

ZECHARIAH

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CHAPTER 14

ESCHATOLOGY

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[If you want to evaluate the position of a teacher, just ask him to interpret this passage; it will reveal volumes regarding his position on Scripture!]

Behold, **the day of the Lord** is coming,
And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

COMMENTS

The Day of the Lord

(Isaiah 2:12; 4:1,2; 11:10,11; 13:9; Amos 9:11; Joel 1:15; 2:1,1; Malachi 4:1-5;
Psalm 2; Revelation 5:1-19:16.)

2 For I will gather **all the nations** to battle against Jerusalem;
The city shall be taken,
The houses rifled,
And the women ravished.
Half of the city shall go into captivity,
But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

**3 Then the Lord will go forth
And fight against those nations,
As He fights in the day of battle.**

COMMENTS

This is the very end of days, when Jerusalem will be surrounded and attacked by some type of international force.

In A.D. 70 the Romans came with a multinational army and brought terrible destruction on the city and its people. Yet there was none of the deliverance that Zechariah will describe in the following verses, so it is difficult to say that this was fulfilled in the Roman attack upon Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,

Which faces Jerusalem on the east.

And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,

From east to west,

Making a very large valley;

Half of the mountain shall move toward the north

And half of it toward the south.

COMMENTS

This split is waiting for one particular foot ... After Edom (Isaiah 63)?

[This was the direction, to the east, that the Shekinah departed and would return (Ezek 11:22, 23; 43:2, 4).]

The Great Rift Valley goes north and south up to the Dog River in Lebanon. But recent researchers have discovered a rift that goes from east to west.

5 Then you shall flee *through* My mountain valley,
For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.

Yes, you shall flee

As you fled from the earthquake
In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

**Thus the Lord my God will come,
And all the saints with You.**

COMMENTS

Jesus will touch His feet to the Mount of Olives when He returns in glory with **all the saints**, the *armies of heaven* described in Revelation 19:14.

¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

6 It shall come to pass in that day
That there will be no light;
The lights will diminish.
7 It shall be one day
Which is known to the Lord—
Neither day nor night.
But at evening time it shall happen
That it will be light.

COMMENTS

Cosmic changes (Cf. Isaiah 13:9, 10; 24:23; Joel 3:14-16; Matthew 24:29,30; Mark 13:24,25; Revelation 6:13; 8:12).

8 And in that day it shall be
That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem,
Half of them toward the eastern sea
And half of them toward the western sea;
In both summer and winter it shall occur.

COMMENTS

Ezekiel 47 records a vision that may describe this scene. Ezekiel saw a river flowing from the throne of God and down to the Dead Sea, bringing life and vitality everywhere.

Waters = purification, spiritual life, and refreshment

Jerusalem will be the capital of the millennial earth as well as the centroid of spiritual blessings.

¹⁰ All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. *Jerusalem* shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and *from* the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

¹¹ *The people* shall dwell in it;
And no longer shall there be utter destruction,
But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

COMMENTS

Benjamin's gate: in north wall of city; also called the "Gate of Ephraim" (2 Kings 14:13), as the road from it ran through Benjamin and on to Ephraim.

First Gate, apparently in the NE corner; **Corner gate:** (2 Kgs 14:13; Jer 31:38) NW corner of the city;

Tower of Hananeel (Jer 31:38): near NE corner of the wall

Winepress of the King: SE of the city near the king's gardens and the pool of Siloam.

This will be the first time in a long time that Jerusalem will be a safe place to live.

12 And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem:

Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet,

Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets,

And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

COMMENTS

The description of flesh dissolving makes some think that Zechariah is describing the effects of a neutron or nuclear bomb.

1991 when 40 Scud rockets landed in Israel from Iraq - the "cool" bombs were locked and loaded.

Think Raiders of the Lost Ark - all biological elements are destroyed and the cooling off period is very short.

13 It shall come to pass in that day
That a great panic from the Lord will be among them.
Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor,
And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;
14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.
And the wealth of all the surrounding nations
Shall be gathered together:
Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.
15 Such also shall be the plague
On the horse *and* the mule,
On the camel and the donkey,
And on all the cattle that will be in those camps.
So *shall* this plague *be*.

COMMENTS

EMP? Could make this passage a literal depiction

¹⁶And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the **Feast of Tabernacles**. ¹⁷And it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain. ¹⁸If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they *shall have no rain*; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

COMMENTS

Egypt is specifically mentioned because they were a nation not especially dependent on rain, yet they too would be punished if they were disobedient.

WHY - The other major Feasts of Israel have been fulfilled by Jesus, but this Feast is about remembering the goodness of the Lord.

²⁰ In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹ Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

COMMENTS

The COMMON made holy. This was the great inscription on the metal band around the high priest's headpiece (Exodus 28:36). In the glory of the Messiah's kingdom horses won't be needed for war any longer - now even they could wear the emblems of **HOLINESS TO THE LORD**.

The **bowls before the altar** were used to gather and sprinkle sacrificial blood on the altar. These show that animal sacrifice will continue in the millennium, but *not as atonement for sin* - which was perfectly satisfied by the atoning work of Jesus. Sacrifice in the millennium will look back to the perfect work of Jesus.

The "Canaanite" these were mariners and merchants of the ancient world, and known for their ungodly and unholy ways. (Hosea 12:7). Interesting that Abbas is claiming that today's Palestinians can be traced back to the Canaanites.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What signs do you see today that may indicate that the "Day of the Lord" may be on the near horizon.
2. What is making many hearts of Believers today to be growing cold?
3. What is so important about the Feast of Tabernacles?



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