

## ***Zechariah Chapter 14***

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**V: 1** “*Behold, the day of the LORD is coming...*”

- Amen, Maranatha! Come quickly Lord Jesus! Even though these words were written 2,500 years ago, they are still applicable today - our Lord is coming soon.

**Revelation 22:20** “He who testifies of these things says, “surely I am coming quickly.” Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”

- We see all the signs that Jesus described being lived out in front of us. Times of deception, false Christs, teachers, and prophets seemingly everywhere. Wars & rumors of wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes in various places. Lawlessness abounding, hatred, the love of many growing cold, more than ever.

**Luke 21:28** “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

**Luke 21:36** “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

“*The day of the LORD*” is not a 24 hour day, but a time period or season, culminating in the “day of Jacob’s trouble” otherwise known as the “great tribulation.” That horrific time period lasting for 7 years when God pours out His wrath upon a Christ rejecting world.

- The day of the LORD isn’t confined to the actual tribulation time period, but it encompasses the time and events leading up to it as well, perhaps even now as we see the Anti-Christ Beast system elements being put into place.
- There will be the unveiling of the antichrist and the powers of darkness taking full control of the world when the LORD removes the restraining force of the church.

**2 Thessalonians 2:6-8a** “<sup>6</sup>And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed...”. That son of perdition, the Anti-Christ.

- Then the world will be deceived and go after him and engage in the ultimate blasphemy against God when the restraining forces of the church is removed.
- The Day of the Lord: just as the Jewish day begins at sunset, starting out with darkness, in this case the darkness of the great tribulation, but progressing,

ending with the dawning of the new day when Jesus, who is the light of the world returns in the brightness and glory of the Millennial reign.

- And so here in Chapter 14 we begin with the events of the great tribulation. The day of the LORD comes and “**your spoil shall be divided in your midst.**” Jerusalem is yet to be overrun by their enemies. They are yet to be judged by God. But that is what’s coming.

**Isaiah 13:6, 9** “**<sup>6</sup>Howl ye / wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.**” - “**<sup>9</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it.**”

V: 2 **All** the nations will gather to battle against Jerusalem, (led by the AC) in this case I really don’t like the word “all.” Israel has few friends in this world today, the number is diminishing all the time, and one day she will have no friends, only the Lord will stand at her side.

**Joel 3:2** “**I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land.**”

**Revelation 16:16** “**And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.**”

- This verse indicates that before the Lord returns the city will be taken, conquered, and ravished.
- This breaks my heart because I envision October 7, 2023 all over again on a much greater scale. There will be great bloodshed within the city.
- **But there will be a remnant.** In the midst of this battle the Lord will return and save His people.
- Jesus will be ready and waiting, but He will wait until they actually call upon Him. Jesus told them:

**Matthew 23:39** “**For I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, “blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”**”

- They are going to have to go through a lot and be brought low, to the point of desperation - then they will cry out to Him.

V: 3 **As the Lord returns He will fight against those nations and vanquish them!**

**Zechariah 2:8** “For thus says the LORD of hosts: “He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.”

**Isaiah 66:15-16** “<sup>15</sup>For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. <sup>16</sup>For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.”

**Revelation 19:11-15** “<sup>11</sup>Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. <sup>13</sup>He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” (He’s not coming back to make “nice-nice.”)

V: 4 Upon His return He stands upon the mount of Olives and it divides in two from East to West creating a large valley. (Known fault line directly bisecting Mt. of Olives.)

- We’re talking cataclysmic events; the Mount of Olives literally being split in two, with half moving to the North towards Mount Scopus, and the other half moving to the South, towards Silwan, Mount of Offense.



**Micah 1:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place; He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. <sup>4</sup>The mountains will melt under Him, and the valley will split like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.”

- Our Lord ascended into Heaven from the Mt. of Olives and that is where He returns to.

**Acts 1:11-12** “<sup>11</sup>... Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey.”

V: 5 As Jesus sets foot on the Mt. of Olives, it splits in two creating this valley, which ends up being an avenue of escape. As the people flee the slaughter that has been taking place in Jerusalem and run through this new valley, they are literally running to Jesus.

- The valley opens up from the Kidron Valley running East to Azal, the location of which is uncertain but likely on the opposite side of the new valley towards the East towards Bethany, towards the Dead Sea.
- This will be the same escape route taken by the people during the reign of King Uzziah when they fled from a great earthquake in his day.

**Amos 1:1** “The words of Amos, who was among the sheep breeders 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.”

- The prophecy of Enoch is alluded to by Zechariah, and later quoted by Jude:

**Jude 14-15** “<sup>14</sup>Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, <sup>15</sup>to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

V: 6-7 Another supernatural event: Not quite dark, not quite daytime - perhaps an early evening twilight - God turns the lights down.

- Joshua records what is referred to as the “long day of Joshua” where Joshua prayed:

**Joshua 10:12-13** “<sup>12</sup>Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon in the Valley of Aijalon.” <sup>13</sup>So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies.”

- People have tried to explain these supernatural events, and like some have said, God could use natural processes to accomplish these things if He wanted to, like a polar axis shift, or He could just turn the lights down, or lengthen the day for Joshua - I don't try to hard to explain the miraculous & supernatural because they are by design beyond our comprehension.

**Isaiah 60:19-20** “<sup>19</sup>The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. <sup>20</sup>Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.”

- Eventually Jesus will establish a new heaven and a new earth with the Sun and the moon being cast away - and Jesus will be the light of our universe - this may be a slight preview of events to follow.

**Proverbs 4:18-19** “<sup>18</sup>But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. <sup>19</sup>The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.”

V: 8 As the mountain is split in two creating this new valley, a new water source is revealed in Jerusalem, a powerful spring begins to gush forth with water flowing through this new valley from Jerusalem to the East and to the West.

**Joel 3:18** “And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD and water the valley of Acacias.”

- This living water flows to the Dead Sea in the East, healing it. The living water also flows to the West, to the Mediterranean, healing it as well. (1/3 blood etc.)

**Ezekiel 47:1-12** (Turn to / read)

- It will run year round, in both summer and winter it shall flow.

V: 9 The Lord will establish His Kingdom over all the earth. This is the beginning of the 1,000 year Millennial reign of our Lord.

**Revelation 11:15** “Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

**Revelation 20:1-6** “<sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup>and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. <sup>4</sup>And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

*“In that day it shall be - ‘the LORD is One,’ and His name one.”*

- In fulfillment of what they’ve been praying for, for a long, long time!

**Deuteronomy 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is One!”

**Isaiah 9:6-7** “<sup>6</sup>For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

Jeremiah tells us:

**Jeremiah 23:6** “In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**” (YHWH - Jehovah Tsidkenu)

V: 10 Continuing with the cataclysmic changes the landscape is going to change. The hill country of Judea and Samaria are going to be flattened out into a plain, and Jerusalem is going to be raised up and elevated.



**Isaiah 2:2** “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.”

V: 11 Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. Jerusalem being one of the most conquered cities in the world, a city that has seen much bloodshed over the centuries will finally become the city of peace.

**Ezekiel 37:26** “Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.”

**Jeremiah 33:16** “In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

V: 12-15 Describing the judgment against those nations and people that come against Jerusalem - describing the effect of a neutron bomb - a type of atomic bomb that has a reduced blast, limiting the damage done to the land and buildings, but producing a large radiation burst that will kill the people but leave the land unscathed.

**Psalms 90:11** “Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is your wrath.”

- There is a precedent for this tactic - where the enemies of God turn upon each other.

**1 Samuel 14:20** “Then Saul and all the people who were with him assembled, and they went to the battle; and indeed every man’s sword was against his neighbor, and there was a very great confusion.”

- God sows confusion in the ranks of the enemy and they end up killing each other.
- It appears that God will once again use the same tactic, those enemies that aren’t melted in their tracks will turn on each other, seizing the hand of his neighbor.
- Their animals will suffer the same fate.

**Vv:12**

V: 16-19 Those that survive this judgment of the Lord will repent and worship the Lord and keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

- Whoever won’t come up to worship the Lord & keep the feast of Tabernacles will be judged with no rain, which means no crops, which means famine.

**Psalms 29:2** “Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”

- We’re called to worship the Lord in the Spirit of Holiness, when we don’t we’ll experience that same dryness in our own soul.

(Turn to / read)

**Isaiah 2:1-5** “<sup>1</sup>The Word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. <sup>3</sup>Many people shall come and say, come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

- So Isaiah is talking about the same event as Zechariah when he tells us that all of the nations which came against Jerusalem will now come up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts and the feast of the Tabernacles.

- Of the 7 annual feasts listed in the OT, only the feast of Tabernacles will be observed in the Millennium. This feast celebrated God's provision and protection while in the wilderness, remembering where they came from.
  - It is also the only feast thus far not to already have been fulfilled with the establishment of the heavenly kingdom.
1. **Passover:** was fulfilled in the death of Christ (1 Cor. 5:7; John 1:29)
  2. **Firstfruits:** in His resurrection (15:23),
  3. **Pentecost:** was fulfilled in Acts 2.
  4. **Feast of Unleavened Bread:** in the life of the church today as believers walk in holiness (5:6–8).
  5. **Feast of Trumpets:** will be fulfilled before the kingdom begins when God regathers His people from the ends of the earth (Isa. 18:3, 7; Matt. 24:29–31).
  6. **The Day of Atonement:** will be fulfilled when the nation sees her Messiah, repents, and is cleansed.
  7. **The Feast of Tabernacles:** foreshadows the joyful and fruitful Kingdom Age, when we tabernacle with our Lord. It will be celebrated while the kingdom is in progress.

- It is a wonderful thing when those who are enemies of God somehow become friends of God, worshippers of God.
- I'd be more amazed by this phenomenon if I hadn't already seen it before, and actually experienced it myself.
- At one time or another we were all enemies of God, living contrary to His Word - and now we've made peace with God, surrendering to Him - and now we who were once enemies of God worship at His feet.

**Colossians 1:21-22** “<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup>in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.”

V: 20-21 “**HOLINESS TO THE LORD.**” - Priests had this inscription on the mitre worn over their foreheads meaning that their mind was to be “Holiness to the Lord” - consecrated unto Him.

- In the same way the horses, the pots, the bowls before the altar and in Jerusalem shall be dedicated to the LORD.
- Every vessel will have the name of God / the mark of God upon it.

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**Revelation 3:12** “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.”

- No more Canaanites referring to the purification that will take place, no more idol worshipping foreigners - just the children of God.

**Ephesians 2:19-22** “<sup>19</sup>Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

- Zechariah’s prophecy begins with a call to repentance, but it ends with a vision of a holy nation and a glorious kingdom