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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ZECHARIAH 14:1-7**

Zechariah 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.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the May 6, 2018 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. As we enter **Chapter 14**, we see it covers the last section of the **Book of Zechariah**.
- b. **Chapters 9-11** deal with the First coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- c. When we get to **Chapter 12-14** we see it deals with the Second coming of Jesus Christ.
- d. This final chapter gathers it all together; every loose end is tied together and not a single thread was left hanging.
- e. We will outline a definite program laid down in this chapter; of course, **God always starts where Israel is just like our salvation: He takes us where we are. Acts 8:35**, *Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*
- f. If you plan to clean up your life before coming to Jesus, Hell will be your lot.
- g. We start in difficult times and move through the national conversion of Israel, where the nation will turn to God and there will be a pouring out of the Spirit of God. **Isaiah 66:8**, *Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.*
- h. All of this is preparing the scene for the return of the Messiah because at that time the Nation Israel will have entered the Great Tribulation Period.
- i. We know this speaks of the second phase of our Lord's return.
 1. First, He comes and calls the Church in the air. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17:*

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

2. Then He comes back in the Revelation and His feet will touch the Mount of Olives. **Zechariah 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.*
- j. This last chapter is a great climax and follows the entire program that had been given to Zechariah.
- k. This section leads us to the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven at the Second coming of Christ where He will sit on the Throne of David and rule and reign for a thousand years. **Revelation 20:6**, *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.* **Revelation 20:4**, *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*
- l. Zechariah is encouraging the people of that day to look to the future as outline in God's prophetic program.
- m. **The only interpretation of this chapter, as the Bible interprets itself, must be a literal interpretation.**
- n. **Interpretation of Scriptures must be in harmony with the context.** We cannot and must not take a verse or a passage in isolation, not considering the context and the rest of Bible references to that specific passage. **1 Corinthians 2:13**, *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
- o. **We must allow the Word of God to interpret itself.** **2 Peter 1:20**, *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*
- p. The Spirit is designed to guide us into all truth. **John 16:13**, *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*
- q. We are not to spiritualize this passage in any way, shape or form.
- r. With that Introduction let's see what we can glean from God's Holy and precious Word today.

3. SIX POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. **Behold the day of the Lord cometh.**

1. **Zechariah 14:1**, **Behold, the day of the Lord cometh**, *and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.*
2. This would mean that the breaking news would appear that the Lord Jesus is going to return.
3. What an impressive statement; a succinct revelation from God that Jesus is in fact coming back again. **Acts 1:11**, *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why*

stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

4. This time He comes back as King of kings and Lord of lords when He sets up His Kingdom on the face of the Earth.
5. Zechariah's interest is emphasizing the latter part of the Tribulation Period, which we refer to as the Great Tribulation.
6. We know that Israel has been deceived by the Anti-Christ at the beginning of the Tribulation and a covenant is made with them.
7. The first part of the Tribulation Period will be some-what peaceful, the Jews will be allowed the freedom to rebuild the temple where the Dome of The Rock now sits.
8. Midway through the seven-year period, there will be Great Tribulation.
9. This is where Zechariah talks about *"thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee."*

b. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle.

1. **Zechariah 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.*
2. This is not a pretty picture; this is the last siege of Jerusalem.
3. This is the time when blood will run to the horse's bridle. **Revelation 14:20**, *And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*
4. Notice that it says *"I will gather ALL nations"* This is the judgment of the Nations that is spoken of in the **Book of Matthew 25. Matthew 25:31-34**, *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34: Then shall the King say unto the on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*
5. As the Great Tribulation soars, it will be a sad time for the nation Israel.
6. Zechariah mentions three things:
 - a. Houses plummeted
 - b. Women are raped
 - c. The city is taken
7. The picture of the Deliverer is none other than Jesus Christ. **Revelation 14:14**, *And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.*

c. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations.

1. **Zechariah 14:3**, Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ will indeed fight for the Nation of Israel.
3. God has not cast away His people. **Romans 11:2**, God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
4. He is coming to redeem that nation. The Bible says Israel will be born in a day. **Isaiah 66:8**, *Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.*

d. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives.

1. **Zechariah 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.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming again, and we were reminded of this during His ascension. **Acts 1:11**, *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*
3. Jesus feet will literally touch the Mount of Olives.
4. Everything about this vision is literal; **we are not to spiritualize any of God's Word unless we are told to do so.**
5. This is the Glorified Christ and He is going to return; **He is the one who came the first time to redeem the souls of mankind. He is coming a second time to redeem the body of mankind and the earth.**
6. The mention of the East is not a casual statement. We will notice throughout Scripture that help for Israel is coming from the East.
7. This is the reason why close attention is paid to the Eastern Gate, which some call the Golden Gate.
8. God calls it the Eastern Gate.
9. The rest of this verse shows great physical changes that are to take place as Jesus' feet touch the Mount of Olives.
10. Notice "*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.*" - Jerusalem is surrounded by rough terrain.

e. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains.

1. **Zechariah 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.
2. It is not completely clear from Scripture as to where this is speaking about and I cannot be dogmatic so as a result we will stick with what the Bible says. "*valley of the mountains.*"

3. There is a clear understanding from Scripture as to what it means "*and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.*"
4. This is an interesting picture of the Lord Jesus Christ coming back to earth recorded in **Revelation 19:11-14**, *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12: His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13: And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14: And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*
5. Also, in **Romans 11:25**, *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Jude 1:14, And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*
6. This is the time of the fulfillment of the Gentiles.
7. All of the Nations come up against Jerusalem. **Romans 11:26**, *And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*
8. This time has not yet come. The Lord Jesus' first coming did not fulfill any of this prophesy. **Luke 5:32**, *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

f. But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD,

1. **Zechariah 14:6-7**, *And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: 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.*
2. We clearly understand that this is the time that Jesus will come at His second coming.
3. **Zechariah 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.*
4. This indicates there will be a rapid change in the lighting of the Earth as Jesus Comes.
5. **Mark 13:24-26**, *But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25: And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. 26: And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.*
6. Only the Lord knows the fulfillment of His plan for the day when the lights go out and are lighted again in the Millennium Kingdom. **Isaiah 30:26**, *Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound. Malachi 4:2, But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

7. *"in that day"*-is when Jesus returns the second time. It will be an extraordinary day beyond the normal course of nature.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Jesus as personal Saviour? If not, hell will be your lot.
- b. You will not reign with Christ and rule with Him a thousand years until you come to a saving knowledge of our Lord.
- c. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- d. **Romans 3:11**, *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*
- e. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- f. Rest for the soul can only come through the righteousness and the blood of Jesus Christ. We must remember when we receive Christ as personal Saviour; it is the soul that is saved not the body. **Romans 3:22**, *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: John 6:29*, *Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*
- g. Please stand.

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