



King Jesus Is Coming!

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Let's Begin

There are two main themes in the book of Zechariah that come into play, especially in its last three chapters. One theme is the city of Jerusalem. Over twenty times in these final chapters, Jerusalem is mentioned. The other theme is the Lord Jesus Christ. While His name is not given in these chapters, it is evident that Zechariah is talking about Israel's Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. So throughout these chapters, it is "Jerusalem and Jesus."

A reason we read so much about Jerusalem and Jesus in Zechariah's closing chapters is because God again reveals to Zechariah our Lord's second coming. We have already noted different prophecies Zechariah made about Jesus' first coming and predictions that will be fulfilled at His second coming. They have all been exciting and amazing to read.

But now as we look at the final prophecies Zechariah is given, we are going to see more thrilling prophecies about our Lord's first and second comings as well as Jerusalem. As we use the outline below in our study today, especially be looking for the phrases "in that day" (cp. 12:3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11; 13:1, 2, 4) and "it shall come to pass" (cp. 12:9; 13:2, 3). These phrases are reminders that we are reading about things yet to come. Plus, knowing how the prophecies regarding our Lord's first coming were fulfilled to the minutest detail, we can be sure that Zechariah's prophecies concerning Jesus' second coming will likewise be fulfilled to the same detail.

- I. The King's Coming (12:1-14)
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I. The King's Coming 12:1-14)

Chapter 12 begins with the Lord declaring that He is the Creator of the universe. We read, "The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him" (12:1). It is as if the Lord is reminding everyone that He is the One who created the heavens and the earth, and He

is the One who made mankind. What may not be obvious in this verse is that the tenses of the verbs are in the present tense. This means that God is still active in His creation. After He created the universe and everything that is in it, He didn't just walk away. Instead, He committed Himself to the future of His creation, and He is in the process of constantly recreating it.

Our own bodies are just

one example of how God is continually recreating. Every five to seven years our bodies' cells die, but then new ones take their place. What is happening? God is recreating our cells. But as we continue in Zechariah, we will see that the same God who created the universe is going to be the God who will consummate it. Think about it. God, who made us in His image and brought us into existence,



the God who gives us our very breath, He is the same God who is going to bring history and creation to their ultimate climax and consummation.

Notice how Jerusalem fits into the end time. In verse 2 and also in verse 3 we are given two pictures for it. First God says, "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling ..." (12:2).

This is the picture of a person becoming drunk on alcohol. He was saying that Jerusalem is going to be like a strong drink, and any nation that comes against is going to be like a drunk, staggering and stumbling around. Jerusalem is also going to be "a burdensome stone" (12:3), indicating that everybody who comes against it will be crushed like a heavy stone. This verse, as well as other passages in the Bible, is predicting a final assault on Jerusalem by all the nations of the earth. The New Testament term, which explains this assault, is the Battle of Armageddon (cp. Rev. 16:12-16).

In verse 4 God tells us that He will intervene when the nations of the earth come against Jerusalem. We read, "In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness." God is going to turn the nations that come against Jerusalem against themselves, so they will end up fighting each other. He also makes a commitment to Jerusalem

in verse 8, "In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." Even the weakest in the land will become mighty warriors like David, and the city's leaders will have God's strength.

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What will be the results? Verse 9 tells us, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." As the armies come against Jerusalem, God will supernaturally take up the battle to defend His people and the city. As well as sending confusion among Jerusalem's enemies, He will then seek to destroy the armies. This does not mean that He will try to do it, but it means that He will thoroughly destroy them. Then a remarkable restoration and conversion will occur.

Look at what God says in verse 10, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon

the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications ..." In other words, God will then do a spiritual work in the hearts of the people of Israel. A special outpouring of His grace will be upon them, and a great prayer will go up from them. Why? Look at the rest of verse 10, "... and they (the Jewish people) shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." This verse is a prediction for the future regeneration of Israel. The day is coming when the Jews will understand that the Lord Jesus Christ indeed is their Messiah.

Did you note that verse 10 said the Jewish people will "look on Me (God), whom they have pierced"? Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, He (Jesus) cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen." Think about this prediction with verse 10 in Zechariah 12. How can someone pierce God? There is only one way. God had to become a man, and we know this is what happened. When Jesus was born, He was God in the flesh. When Jesus walked on the earth, it was God walking on the earth. When Jesus went to the cross, it was God on the cross. When the soldiers drove the nails into Jesus' hands and feet, it was God who was being pierced. For years Psalm 22:16,



“... they pierced My hands and feet,” puzzled the Jews. This is because up until the time of Christ crucifixion was unknown. Yet both David and Zechariah predicted how the Messiah would die. When the Lord Jesus comes again and Israel sees His wounds, they will then understand that they crucified their Messiah. The results: “In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem

...” (12:11). Israel will then receive Jesus as her Messiah.

Reflection Connection

In Matthew 24:30 how does Jesus describe His second coming? Discuss how His words confirm the prophecies of Zechariah 12:10 and Revelation 1:7.

II. The King's Cleansing (13:1-9)

In chapter 13 we see the cleansing that King Jesus will do. Verse 1 begins, “In that day shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness.” As we have just noted, when Jesus died on the cross, He was pierced by the nails hammered into His hands and feet. He was also pierced in His side, but this piercing was not from the crucifixion. After the Roman soldiers broke the legs of the two thieves who were crucified with Jesus, they came to Jesus; but He was already dead, so they did not break His legs (cp. Jn. 19:31-33). It was then that “... one of the soldiers, with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water” (Jn. 19:34). Why did the soldier do this? He didn't pierce the thieves' sides. Also, why didn't the soldiers break Jesus' legs? John tells us, “For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A

bone of His was not broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they pierced” (Jn. 19:36-37). The soldier was being used by God to fulfill His Word. Psalm 34:20 predicted that Jesus' bones would not be broken, and both Psalm 22:16 and Zechariah 12:10 predicted He would be pierced.

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Did you also note that when the soldier pierced Jesus' side how both blood and water came out (cp. Jn. 19:34)? Around the heart there is a sac of fluid

known as the pericardiac sac. When the spear pierced Jesus' side, evidently it went into this sac where there is both blood and water. This is why both blood and water came out. But do you know what happened right then? The Lord God opened up a fountain, and we sing about it even today: “There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.” Zechariah said there would be a fountain opened up. For sin, that's the blood. For uncleanness, that's the water. The day is coming when Israel will enter into the benefits of the cleansing fountain of Calvary. This is because Jesus is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn. 2:2). Whether we are Jew or Gentile, Jesus' blood can cleanse us from all of the stains of sin and make us clean, holy, and pure.



In verses 2 through 5 Zechariah shares how thorough King Jesus' cleansing of Jerusalem will be. Then in verse 6 we read the question, "... What are these wounds in Thine hands?" It's as if people will come up to the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him how His hands got their scars. His answer, "... Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends" (13:6). Remember, Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. Then in the middle of verse 7 it says, "... smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered ..." This was fulfilled the night before Jesus was crucified. In Mark

14:27, He told His disciples, "... All ye shall be offended because of Me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." He was quoting Zechariah 13:7!

Verse 9 shows us that the King's cleansing will also be purifying: "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried ..." What will be the result of this cleansing and purifying? Verse 9 ends with, "... they shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." Israel will be saved

Reflection Connection

Read the last part of 1 John 1:7 and discuss what it means to realize that it is the blood of Jesus, God's Son, that cleanses us from our sins.

III. The King's Coronation (14:1-1)

As chapter 14 begins, the future of Jerusalem again looks extremely bleak. It begins, "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee" (14:1). Verse 2 continues, "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken ..." Verse 2 goes on to say how the city will be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravaged and raped. Half of the city will be headed into captivity, and the rest will be left with the ruins of the city. It will definitely look like Jerusalem is really going to be annihilated. But something changes the outcome. Look at verse 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

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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." Jesus returns!

Do you remember when Jesus went back to heaven after His resurrection? He ascended from the Mount of Olives, and then two men in white apparel, who were angels, told His disciples, "... 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" (Acts 1:9). They were likewise predicting that one of these days Jesus is going to come again. When He does, His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.

Look at the last part of verse 5, "... and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with Thee." When the Lord returns, He will come with all His saints to rule and reign with Him. There are going to be some changes too. Verse 6 says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark." There will be changes in the lighting system. Verse 7 continues, "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." It will be light all day long. Verse 8 talks about changes in the water system. Living waters shall go out. This is important to note because Jerusalem was one of the few ancient cities that was not by a river. But the day is coming when there will be a river of living water flowing from the city of Jerusalem. Then verse 9 tells us, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one."

The King is coming. The Lord Jesus Christ is going to be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. Verse 16 says, "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." In the millennium everyone will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, which is a feast of joy and fulfillment. For those who refuse to go to Jerusalem to celebrate this feast, verse 17 says there will be no rain over their country. Look at verse 20, "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD ..." Jerusalem will be so transformed that even the bells on the harnesses of the horses will jingle, "Holy to the Lord."

Verse 20 ends by talking about how the pots in the Lord's house will be like the bowls before the altar. The verse 21 ends the chapter and book by saying, "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." Everything in Jerusalem will be holy to the Lord. But this should not surprise us because everything is sacred to the Lord. Sometimes we talk about separating the secular from the sacred, but for a child of God, there is no such thing. Everything is sacred when we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Connection

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and discuss why it is a reminder that everything is sacred when we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wrap Up

King Jesus is coming! Knowing this, our prayer should be, "Even so come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20). But besides praying for our Lord's return, 1 John 2:28 tells us how we should live each day, "And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." Let's remember to pray every day for our Lord's soon return and to abide in Him by letting His Word abide in us and by being filled with His Holy Spirit. This is so important because without Him we can do nothing (cp. Jn. 15:5). Plus, we will then be ready for His return and can look forward to the day we will abide with King Jesus forever!

