

THE GRAND FINALE! (Zech. 14:1-21) Part III

And then Zechariah announces the crowning day, **Zech. 14:9** And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. He has defeated the ungodly, and Satan is bound and sealed in the bottomless pit that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled (Rev. 20:3). Christ is not only King over Jerusalem, but He is King over all the earth, **Micah 4:3** And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off. There will be no other ruler and no other religion, **Is. 9:6** and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and ... **7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Zechariah proclaimed, in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one (**Zech. 14:9**) ... echoing the *Shema*, **Dt. 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one Lord. The whole world will acknowledge Him as King, the only King, the only Authority, and all opposition to Him will be silenced, **Ps. 46:10** Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen [*the Gentiles*], I will be exalted in the earth. ... And God's people will languish in His glory, **Is. 65:19** I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. **20** There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. **21** And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. **22** They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **23** They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. ... **Is. 66:15** 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. **16** For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. **17** They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD. **18** For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

And in that day also, **Zech. 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. ... From the north, down through the country with its hills and valleys, to the south, through the desert, all the land will be lowered while the city of Jerusalem towers above, **11** And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely [*land securely*] inhabited. ... No more destruction, no more curse, no more idolatry, no more apostasy, no more false religion. ... Jerusalem will be as the jewel of the earth, **Ps. 48:2** Beautiful for situation,

the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. ... The crowning day is coming!

This will be a new kingdom, the Millennial Kingdom, a glorious recreation for ... **Is. 2:2** it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. **3** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **4** And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ... **11:6** The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. **7** And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. **8** And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. **9** They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ... Triumph comes through tribulation.

As far as the godless nations are concerned, there will be judgment. ... First, they will fall victim to a deadly plague, **Zech. 14:12** And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite *[strike]* 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. ... *Horrifying!* God will withdraw the life from them. ... Second, **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. ... There will be such a 'tumult' (confusion, uproar), the ungodly will not know *what* is going on and it will produce such pandemonium they will end up killing each other. ... Third, **14** And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem. Instead of the ungodly nations fighting Jerusalem, Jerusalem will fight and conquer the ungodly nations, and the wealth of all the heathen *[the foreign nations]* round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. ... Throughout the years, - as far back as the Babylonians, - the ungodly nations have stolen from the Jews, but now all the riches of those nations will be gathered into Israel. Haggai describes it, **Haggai 2:6** For thus saith the LORD of hosts ... I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; **7** And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Ultimately, the wealth of the enemy nations will come under the possession of the Lord and His people. Also, even their livestock will fall victims to the plague, **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. ... As Isaiah described it, **Is. 24:18** And

it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. **19** The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. **20** The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. **21** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. **22** And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison ... the same prison-pit into which Satan will be cast and bound for one thousand years, **Rev. 20:2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, **3** And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled.

... The conquest of the nations, the crowning of the King, the coming of the day of the Lord, and finally, the character of the Kingdom. All the ungodly are now judged and are as prisoners gathered in the pit (Is. 24:22) ... and Christ is on the throne reigning the world from Jerusalem, the land is levelled, Jerusalem is raised above, the Jews have recognized and accepted Christ as their Messiah and King, **Zech. 14:16** And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations [*the redeemed Gentiles*] 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. ... The Jews who have now accepted Christ along with the Gentile believers will be as one, as John described, **Rev. 7:9** After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; **10** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

They will keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:16), which is also known as The Feast of Booths, The Feast of Tents, The Feast of the Ingathering, The Feast of the Lord, and *Sukkot* held on the fifteenth day of the seventh month Tishri (late September to mid-October, and five days after The Day of Atonement). It was the seventh and final feast Jehovah commanded Israel to observe, and one of three annual feasts (the other two were Passover and Pentecost). During it, the people lived in temporary 'booths' to remind them how God tabernacled with their ancestors in the wilderness after their exit from Egypt (cf. Lev. 23:34-44). ... This is the *one* feast to be celebrated, and God will again constantly remind them how He kept them through *all* their wanderings, throughout the millennia, and providing their needs in the annual harvest. This Feast was for them to come in submissive obedience before the King of all the earth and render to Him their praise.

Verse seventeen is a warning to the smug, particularly in Egypt, **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. **18** 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. ... Egypt has the great river Nile, with its tributaries and lakes, and the people of Egypt are being warned for they would be inclined to rebel, - “we have our own water, we can look after ourselves” ... But no, because if they do, God will stop the rain, the waters of the Nile and its tributaries and lakes will dry up, there will be a drought, and famine, and disaster! According to the Law of Moses, **Lev. 26:3** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; **4** Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ... **11** And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. **12** And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. ... But if the Egyptians, who are representative of the Gentile nations (v.19), do not adhere to the instruction of God, they will suffer destructive plagues, **19** This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that *come not up* to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Ultimately, when Christ will rule as King, the world *will* worship Him. Isaiah prophesies, **Is. 2:4** he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people ... **Is. 11:4** with righteousness shall he judge ... and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ... **Is. 9:7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. ... The angel told Mary, **Lk. 1:32** He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. ... God in His Word confirms it!

And the prophecy of Zechariah concludes with a definite and certain “In that day” ... **30** In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD ... the horses will ride through the streets of Jerusalem and they will be decorated with bells, and on the bells will be inscribed “Holiness unto the Lord”. When everyone hears the horses coming, every citizen of Jerusalem will be reminded, “Holiness unto the Lord”, **Psa. 48:1** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. **2** Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. ... The bells on the horses will be heard beyond the city.

Zechariah continues, and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ... The pots were the lowliest vessels in the tabernacle and temple. They were used to ‘catch’ the ashes which fell from the burnt offerings (Ex. 27:3). When the Messiah reigns, however, they will be on a par with the holiest of temple implements ... **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 *[boil ... Everything will be sacred for formerly, the 'ordinary' will become 'consecrated']*.

Finally, this great prophecy from Zechariah concludes, and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts. ... The term 'the Canaanite' is a euphemism referring to the morally and spiritually unclean person, **Gen. 9:25** Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. They will have no place in the holy precincts of the Temple because there will be no more 'Canaanites', no more unclean for all the people will be the people of God. There will be neither Jew nor Greek, ... bond nor free, ... male nor female: for ye are *[and we shall be]* all one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28).

The theme of Zechariah, then, is *Christ*. ... In chapter 1 He is the riding one. In chapter 2 He is the measuring one. In chapter 3 He is the cleansing one. In chapter 4 He's the empowering one. In chapter 5 He's the judging one. In chapter 6 He's the crowned one. In chapter 7 He's the rebuking one. In chapter 8 He's the restoring one. In chapter 9 He's the kingly one. In chapter 10 He's the blessing one. In chapter 11 He's the shepherding one. In chapter 12 He's the returning one. In chapter 13 He's the smitten one. In chapter 14 He is the reigning one. ... **Ps. 132:11** The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. ... **13** For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. **14** This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.