

“In That Day”

Summary

In this powerful message, we're reminded of the profound significance of Jerusalem and Israel in God's plan for humanity. The central scripture, Zechariah 14:8-9, paints a vivid picture of living waters flowing out from Jerusalem, symbolizing the spread of God's truth and love to all corners of the earth. This imagery challenges us to consider our role in being channels of God's living water, reaching out to those in need around us. Are we allowing God's living waters to flow through us, seeking the lowest points – the most broken and needy areas of our world? This message urges us to step out of our comfort zones, to be willing to go where God sends us, whether it's convenient or not. It's a call to surrender our will to God's, just as Jesus did in Gethsemane, and to trust that He will strengthen us for the task ahead.

Main Points – In That Day

Sermon Summary: This sermon explores the significance of Israel and the Church in God's end-time plans, emphasizing the importance of outreach and the Holy Spirit's role in fulfilling God's purposes. Pastor Rob stresses the need for believers to be willing vessels for God's work, regardless of personal comfort, and emphasizes the importance of supporting Israel in current global events.

Key Points:

- God sees three groups of people on earth: Jews, Gentiles, and the Church
- Living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, both spiritually and literally
- The importance of being willing to do God's will, even when it's difficult
- The role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers for God's work
- The prophetic significance of current events involving Israel
- The need for the Church to be outward-focused and engaged in global missions
- The importance of submitting to godly authority while recognizing Jesus as the ultimate King

Scripture Reference:

- Zechariah 14:8-9
- 1 Corinthians 10:32
- Romans 11
- Zechariah 4:6
- Zechariah 12:2-3, 8-9

Stories:

- Pastor Rob's experience of witnessing a lightning strike and rainbow at the Sea of Galilee
- Worshiping during a missile siren in Jerusalem
- Arthur Burt giving Pastor Rob a card saying "If you're too big to be led, you're too little to lead"
- The Pastor Rob's experiences ministering in Turkey, Israel, and Kenya
- The story of a young girl joining in worship at a historical Christian site in Turkey

Small Group Study Guide – In That Day

Opening Prayer:

Begin by thanking God for His presence and asking for His guidance in your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. God has a unique purpose for the Jewish people, Israel, and the Church.
2. We are living in historically significant times, and each person has been chosen by God for this generation.
3. The Holy Spirit is essential for illuminating our understanding and empowering us to fulfill God's purposes.
4. God's work will be accomplished "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6).
5. As believers, we are called to be outward-focused, allowing living waters to flow through us to the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Rob mentioned three groups of people from heaven's perspective: Jews, Gentiles, and the Church. How does understanding this distinction impact your view of God's plan for humanity?
2. Reflect on the statement: "You were born for such a time as this." How does this challenge or encourage you in your current circumstances?
3. The sermon emphasized the importance of being willing to go where God leads, even when it's uncomfortable. Share a time when you felt God calling you out of your comfort zone. What was the result?
4. How do you interpret the metaphor of "living waters" flowing out of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:8)? What might this look like in your own life?
5. Pastor Rob stressed the importance of both prayer and action. How can we balance these two aspects of our faith in our daily lives?
6. Discuss the concept of "no king but Jesus." How can we submit to earthly authorities while maintaining our ultimate allegiance to Christ?
7. The sermon touched on the current events involving Israel. How can we, as Christians, approach this complex situation with wisdom and compassion?

Practical Applications:

1. Spend time this week praying for opportunities to let "living waters" flow through you to others in need.

2. If you don't have a passport, consider getting one as a step of faith and readiness to go where God might lead.
3. Reflect on areas where you might be resisting God's will. Practice saying, "Not my will, but Yours be done" in those situations.
4. Look for ways to support and bless Israel and Jewish people, while also praying for peace in the Middle East.
5. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in understanding current events and your role in God's plans.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His ongoing work in the world and in each group member's life. Ask for His help in applying the lessons learned and for opportunities to be channels of His living waters to others.

Scripture for Reflection:

"And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one." - Zechariah 14:9

Discussion Questions – In That Day

How does the concept of 'living waters flowing out of Jerusalem' apply to our lives today, both spiritually and practically?

How can we balance the idea of 'no king but Jesus' with the biblical principle of submitting to authority in our lives?

What does it mean for us to be 'willing to be made willing' in areas where we struggle to align with God's purposes?

How might the prophecy of Jerusalem becoming a 'cup of staggering' and a 'heavy stone' for the nations be unfolding in current world events?

In what ways can we, as individuals and as a church, be more intentional about reaching the 'lowest points' in our communities and the world?

How does understanding the three groups of people (Jews, Gentiles, and the Church) affect our perspective on God's plan for humanity?

What might it look like for us to operate 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit' in our personal lives and ministry efforts?

In what ways might God be calling us to be 'instant in season and out of season' in our current circumstances?

Scriptures – In That Day

Here are the [scripture references mentioned or alluded to](#) in the sermon:

1. Zechariah 14:8-9
2. Revelation 21:2
3. Jeremiah 2:13
4. 1 Corinthians 10:32
5. Romans 9-11 (especially chapter 11)
6. Isaiah 6 (alluded to regarding doors opening)
7. 2 Timothy 4:2 ("be instant in season and out of season")
8. Luke 22:42-43 (Jesus in Gethsemane)
9. 2 Samuel 23 (David's last words about leadership)
10. Zechariah 4 (entire chapter, especially verses 6-7 and 11-14)
11. Matthew 5:14-16 (city on a hill, light of the world)
12. Genesis 12:3 (alluded to: "I'll bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you")
13. Zechariah 12:2-3, 8-9

Devotional – In That Day

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide:

Day 1: Living Waters Flow Out

Reading: Zechariah 14:8-9, John 7:37-39

Devotional: The image of living waters flowing out from Jerusalem speaks to God's desire for His people to be channels of His love and grace to the world. Just as Jesus promised that rivers of living water would flow from within those who believe in Him, we are called to be conduits of God's presence in our daily lives. Reflect on how you can allow God's love to flow through you to others today. Are there areas of your life where you've become stagnant? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew you and empower you to be a source of refreshment and life to those around you.

Day 2: Not By Might, But By My Spirit

Reading: Zechariah 4:6-10, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Devotional: In a world that often values strength and self-reliance, God reminds us that true power comes from His Spirit. The challenges we face may seem like insurmountable mountains, but God promises to level them before us - not through our own abilities, but through His power working in us. Consider the areas in your life where you've been relying on your own strength. How can you surrender these to God and allow His Spirit to work through your weakness? Remember, God often does His greatest work through what the world considers small or insignificant.

Day 3: The Light of the World

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 5:8-14

Devotional: As followers of Christ, we are called to be the light of the world. This light isn't our own, but a reflection of Jesus' light shining through us. In a world often shrouded in darkness, our lives should illuminate the path to God's love and truth. How brightly is your light shining? Are there areas where you've allowed your light to be dimmed or hidden? Ask God to reveal any areas of darkness in your life and to help you shine His light more brightly in your home, workplace, and community.

Day 4: Standing with God's Purposes

Reading: Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-32

Devotional: God's plans are often mysterious and beyond our full comprehension. Yet, He invites us to align ourselves with His purposes, even when they don't make sense to us. The apostle Paul reminds us that God has not rejected His people Israel, and that their story is intricately woven into His plan for all nations. Reflect on how you view current events, especially those involving Israel. Are you seeking to understand God's perspective? Ask for

wisdom to discern His purposes and the courage to stand with them, even when it's challenging or unpopular.

Day 5: Prepared for Such a Time as This

Reading: Esther 4:12-14, 1 Peter 2:9-10

Devotional: Like Esther, we have been placed in this specific time and place for a purpose. God has uniquely positioned each of us to make a difference in our world. The challenges and opportunities we face are not coincidental - they are part of God's plan for our lives and for His kingdom. Take some time to consider your current circumstances. How might God be calling you to step out in faith? What unique gifts or positions has He given you to impact others? Ask for the courage to embrace your calling, knowing that you were born for such a time as this.