



Zechariah: King Over All

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Ice Breaker

What is one thing you are genuinely looking forward to in the next year, whether big or small, and why does it excite you?

Key Verses

- Zechariah 13:7-9
- Zechariah 14:9
- Zechariah 14:20-21
- Revelation 20:6
- Ephesians 2:12-13
- Romans 15:4

Questions

- The pastor opened by saying that Christians can sometimes live without much real hope, simply coping and getting by. Would you say that describes any season of your life? What tends to drain your hope the most?
- Zechariah's name means "the Lord remembers." How does the truth that God remembers and keeps His promises affect the way you approach your own struggles or unanswered

prayers right now?

- The sermon described a future Millennial Kingdom where Christ reigns as both King and Priest over this world, meaning there will be no separation between government and religion (Christianity). How does that vision give you hope about what your life and the life of other people who are born in the Kingdom will be like?
- The pastor described innumerable numbers of people coming to faith during Christ's thousand-year reign, and said that we, as resurrected believers, will serve as priests helping people find Jesus. How does that future role encourage you?
- Zechariah 14 describes physical changes to the land, living waters flowing from Jerusalem, mountains being leveled, and a transformed world. What does it mean to you that God cares about restoring not just people but all of creation?
- The sermon pointed out that in the Millennial Kingdom, everything, including cooking pots and horses' bells in Jerusalem, will be inscribed "holy to the Lord," erasing the divide between the sacred and the secular. Where in your own life do you feel that divide most sharply, and what would it look like to begin closing it now?
- The pastor challenged the congregation to stop merely coping and to start filling their lives with hope rooted in God's Word. What is one practical habit or discipline that could help you do that this week?
- Romans 15:4 says the Scriptures were written so that through perseverance and encouragement we might have hope. How has a specific Bible passage or promise given you hope during a difficult time in your life? Share it with the group.

Life Application

This week, set aside at least 15 minutes on two separate days to read Zechariah chapter 14 slowly and prayerfully. As you read, write down two or three specific details about Christ's coming Kingdom that genuinely excite or encourage you. Then find one person, whether a family member, a friend, or a coworker, and share one of those details with them. Let the hope you find in Scripture spill over into your conversations and your attitude throughout the week, choosing to dream about what God has promised rather than simply coping with what the world presents.

Key Takeaways

- God calls His people to live with active, Scripture-rooted hope rather than simply coping with the difficulties of life and the world around them.

- The book of Zechariah contains detailed prophecies about Jesus Christ, including His coming millennial reign as both King and Priest over all the earth, when He will be the only ruler and His name the only one celebrated.
- During the thousand-year Millennial Kingdom, Israel will be fully restored and redeemed, and innumerable people from every nation will come to faith in Jesus, with believers serving alongside Him as priests to help lead others to salvation.
- The coming Kingdom will erase the divide between the sacred and the secular. Everything, from government to topography to daily household items, will point to the glory of Christ.
- God's past faithfulness in fulfilling prophecy, including Christ's birth, death, and resurrection, gives us confident assurance that His promises about the future will also be literally fulfilled.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the hope that Your Word has placed before us today. Thank You that You have not abandoned this world, but that You are coming back to redeem it, restore it, and reign over it in glory. As we leave this time together, help us to carry that hope with us. When the news feels heavy, when life feels hard, and when we are tempted to simply cope and get by, remind us of what You have promised. Stir in us a longing for Your Kingdom, and let that longing make us more faithful, more joyful, and more eager to point others toward You. We pray with anticipation: Your Kingdom come, Your will be done. In Your name we pray, Amen.