

ZECHARIAH – Jehovah Remembers
"God's Intervention in History"
Zechariah 14:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. Theologians in the 1700s, 1800s, and early to mid 1900's struggled to have faith in the prophecies we have been talking about.
 - a) The reason was that all the prophecies portrayed a nation – Israel!!!
 - b) So without a nation, how was this all going to happen.
 - c) But then on May 14, 1948 when Israel became a nation, God began to gather Jews from all over the world back to their homeland.
2. The key here is don't ever doubt the Word of God.
 - a) May 14, 1948 was the gamechanger.
3. QUESTION: Are you Rapture ready?
 - a) Paul was – **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
4. History will culminate with the Lord's final deliverance described in Zechariah 14.
 - a) Building on truths revealed on Chapters 12 and 13, Zechariah revealed the full glory of the salvation.
5. Prior to Christ's triumphant return, Israel will face an unparalleled real-time threat!!
 - a) **Daniel 9:27**
 - b) **Zechariah 11:16-17**
6. Just as the Lord faithfully delivered His people throughout their history, He promises to rescue them again at the end of the age.

SO, WHAT WILL GOD'S PROMISE OF ENDTIME RESCUE LOOK LIKE?

I. IT WILL BEGIN WITH A DAY OF NATIONAL DESTRUCTION

A. LISTEN UP

1. Vs 1

a) "**behold**" – KJV "**BEHOLD**"

- 1) It means to look with earnestness, that is to give this serious attention.

2. Vs 1

a) "**a day is coming for Yahweh**"

1) The phrase "**in that day**" referring to "**the day of the LORD**"

b) Even though this phrase "**the day of Yahweh**" is referring to the same event, this specifically refers to "**a day designated for Yahweh**"

3. While the future includes many dramatic events, THE PURPOSE OF ALL HISTORY - FROM BEGINNING TO THE END ----IS TO GLORIFY GOD!!!!

B. IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD'S GLORY

1. 1 Peter 5:8

a) Why do you suppose the Devil is doing that?

1) **QUESTION:** Why does he have to devour people?

2) **ANSWER:** He does it to get the glory!!!

2. Matthew 5:16

a) **So how does God get the glory?**

1) By our good works!!!

3. So, Satan **targets** Christians, and **imprisons** Christians, because Christians are the **conduit** to which God gets the glory.....and **God and Satan both can't get the glory @ the same time**....so Satan devours Christians so that God **DOESN'T GET THE GLORY**.

4. Vs 1

a) "**Behold a day is coming for Yahweh when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.**"

1) "**spoil**" - refers to goods pillaged by a conquering foe.

5. Interesting that the **treasures of Jerusalem** will not merely be divided by Israel's adversaries but distributed **among you**.

6. Vs 2a

a) "**Indeed, I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle**"

7. Revelation 16:14-16

8. THE LOCATION OF THE BATTLE

a) Vs 2

1) "**I will gather**"

2) "**all the nations**"

3) "**against Jerusalem**"

4) "**to battle**"

C. REASONS FOR THE BATTLE

1. Three Reasons

a) ***Zechariah 13:9***

- 1) To purge the rebellious.

b) ***Zechariah 12:2-4***

- 1) To punish the nations for their wickedness.

c) ***Zechariah 12:10-13:1***

- 1) To place Israel in a place that only God can save them.

2. **THEREFORE**, the Lord will allow Israel's future devastation to accomplish His GLORY. WOW!!!!

3. The threat to God's people will be severe!!!

a) Vs 2b

1) "*The city will be captured...*"

2) "*the houses plundered...*"

a. looted and vandalized

3) "*the women ravished...*"

a. The residents of Jerusalem will be overpowered and humiliated.

4) "*half the city will go forth in exile...*"

b) ***Zechariah 13:8, 14:2***

II. IT WILL BE A DAY OF CLIMATIC RESCUE

A. A GLORIOUS TRIUMPH

1. Vs 3

a) Yahweh will overwhelm the enemy like in times past.

1) Like He did in Egypt.

2) In Jericho

3) AND all the other times he defeated Israel's enemies.

2. Vs 4

a) "*In that day*" (The day of the LORD)

b) "*His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives*"

3. The reference here is the Lord Jesus Christ.

a) ***Acts 1:10-11***

4. The Mount of Olives was a place of agony at Christ's first coming!
a) *John 18:1-12*

B. A CATAclysmic EVENT

1. Vs 4

2. **HOWEVER**, when Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives it will be judgment and triumph!!!

a) *Revelation 19:11-16, 17-19*

3. Vs 5

- a) The righteous will flee through the valley.

4. Vs 5

- a) "*Then Yahweh, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!!*"

1) That most certainly includes New Testament saints.

2) *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

- b) But Zechariah is was primarily focused on God's holy angels.

1) *2 Thessalonians 1:6-10*

- c) **THAT IS A WOW PASSAGE.**

1) The presence of the angels will magnify the magnificence and holiness of Christ, since He is the Captain of the Heavenly host.

5. Vs 5

- a) Zechariah is excited: "*Then Yahweh my God*"

b) **LISTEN UP:** On the darkest night of Israel's history, it will turn into Israel's brightest day.

III. IT WILL BE A DAY OF DIVINE RENEWAL

- *Romans 8:20-22*

THREE AREAS OF PHYSICAL RENOVATION

A. THERE WILL BE NEW LIGHT

1. Vs 6

- a) *Isaiah 13:9-10*

B. IT WILL BE A NEW DAY

1. Vs 7

2. This "**unique day**" will not have day and night. It is one day for 1000 years.

a) **2 Peter 3:8**

b) Creation days in *Genesis 1* were defined by evening and morning.

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** God's glory which will relace the sun, moon, and stars, will never stop shining.

4. In this sinful world - ***Ephesians 5:16***

C. THERE WILL BE NEW WATERS

1. Vs 8

a) ***Isaiah 35:1-7***

CONCLUSION:

1. One day Messiah will return!!

a) And there ***in the glory of the Millenium*** the saints will worship the Messiah and reign with Him in righteousness.

2. ***Revelation 20:4-6***