HOLINESS TO THE LORD

ZECHARIAH 14
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Read Zechariah 14:1-8
The Coming of The Lord

• "The Day of the Lord comes" - refers to a period of time - starting from the Rapture all the way to the end of the world. end of the Day of Man

• Many nations will come up against Israel, Ezek. 38 & 39 (Russian and Arab confederacy)

• War will progress almost up to the point of utter defeat, Rev. 11:2
The nations have been gathered under the sovereign control of God
  • to purge the nation of Israel
  • to punish these nations as well
• "All nations" – representative of every nation on earth, Rev. 16:13–14
• Focal point – Jerusalem (Battle of Armageddon)
• Time of Jacob's trouble, Jer. 30:7
The Coming of The Lord

• Half will go into exile
• Other half will remain in Jerusalem
• Things look very bleak, city is in ruins, people have been killed and ravaged, enemies are rejoicing, dividing the spoils among themselves right in the middle of the city
• Then The Lord will come to fight for His people
The Coming of The Lord

• Direct personal intervention of The Lord Himself
• The Lord of Armies, The Lord of Hosts, the Man of War
• Day of battle – Joshua and Gibeonites, Sisera and Barak, many other battles
The Coming of The Lord

- Descend on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem,
- "His feet" – Acts 1:11
- Events that took place on the Mount of Olives – where Jesus prayed many nights, preached many days, healed many people
- Mountain will split – earthquake, (Micah 1:2, Nahum 1:5, Rev. 16:18)
Valley will be created, east of Jerusalem leading to the Dead Sea and the Arabah region.
Way of escape for the people besieged in Jerusalem.
Earthquake in King Uzziah's day, Amos 1:1, Josephus also records the earthquake.
Lord my God – affirming the deity of Christ.
Rev. 19:11-19, Jude 14, I Thess 3:13, Col. 3:4
The remnant will see Him, repent, believe in Him, the fountain will be opened for them.
The Coming of The Lord

• Lights will congeal – no day or night, The Lord Jesus will be the source of light itself, Mathew 24, Isa. 24, Joel 3, Rev. 6:12–14

• Living waters will flow from Jerusalem to the east (Dead Sea) and to the west (Mediterranean Sea), Ezek 47:1–12

• Living waters – gurgling, fresh, gushing, full of life, not stagnant
Application

• God may allow us to come to the point of absolute desperation and utter failure before we experience the deliverance.

• God takes a personal interest in our battles.
Read Zechariah 14:9-11
The Coronation of The King

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• Jerusalem and the regions around it will be lifted up and the surrounding areas flattened – clear view from all sides, all eyes on Jerusalem, the center of world politics and religion
• Peaceful settlement of people, in and around Jerusalem
Application

• Every knee must bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

• Have I bowed my knee and confessed His Lordship with my tongue?
Read Zechariah 14:12-15
The Conquest of the nations

- Judgement on all the armies that came against Israel
- Instant destruction of the soldiers
- Confusion among the armies
- Superhuman strength of the Israelites
- Huge horde of wealth piled up
- Devastation of the animals
Read Zechariah 14:16-21
The Character of the Kingdom

- All the people will come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacles
- Lev 23:33–43 – regulations concerning the Feast of the Tabernacles
The Character of the Kingdom

• One of Autumn festivals
• Bring in the harvest
• Come to Jerusalem
• Live in "booths" (temporary shelters)
• Time of rejoicing, singing, praying
• Time of united celebration
• Offering sacrifices
The Character of the Kingdom

• 1 Kings 8:65-66: Celebrated at the time of the Temple Dedication
• 2 Chron. 31:3 – Celebrated during the reign of Hezekiah
• Ezra 3:3, Neh. 8:14–18 – After the return from Exile
• John 7: Jesus celebrates the Festival of Tabernacles, vs. 37-39
The Character of the Kingdom

- prophetic picture of the Millennium
- Time when all nations will come to Jerusalem to seek and to worship God
- Isaiah 2:1–4, Micah 4:1–4
- Any nation that chose not to come would suffer judgement - Egypt, self-sufficiency, no need for rain because of the Nile
The Character of the Kingdom

- "Holiness unto The Lord" – words inscribed on a gold plate on Aaron's turban
- marked him out as special, separated, sanctified, set apart from all others
- In the Millennium, all pots and pans, bells on horses, every cooking vessel would dedicated to God
The Character of the Kingdom

• No competing allegiances (because Satan would be locked up and unable to deceive anyone, Rev. 20:1–3)
• "Canaanite" – unclean, pagan, no right to enter the presence of God, gentile, outside the citizenship of Israel
• No such distinction would be made in the Millennium
Application

• Do I contribute to the unity of the Church?

• Am I wholly dedicated to the service of The Lord? Does the inscription on my heart read "Holiness unto The Lord"?

• How humbling to acknowledge that I, a foreigner, can come and worship the true and living God!