

The Holy City

Zechariah

Luke 3:34

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

Zechariah spoke of Jerusalem and Israel:

I. REVELATIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S FUTURE (1-6)

II. REVELATIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S FASTS (7-8)

III. REVELATIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S FOLLY (9-14)

Zechariah spoke of Jerusalem

I. THE PROMINENCE OF JERUSALEM.

- a. Reference 37 times
- b. God's jealousy of Jerusalem vs. 14
- c. God's house – the temple was to be built there as before. Mercy vs. 16
- d. God once again stated His special care in choosing Jerusalem vs. 17
- e. God's mark on those who destroyed Jerusalem vs. 19
- f. God sent a man to measure its dimensions 2:2, comp Rev 11
- g. Jerusalem to be inhabited without borders vs 2:4
- h. God reiterates His choice of Jerusalem vs 2:12
- i. God rebuked Satan for committing evil against Jerusalem 3:2
- j. God's reminder to them of Jerusalem's former prosperity 7:7
- k. God's presence in Jerusalem to become the centre of truth 8:3
- l. Jerusalem to be filled with longevity 8:4
- m. Jerusalem to be known as the city of truth and in righteousness.. 8:8
- n. God's thoughts of wellness towards Jerusalem. 8:15
- o. Jerusalem was to become the world's prayer center 8:22
- p. Jerusalem to be blessed by the King of kings 9:9
- q. Jerusalem to be the world's center for peace 9:10 not Ephraim
- r. Jerusalem, a cup of trembling/a burdensome stone center for judgment against all who go against it. 12:2-3
- s. Jerusalem will be God's strength 12:5
- t. Jerusalem will become the desirable habitation 12:6
- u. Jerusalem will recognize God's favour on Judah 12:7
- v. Jerusalem shall have God for its defense 12:8, 9
- w. Jerusalem will recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as the crucified, and risen Messiah 12:10
- x. Jerusalem will grieve and repent over their sins of the past 12:11, 13:1
- y. Jerusalem will become the target of the world's wrath 14:2
- z. Jerusalem will have the glory of Christ's return in power 14:4
- aa. Living waters shall flow out of Jerusalem in the Kingdom era 14:8
- bb. Jerusalem will be in safety 14:11
- cc. Certain destruction for those who fought against Jerusalem 14:12

dd. Jerusalem will be in prosperous state 14:14

ee. Jerusalem will be the center of worship 14: 16

ff. Yea, every pot in **Jerusalem** and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts. 14:21

II. THE PURITY OF JERUSALEM 8: ¹⁶These *are* the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: ¹⁷and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

a. Speak Truth complete opposite of the lie of Satan's domain,

"Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour"

b. Execute just judgment , " execute the judgment of truth and peace"

c. Respect – no evil intent against another "let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour"

d. Abhorrence of lies. "and love no false oath"

"FOR ALL THESE *ARE THINGS* THAT I HATE, SAITH THE LORD."

Zechariah 14:20

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness Unto The Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zechariah 14:21

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III. THE PROMISE OF JERUSALEM

a. It has the promise of perpetuity into the millennial Kingdom. - it will survive a horrible future!

b. It will be honoured as the grand central for worship in the millennial Kingdom.

"After this I will return and will REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD,

even the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things." Acts 15:16-17

c. It will be overshadowed by the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

d. This is the city of Abraham's goal: looking for a city that has foundations.

Hebrews 11:10, "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Conclusion:

1. No city has the history and hand of God upon it like Jerusalem
2. Jerusalem is properly designated the city of God – no other city has this privilege
3. Jerusalem, the old will be replaced with the city of God called the New Jerusalem, a city that lies four square and comes down from God in heaven and will be eternal city of the light of the Son of God.