

Zechariah 12-14 – 20 August 2026

“The Crucified King Cometh”

Introduction

*Zechariah is the 2nd of 3 post-exilic prophets, prophesying at the same time as Haggai

*Zec 1-6 begins with a call for the people to *return to Him* & accept *the unstoppable nature of God's plan*

*He's described to them in 8 visions the details of His unfolding, unstoppable plan to redeem humanity

*Then in Zec 7-8, God continued His call to them by showing them just *how to return to Him*

*Chap 9-14 are undated and launch into a new subject

*We're exploring the events that will culminate all things for Israel leading to the Kingdom Age

*Chap 9-11 we saw Jesus' 1st Coming's *rejection*

*Chap 12-14 we see His 2nd Coming's *reception*

We'll see 3 ways the crucified King Jesus will come to provide for His people

#1 – God protects His people from invasion (Chap 12:1-9)

Read 12:1-4

1. We begin with the credentials of our great God that is about to act
 - a. He who made the heavens & the earth
 - b. He who made man to be a living soul
 - c. Our God does whatsoever He pleases
2. Notice the repetition of “all peoples & nations” & the phrase “in that day”
 - a. This hasn’t happened to this scale ever
 - b. But we’re seeing this gathering storm of Antisemitism
3. “Cup of trembling or reeling” as in intoxication
 - a. The desire to remove Israel has become an addiction or fixation for many
4. But all those that come against Israel will find Israel’s a stone too heavy & will only get hurt
5. This invading horse army could be Gog (Eze 38)
 - a. Horses could just be Zec using the standard of his day or the world could experience calamity in which we revert to horses & riders

- b. Russians are using horses against Ukraine

Read 12:5-9

1. The whole nation will trust that their military is capable to repeal the enemy (in God's strength)
 - a. We've certainly been witnessing God bringing Israel into this strength since 1948
2. There will be a true alignment of the peoples of the land with the leaders of the land
3. But notice vs 9 – this is God's empowerment of the people to carry out His will
 - a. These enemy nation's demise is at hand

#2 – God purifies His people from idolatry (Chap 12:10-13:9)

Read 12:10

1. At the 2nd coming of Jesus, Israel's eyes are opened to receive their Messiah
 - a. This is true repentance—to look & to mourn
 - b. That's when they receive God's grace & IAW Rom 11:26 *all* Israel will be saved

2. Notice they will have the same object of faith as we do, it's the slain Lamb of God Jesus
3. How could you interpret this any other way?
 - a. Jews point out that it progresses from 'look on Me' to 'mourning for Him'
 - b. Christians have no problem with this – at the same time God can speak from the perspective of the Father and of the Son
4. Jews generally interpret this as a future person that will be pierced
 - a. Though the Babylonian Talmud Sukkah 52a does apply this to Messiah ben Joseph (they just don't believe that it's Jesus)

Read 12:11-14

1. There will be total mourning from national down to individual mourning & repentance
2. Notice the families that are called out and why
 - a. David & then his specific descendant Nathan
 - i. David represents the king & Jesus specifically came thru Nathan (Luk 3)

- b. Levi & then his specific descendant Shimei
 - i. Levi represents the chosen servants (priests included)
 - ii. God originally took all families firstborn & then substituted the Levites
- 3. So the mourning hits these families the hardest b/c they're the one Jesus most identified with
 - a. Jesus came thru Nathan's family
 - b. Jesus was the ultimate firstborn of Israel
- 4. Jesus perfectly unites Israel's royal & priestly expectations for the Messiah

Read 13:1

- 1. A fountain of cleansing (Read Heb 9:14 & John 15:2)
- 2. This is how we know this is yet future
 - a. Though Israel became strong this century, they haven't yet removed from sin & idolatry

Read 13:2-5

- 1. B/c of the pierced crucified Messiah, Israel finally abandons their idolatry – non longer to ever return to false worship

2. This sweeps across the nation so much that any false prophet is shamed into abandoning it

Read 13:6-7

1. Now vs 7 certainly refers to Jesus as the Shepherd – Jesus Himself told us in Matt 26:31
2. Question is: Does vs 6 belong w/ vs 5 or vs 7?
 - I believe the answer is ***both***
 - a. Grammatically it connects with vs 5 – it's the former false prophets that's trying to prove that he's turned away from idols
 - b. Theologically it connects with vs 7 – it's the Shepherd Jesus pierced among His people
3. The “sheep were scattered”
 - a. This happened w/ the disciples at the cross
 - b. But this is more global – once Jesus was crucified, Israel was scattered as a nation

Read 13:8-9

1. After Israel's scattering, this now looks at Israel's future persecution by Anti-Christ during Trib
2. 2/3 of Israel will perish at that time & the other 1/2 is refined & prepared to come to salvation

#3 – God prevails for His people invincibly (Chap 14)

Read 14:1-2

1. Again, this has to be the last days & not the 1st century Roman invasion b/c the following verses about salvation haven't happened yet
2. All nations gathered with the Anti-Christ we he turns against Israel halfway thru the Tribulation

Read 14:3-5

1. This is the 2nd Coming of Jesus after the Trib coming with you and me
 - a. Read Jude 14-15 – w/ 10,000s of His saints
 - b. Read Rev 19:14 – w/ the armies of heaven
2. We're told in Acts that He'll come again the same way He left (Read Act 1:11-12)
3. Did you notice that it says that this coming One is Yahweh? – “Yahweh's feet will stand...”

Read 14:6-8

1. This diminishing of the sun and moon seems to be focusing us on Jesus the Light of the world

- a. By the time 1,000 yr Kingdom is complete,
& we enter eternity the only Light is Jesus
(Rev 21:23)
2. This river seems to be caused when the valley
is created by His touch down
 - a. We read in Eze 47 of this river that will go
out from Jerusalem to bring life all around

Read 14:9-11

1. We have both the *land* & the *people* restored
 - a. They had whole area in Jerusalem devoted
to destruction (Valley of the Sons of Hinnom)
 - b. Many of them were devoted to destruction,
but that was dealt w/ between 1st & 2nd Comings
 - c. In fact, the OT ends speaking of how 1st
Coming will sift believers from those devoted
to destruction

Read 14:12-15

1. We see the defeat of God's enemies in two
primary ways

- a. Vs 14 seems to describe nuclear radiation
 - b. Vs 15 could describe an EMP or other means disabling the weapons systems
2. The very people that sought to rob Israel, will themselves be robbed

Read 14:16-19

1. Eze 45 lays out the Feasts including the Feast of Tabernacles that we all will celebrate during the 1,000-yr Kingdom
- a. This one is to commemorate how God lead us during earthly life in temporary bodies until we received the permanent, incorruptible ones
2. We're told before it happens that Egypt will be one of the nations that rebels during the Kingdom
- a. You would think that this wouldn't happen b/c they'd just read this and change first
 - b. But that's the point, unbelievers won't believe it even if they read it

Read 14:20-21

1. The constant internal enemy the Canaanites will be gone
2. Every item in the land of Israel because more precious and special in the 1,000-yr Kingdom Age
3. Everything there is dedicated to bringing honor and glory to God

Conclusion

So, Jesus Christ is coming again! The crucified King cometh!

Plain level of application is Jesus doing this for Israel now & in the near future, but this is also His standard mode of operation...even for us

- 1. He wants to protect you from enemy harm**
- 2. He wants to purify you from earthly addictions**
- 3. He will prevail for you if you simply abide in Christ – the fruit just has to “hang in there”**