

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers
"The Glory of Messiah's Millennial Kingdom"
Zechariah 14:9-21

INTRODUCTION:

1. The hope and Majesty of Messiah's coming kingdom is one the Bibles most glorious messages.
2. **The Bible paint's magnificent pictures of the coming Golden Age.**
 - a) This Golden Age will begin when the Lord Jesus returns with us and His Angelic armies to:
 - 1) Defeat His enemies.
 - 2) Deliver His people.
 - 3) Restore Creation.
 - 4) AND reign from the throne of David for 1000 years.
 - b) **Here's what the prophet's say:**
 - 1) The Lord will pour out wrath on the nations - ***Zephaniah 3:8***
 - 2) Amos reminded the people that the bad Israelites will also be judged @ this time. - ***Amos 9:10***
 - 3) AND because God will crush every enemy, and remove all the wicked, the millennial kingdom will be occupied by peace,
 - 4) Christ the Prince of Peace - ***Isaiah 9:6-7***, will reign in perfect righteousness - ***Isaiah 11:4***
 - 5) Nations will not lift up the sword against other nations. - ***Isaiah 2:4. Joel 3:10***
 6. **INSTEAD**, the inhabitants of every nation will flood to Jerusalem to learn God's law - ***Isaiah 2:2-4***
 7. They will marvel @ the glory of God. - ***Isaiah 6:3*** - and rejoice in the knowledge of Yahweh - ***Isaiah 11:9***
 8. The curse on creation will be lifted - ***Isaiah 11:6-8***
3. **LISTEN UP:** During the Kingdom Age there will not only be peace on earth but peace with God.
 - a) The Lord will fulfill His covenant with Israel so that the entire nation will know Him - ***Jeremiah 31:31-34***
 - 1) All idolatry will be removed - ***Micah 5:13-14***
 - 2) God's Spirit will be poured out upon His people - ***Zechariah 12:10***
 - 3) Israel's sin's will be forgiven - ***Micah 7:8***
 - b) As a result, Yahweh will truly ***"be their God, and they shall be My people - Jeremiah 31:33, 32:37-42***

4. Israel's spiritual transformation will pave the way for the fulfillment of all of God's promises to His chosen people.

a) Jesus Christ will fulfill the Davidic dynasty as the Messianic King.

1) **Amos 9:11**

b) Jerusalem will be the dwelling place of God.

1) **Jeremiah 33:16**

c) From Jerusalem, the Lord's transcendent majesty will cover the entire earth.

1) **Isaiah 6:3**

2) **Ezekiel 43:1-3**

5. Scripture's anticipation of the Messiah's Kingdom continues into the New Testament.

a) Looking forward to Christ's earthly reign, the disciples asked, "Lord is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

1) **Acts 1:6**

FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

I. THE KING AND THE KINGDOM

1. Vs 9

a) **"And the LORD will be king over all the earth."**

1) This is what creation has been waiting for - **Romans 8:19-21**

2) **Revelation 20:4-5**

b) **"On that day"**

1) **"the LORD will be one and his name is one"**

2) **Deuteronomy 6:4**

- The Shema revealed the truth about God's oneness in a way consistent with His Triunity.

- The Father will give the Kingdom - **1 Corinthians 15:27**

- To the Son who will rule as Messianic King over the earth - **Zechariah 14:9**

- Empowered by the 7 - fold ministry of Holy Spirit - **Zech 3:9**

c) **"His name is One"**

1) Only the name of Yahweh will be confessed and worshipped!! -

a) **Phil 2:9-1**

II. THE ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE KINGDOM

1. Vs 10a

a) *"The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Grba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem.*

2. Vs 10b

a) *"But Jerusalem shall remain aloft..."*

1) Jerusalem will be a city that's lifted up.

b) *Isaiah 2:2, 6:1*

3. God will flatten the region around Jerusalem for several reasons.

a) The land will change to *herald the coming of Christ.*

1) *Isaiah 40:3-4*

b) This will make it *easier for the Jewish people to return home* from around the world.

1) *Zechariah 10:10-11*

c) This flattened plain will *help Israel's millennial growth.*

1) *Zechariah 2:1-5*

4. Vs 11

III. THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS

1. Vs 12a

a) *"And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem:"*

1) This parenthetical information regarding the battle of Armageddon, and Israel's security after the battle.

b) **12b** (Reminds me of Indiana Jones and **"The Raiders of the Lost Ark"**)

2. This plague will be universal and inescapable, striking all peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem.

3. This plague will be devastatingly effective.

a) **Vs 12**

4. Vs 13

a) God will confuse His enemies during the battle of Armageddon.

5. Vs 14-15

IV. THE JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1. Vs 16a

a) *"Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem"*

2. Vs 16b

a) *"shall go up year after year to worship the King"*

1) True worship can only come from those who genuinely love the Lord!!

b) *Philippians 2:9-11*

3. Vs 16c

a) *"the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths"*

b) **SO, WHAT IS THE FEAST OF BOOTHES?**

1) *Deut. 23:34-43*

c) The Feast of Booths is one of Israel's three major feasts.

d) During this feast, Israel would go up to Jerusalem and live in "**Booths**" or **shelters** for seven days to commemorate how God brought them out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land.

1) The Feast of Booths celebrated God's faithfulness to His people.

4. Zechariah's prophecy assured them that God would indeed accomplish the promised deliverance for which they longed.

5. Vs 17-19

a) *So how do we interpret this???*

1) **REMEMBER** - Initially all those who make it through the Tribulation and enter the Millennial Kingdom will be saved!!

2) But over time as the generate children and grandchildren. Not everyone in the kingdom will truly embrace the Lord.

b) *Revelation 20:7-10*

6. Vs 18-19

a) This is not wholesale rebellion.

V. FINALLY - THE ULTIMATE SANCTIFICATION OF JERUSALEM

1. Vs 20

a) *"and on that day"*

1) This is the 17th appearance that phrase in Zechariah 12-15

2. **The Millennial Kingdom will launch an era of comprehensive holiness.**
 - a) Places that were previously considered unholy will be consecrated to the LORD.
3. **Vs 20**
 - a) *"inscribed on the bells of the horses"*
 - 1) *"Holy to the LORD"*
 - b) ***Zechariah 14:15***
 - a) Horses were used as instruments of war against God's people.
 - c) **But this will change in the Millennial Kingdom.**
 - a) Horses will wear bells that ring in celebration as they carry Israelites to Jerusalem and others to the Feasts of Booths.
 - d) *"and the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as bowls before the alter"*
 - a) Pots had the lowest purpose and were considered to be unworthy for offering sacrifices.
4. **Vs 21**
 - a) *"And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day."*

CONCLUSION:

1. In Chapters 12-14 we see a triumphant Day of Yahweh.
2. God has planned a climactic day when everything will culminate in:
 - a) The judgment of the nations...
 - b) The salvation of Israel...
 - c) The restoration of creation...
 - d) And the establishment of the Messiah's holy kingdom.
3. **LISTEN UP:** All who love the Lord long for the day of His return.
 - a) **2 Timothy 4:8**
4. **Revelation 16:22**
 - a) *"Surely I am coming soon"*
 - 1) **Maranatha**, my friend!!! Means *"O Lord come"*