# 

A Study in the Book of Zechariah

# "From Plunder to Paradise"

#### Zechariah Chapter ch13:7-ch14

WEEK 9 – August 3

#### Zechariah Outline

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius – Word and Visions

- The First Word 1:1-1:6
- Eight Visions 1:7-6:8
  - 1. Horsemen
  - 2. Horns and Craftsman
  - 3. Measuring Line and Jerusalem
  - 4. Joshua the High Priest
  - 5. Lampstand and Olive Trees
  - 6. Flying Scroll
  - 7. Woman in a Basket
  - 8. Four Chariots
- Priest on His Thrown (Performance) 6:9-6:15

#### 4th Year of Darius - Word and Oracles

- Instruction and Warning (fasting) 7
- Encouragement and Hope (feasting) 8
- The First Oracle 9-11
- The Second Oracle 12-14

## "A Day is Coming...."

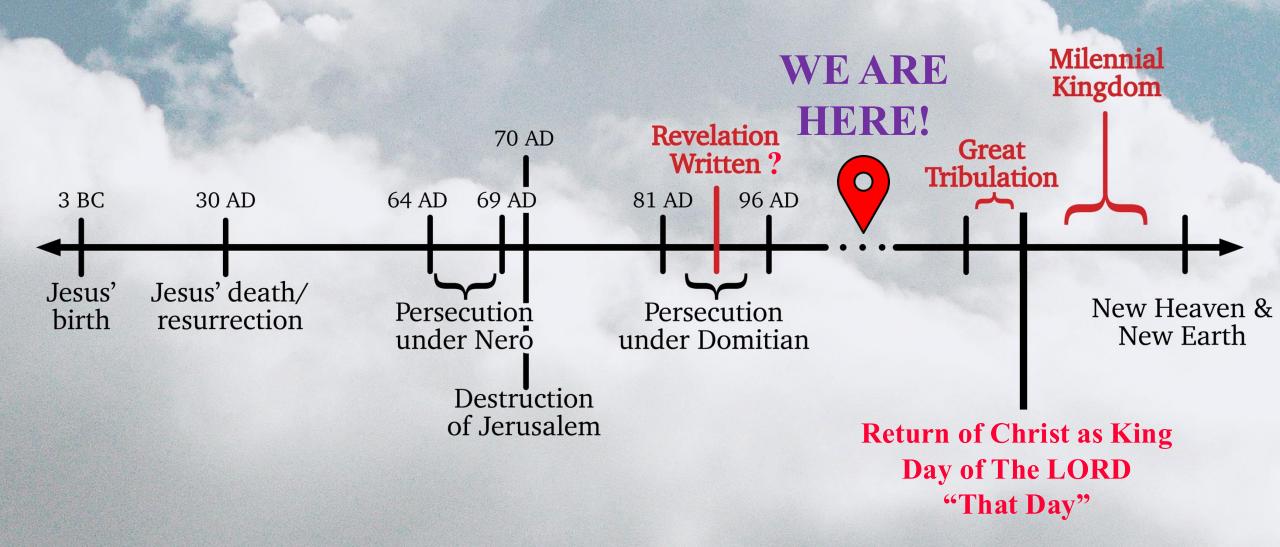
• "On that day...." 15 times in this oracle from chs. 12-14

• The Day of The LORD

#### Logical Interpretations of Zech 12-14

- 1. The text is primarily metaphorical
- 2. The text is fulfilled in the Spiritual realm rather than the Material (Physical)
- 3. The text describes events that happened in <u>their</u> future, but <u>our</u> past
- 4. The text describes events yet future

#### Historic Pre-Millennial



#### Millennial Kingdom (Historic Pre-Mil)

- After the Great Tribulation, before the New Heavens and New Earth – It is a Kingdom on the Earth
- Global government centered in Jerusalem
- Righteous Theocratic Monarchy with Jesus as King on the Earth
- The Redeemed (both Gentiles and descendants of Abraham) are resurrected and governing under Jesus
- Other people from the nations who survived the Great Tribulation still remain and live on the earth

#### Zech 13:7-9

- Shepherd Jesus (PAST)? Leaders of Israel before the battle of Armageddon (FUTURE)? The CHURCH (FUTURE)?
- God's hand turned against scattered sheep
- Remnant refined and tested (vs 8)
- Remnant calling on the name of the LORD (vs 9)

#### Zech 14:1-5

- A Great and Terrible Day is coming (vs 1)
  - A great army of the nations against Jerusalem (vs 2)
  - Partial, but not total Destruction (vs 3)
  - The LORD will go out to fight (vs 3)
- The LORD's feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives accompanied by a great Earthquake (vs. 4-5)
- The LORD arrives WITH HIS HOLY ONES!!! (vs 5)

#### Zech 14:6-11

- A very unique day for celestial light (vs 6-7)
- A new, year-round, river from Jerusalem to the West (Mediterranean) and the East (Dead Sea) (vs 8)
- Jesus Christ is King over the Earth (9)
- THIS KING IS GOD!! (vs 9)
- Jerusalem shall stand aloft and stand alone (vs 10)
- Jerusalem shall never again be destroyed (vs 11)

#### Zech 14:12-13

- Miraculous destruction of the army of the Nations
- God causes them to turn on each other
- Their wealth is plundered and their beasts destroyed

#### Zech 14:16-19

- Survivors on the earth from the nations make annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem worship The KING and to celebrate Sukkot
  - Failure to do this brings punishment of drought and plague

#### Appointed Feasts (Times) of Leviticus 23

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.

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FULFILLED OFFICE		Priest					

#### 1 Cor 5:7-8

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

#### 1 Cor 15:20-24

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

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FULFILLED OFFICE		Priest				King	

### 1 Cor 15:51-52

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

#### Features of Sukkot

- Final Feast of the Calendar submitted Year
- 8<sup>th</sup> Appointed Feast (including Sabbath) and 8 days in length (the beginning of something new)
- Vine and Tree Harvest Joyful Celebration
  - Also Firstfruits (Barley) and Pentecost (Wheat)
- Pilgrimage for all males in Israel required
  - Also Unleavened Bread and Pentecost
- Celebrated by waving branches (Palm, Myrtle, etc. and dwelling in tents for 7 days)

#### Sukkot in the New Testament

- John 7 "My time has not yet come"
- Mount of Transfiguration "Lord, it is good we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here...."
- The Triumphal Entry "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him..."
- Revelation 7, Revelation 19 "clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands"

#### Zech 14:19-21

- Even the smallest aspects of life shall be "Holy to the LORD"
- Even common cooking pots in HIS house will be as sacred as the bowls before the alter
- All worship and religious service shall be pure and without hidden, selfish motives

#### What should we take from Zechariah?

- 1. Life is hard, and difficult and great days are ahead
- 2. God has an incredible plan that He is bringing about, and as he has been faithful for the past, He will be faithful for the future
- 3. God is preparing and preserving a Remnant of Jews and Gentiles to resurrect, worship, and enjoy him for all eternity as He reigns KING over all creation
- 4. Don't be distracted!! Get busy doing the work that God commands!!! It's worth it!!! He is worth it!!!

#### NEXT WEEK

#### Find something else to do at 9am