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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## AND THE LORD SHALL BE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH

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SCRIPTURE READING: **ZECHARIAH 14:8-21**

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

### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. A man by the name of Zechariah is the author of this book.
- b. The name Zechariah was very common among Hebrew people, as a matter of fact the Bible mentions 28 different Zechariah's in the Old Testament.
- c. The Zechariah of this book is the one mentioned in **Matthew 23**, as having been martyred. **Matthew 23:35**, That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.
- d. When we analyze **Chapters 1-8**, we find it covers about a two-year timeframe during the rebuilding of the temple possibly written between 520 and 518 BC. Whereas **Chapters 9-14** cover about a ten-year timeframe after the temple was completed possibly written between 480-470 BC.
- e. Zechariah provides encouragement to the remnant that had returned to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity.
- f. God remembers and blesses at the appointed and appropriate time and certainly has rich blessings for the Nation Israel as well as Heavenly blessings for the church.
- g. It is also interesting to know that Zechariah's prophesy practically closes the Old Testament.
  1. It is next to the final book before we launch in to the New Testament, which chronologically opens with Luke's account of another Zechariah and his wife Elisabeth.
  2. Zechariah was a priest who was serving at the Altar of Incense when an angel appeared unto him with a message from God after four-hundred years of silence.
  3. If you recall, this is not the same Zechariah who wrote this book, however, this Zechariah is the father of John the Baptist.
- h. Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai. **Ezra 5:1**, Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, even unto them. Also, in **Ezra 6:14**, And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the

*prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.*

- i. Zechariah was possibly older than Haggai according to **Zechariah 2:4**, *And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:*
- j. The visions that Zechariah received resembled those of Daniel, Ezekiel and John in the **Book of Revelation**.
- k. Both Daniel and Ezekiel were born in Israel but wrote outside of their land.
- l. Zechariah was born outside of the land by the canal close to Babylon but wrote inside the land.
- m. This was during dark and discouraging days that blanketed the remnant of Israel.
- n. However, Zechariah saw the glory in it all and the vision of hope.
- o. He has more Messianic prophesies than any other minor prophets. They are called minor prophets because of the size of the book they wrote.
- p. The **Book of Zechariah** is a most interesting book.
- q. Zechariah and Haggai definitely knew each other, and they prophesied to the same people; the remnant of Israel.
- r. However, their messages were altogether different with respect to the practical message of Haggai contrasted to the visionary messages of Zechariah.
- s. Zechariah was extremely visionary as God gave him visions for the Nation Israel.
- t. Zechariah joins the younger Haggai in exalting the people to finish the construction of the temple which they accomplished in about a four-year time span.
- u. He also encourages them to walk closer in obedience to God.
- v. The people's devotion to the task increased when they finally realized that the Glory of God could not return to the Temple if the Temple did not exist. This should be a wake-up call for us at Chesswood Baptist Church, *we must remain in the center of God's will doing those things to excellence which He has called us to do.*
- w. Some themes in the **Book of Zechariah** are:
  - 1. *God's ways are not just best for God, they are also best for us.*
  - 2. We need to fear no obstacle or foe when we are on the side of God. **Jeremiah 1:8**, *Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.*
  - 3. God desires pure actions but even more, He desires pure motives of our actions.
  - 4. *A person in love with the Lord will also have love and compassion for others. We cannot boast that we have compassion and allow people to die and go to Hell without Christ.*
  - 5. *God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ was to take care of the sin problem of mankind.*

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the May 6, 2018 Morning Message for the Introduction.

## 3. TWELVE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- g. **And it shall be in that day that living water shall come out from Jerusalem.**

1. **Zechariah 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.
2. We find in that area; a place called the Dead Sea. Behind this sea is the Mediterranean Sea.
3. There will be a spring that will bring living water.
4. Apparently, this is speaking of the water of life that God has talked about in the **Book of Revelation. Revelation 22:1**, *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*
5. It is true, Zechariah is telling us, the Word of God will go out from Jerusalem, the pure water of life he is speaking about. **Ephesians 5:26**, *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

**h. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth.**

1. **Zechariah 14:9** And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.
2. This is another marvelous passage of Scripture.
3. It refers to the **Lord Jesus Christ as He comes back as King of kings and Lord of lords.**
4. In **Zephaniah 3:9** we see God says, *"For then will I turn to the people a pure language that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."*
5. We find Jesus will return, sit on the Throne of David, rule and reign for a thousand years and all of His saints with Him. **1 Corinthians 2:9**, *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*
6. What a marvelous challenge from the **Book of Zechariah.**

**i. All the land shall be turned as a plain...**

1. **Zechariah 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.
2. According to **Zechariah 14:4** when Jesus feet touch the mount of Olives there will be major rearrangements of the landscape.
3. Zechariah also informs us there will be a very great valley and half of the mountain will move towards the North and half towards the South.
4. I gather from this all the land should be turned as a plain. The rugged terrain around Jerusalem is going to be smooth. This verse also indicates that it will be lifted up; I take that to mean Jerusalem will be elevated.
5. This verse also specifies that it will be inhabited in her place from Benjamin's gate until the place of the first gate.
6. This verse also gives us specific information regarding the tower and the Kings winepresses.
7. Let's not be guilty because we do not understand all that is here of attempting to spiritualize the aforementioned verse.

**j. There shall be no more utter destruction**

1. **Zechariah 14:11**, *And men shall dwell in it, and **there shall be no more utter destruction**; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.*
2. This verse speaks of the Millennium Reign of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I believe for the first time in history people can dwell in Jerusalem safely.
3. This verse gives us the assurance, there will be *“no more utter destruction.”*

**k. ... the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem;**

1. **Zechariah 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.*
2. This verse speaks of the living death against the enemies of God.
3. Their flesh shall consume away while they stand on their feet.
4. God also speaks of what happens to the eyes and the tongue. This all takes place during the Great Tribulation my friend.
5. Thank God the Church, the Bride of Christ will experience none of this. **Revelation 3:10**, *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

**l. And it shall come to pass in that day**

1. **Zechariah 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.*
2. This verse continues to outline activities during the Great Tribulation.
3. It seems to be a great degree of confusion and chaos during this time.

**m. The wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together...**

1. **Zechariah 14:14-15**, *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. **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.**
2. God has specified earlier that Israel would be the head of the nation. **Deuteronomy 28:13**, *And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:*
3. The commercial center of the world is now located in Jerusalem.
4. It reminds me of the great wealth the Israelites brought out of Egypt.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ has now put down all unrighteousness and some rebellion.
6. He has also caused the great wealth of the heathen to be brought into Jerusalem.

n. **And it shall come to pass**

1. **Zechariah 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.
2. During a previous message we have shown from scripture that there will be people saved after the Rapture of the Church.
3. This verse confirms not only that a remnant of Israel is saved but also a remnant of the Gentile nations as well.
4. These are the Gentiles that will enter the Millennium Kingdom.
5. This verse also says they will go up to Jerusalem from year to year to worship the King.
6. They will also keep the Feast of Tabernacles which the Israelites celebrated when they came out of Egypt.
7. The Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated again because they are brought from the ends of the earth back to Jerusalem.

o. **...even upon them shall be no rain.**

1. **Zechariah 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.**
2. God gives us some insight into the Millennium Kingdom
3. Although Satan is bound for a thousand years during the Millennium. God has indicated that when he has loosed multitudes will turn to him. **Revelations 20:7-8**, **And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8: And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.**
4. We conclude that there is rebellion even in the Millennium. **(Families are refusing to worship the King.)** The Millennium is a time of testing the obedience to all mighty God.
5. **Believers are also tested, Not for our salvation but for our stewardship.** When we are disobedient we do not lose our salvation, but we lose rewards at the judgment seat of Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**, **Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14: If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15: If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

p. **And if the family of Egypt go not up,**

1. **Zechariah 14:18-19**, **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. **19: This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.**
2. In the aforementioned verse God lays out the punishment for disobedient.

3. I believe God speaks generally however Egypt is used as an example. Which would give us a correct frame of reference.

**q. HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD**

1. **Zechariah 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.*
2. This verse teaches that every single thing will be used for the service of God.
3. Notice in that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord.

**r. all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them,**

1. **Zechariah 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 see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.*
2. Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts,
3. All they that sacrifice shall come and take of them.
4. This verse enlightens us that sacrifice will be offered in that day.
5. The **Book of Ezekiel** also confirms this.
6. These sacrifices will look back to the death of Christ just as the sacrifices before Christ look forward to his coming.
7. And in that day, there shall be no more of Canaanites in the house of the Lord of hosts.
8. During the millennium God removes from his service all that do not belong to him.
9. This will include all the hypocrites, every unbeliever and only believers will administer the service of God.

#### 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. **Leviticus 17:11**, For the life of the flesh is in the*

*blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

g. Please stand.

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