass

That just as you were a curse among the nations,

O house of Judah and house of Israel,

So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing.

Do not fear,

Let your hands be strong.'

COMMENTS

Genesis 12 fulfilled

Israel becoming the Light they were always intended to be ... Tikkun Olam

¹⁴ "For thus says the Lord of hosts:
'Just as I determined to punish you
When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,'
Says the Lord of hosts,
'And I would not relent,
¹⁵ So again in these days
I am determined to do good
To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
Do not fear.

COMMENTS

Imagine - He is DETERMINED to do good!

16 These *are* the things you shall do:
Speak each man the truth to his neighbor;
Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;
17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor;
And do not love a false oath.
For all these *are things* that I hate,
Says the Lord."

COMMENTS

Words to ponder: Truth, Justice and Shalom

Remember the things that the Lord hates: Proverbs 6:16-19

18 Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,
19 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:
'The fast of the fourth *month*,
The fast of the fifth,
The fast of the seventh,
And the fast of the tenth,
Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts
For the house of Judah.
Therefore love truth and peace.'

COMMENTS

Each one of these fast days remembered a tragic day around the fall of Jerusalem. Note the transformation ... from fasting to feasting! Wanna go on a 40 day feast?

Fasts to Feasts: Isa 61:2, 3.

20 "Thus says the Lord of hosts:

'Peoples shall yet come,
Inhabitants of many cities;

21 The inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying,

"Let us continue to go and pray before the Lord,
And seek the Lord of hosts.

I myself will go also."

22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations

Shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem,

And to pray before the Lord.'

COMMENTS

Come lets us go to the house of the Lord. Isaiah 2:3 / Psalm 122 / Isa 65:19

One of the reasons I am so passionate about Israel.

This promise will ultimately be fulfilled in the millennial kingdom of Jesus.

Jerusalem will be the headquarters of His kingdom, and the nations will come to **seek the LORD** in Jerusalem.

²³ "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard *that* God *is* with you." ' "

COMMENTS

Can you imagine? This same word **grasp** is used for grabbing a snake by the tail (Exodus 4:4) or for grabbing a lion by its beard (1 Samuel 17:35). It means to grasp something that you must not let go of.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is so great about JERUSALEM
- 2. Can see the first fruits of this prophecy today?
- 3. What is the mission and calling of the Jewish people?
- 4. Has God replaced the Jewish people with the Church?
- 5. Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and make a list of the things that God HATES



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