

## **Zechariah Lesson 14**

Zechariah Chapter 14

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Memory verses for this week: *Eccl 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*

Introduction: Last week we covered the preaching that will be done to the nation of Israel in the tribulation period. We close our study on Zechariah this week as we begin with the study of Armageddon. These first verses show how deep the darkness is as this chapter opens, but great is the light with which it closes.

### **I. ARMAGEDDON**

*Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.*

*Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*

*Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*

Of all Jerusalem's sieges in the past, none were more severe than that depicted in these verses. The described conditions, which careful students of history admit have never been known in any past destruction, can only apply to a future event. From east, west, north and south, the armies of the nations will have advanced upon Jerusalem, hating the people and city of God, but mutually hating each other. The antichrist will be owned by the apostate Jews within the city as the Messiah and King of Judah.

Against this false one will the Assyrians march into the land, making an effort to take from him his authority. Behind the Assyrian power will be Gog, the last prince of Meshech and Tubal – undoubtedly the head of the last Russian (Rosh) empire.

*Ezek 38:1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,  
Ezek 38:2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,*

*Ezek 38:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:*

*Ezek 38:4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:*

*Ezek 38:5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:*

*Ezek 38:6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.*

*Ezek 38:7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.*

Allied with him will apparently be the kings from the sun rising, or far east, whose armies will hasten to join him in his assault on Jerusalem. Between all these powers, Jerusalem's position will be a sad one.

Verse 3 shows when it would seem no power, human or divine, could prevent Jerusalem's extinction, the Lord shall go forth fighting as a mighty warrior against these nations.

## **II. THE VISIBLE RETURN OF CHRIST IN GLORY**

*Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*

*Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.*

Christ's coming will cause visible changes in Palestine. We note that his feet will touch upon the mount of Olives, the very place He ascended into heaven. Through this great valley, the people of God shall escape to safety until the Lord appears with all His saints to reign on the earth. No doubt, Azal is Petra, where God will hide His people during the tribulation.

There is no specific record of this earthquake, though it is generally supposed to be the one referred to in Amos 1:1.

*Amos 1:1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in*

*the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.*

Nothing less than the personal presence of the Son of God will ever bring in the millennium.

*Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:*

*Zec 14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*

*Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.*

The exact meaning of these verses has puzzled many, however, it seems that this day is one diverse from every other; beginning in deepest gloom and ending by the coming of the Lord.

Most likely these verses have reference to spiritual blessing as well. Verse 7 speaks of the river of the sanctuary. Waters shall flow from Jerusalem to the Mediterranean and Dead Seas.

### **III. THE KINGDOM ESTABLISHED**

*Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

*Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.*

There can be no question to the Bible student as to whether Christ is to reign or not. The Lord shall be king over all the earth.

*Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

*Phil 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

*Phil 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*Phil 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

*Phil 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

*Phil 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

*Phil 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

In Luke 1:32 God promised Mary that Christ would reign on David's throne.

*Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*

*Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*

*Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:*

*Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

Christ promised the apostles that they would reign one day in Christ's kingdom as judges over the 12 tribes of Israel.

*Luke 22:29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;*

*Luke 22:30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

All those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior look forward to the coming of the Lord. But what makes a man or woman have confidence that their sins are forgiven and Christ is their Savior?

Arthur Pink in his book "Studies on Saving Faith" says that faith is the beginning component of salvation.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned (Mark 16:16). These are the words of Christ, the risen Christ, and are the last that He uttered ere He left this earth. None more important were ever spoken to the sons of men. They call for our most diligent attention. They are of the greatest possible consequence, for in them are set forth the terms of eternal happiness or misery; life and death, and the conditions of both.

Faith is the principal saving grace, and unbelief the chief damning sin. The law, which threatens death for every sin, has already passed sentence of condemnation upon all, because all have sinned. This sentence is so peremptory that it admits of but one exception—all shall be executed if they believe not. The condition of life as made known by Christ in Mark 16:16 is double: the principal one, faith; the accessory one, baptism; accessory, we term it, because it is not absolutely necessary to life, as faith is.

Proof of this is found in the fact of the omission in the second half of the verse: it is *not* "he that is not baptized shall be damned," but "he that believeth not." Faith is so indispensable that, though one be baptized, yet believeth not, he shall be damned. As we have said above, the sinner is already condemned: the sword of Divine justice is drawn even now and waits only to strike the fatal blow. Nothing can divert it but saving faith in Christ. My reader, continuance in unbelief makes Hell as certain as though you were already in it. While you remain in unbelief, you are "having no hope, and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12).

*Zec 14:11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.*

*Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.*

*Zec 14:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.*

In this day, Jerusalem will be safely inhabited. There will not be the turmoil of war and destruction facing the nation in that day. There will be the threat of war, but the nations who will have shown no mercy to Jerusalem, will be judged without mercy in says in verse 12.

*Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.*

*Zec 14:15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.*

Judah will become the battle-ax of the Lord in that day of His power, victorious over every foe, and enriched by the spoils of those who would have spoiled them. The wealth of those who came against Israel will become spoils to Judah.

#### **IV. THE WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE KINGDOM**

*Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

*Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.*

*Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

*Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.*

All will go up to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.

*Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

*Micah 4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

*Micah 4:4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.*

The last joyful feast shall be reached – that of a feast of tabernacles. In verse 17 through 19, those who refuse to go up and observe the feast shall have the judgment of the Lord upon them, in that He shall withhold the rain. Even Egypt shall be punished by the waters of the Nile being dried up. At this time, we will see that those who serve the Lord shall prosper materially.

*Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.*

*Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.*

No longer will distinction be made between sacred and secular, but men will have learned that anything worth doing at all must be done for the glory of the Lord. In that day there shall be no more Canaanites in the house of the Lord.

In Genesis 13: 7, we are told that in the day of Abraham, the Canaanites dwelt in the land.

*Gen 13:7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.*

*Gen 13:8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.*

*Gen 13:9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.*

*When all strife and bitterness shall be done away in Abraham's redeemed seed, the Canaanite will have passed off the scene for all time to come.*

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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