The Triumph of the Coming King
Zechariah 14:1-21

If you have never been to Israel, the day will come when you will visit that land and walk where Jesus walked; that is God’s promise to every believer and that promise is contained in this suspense filled happenings of Zechariah 14.

It is a chapter wrought with drama; it begins with the Battle of Armageddon (Zechariah 14:1-2); when suddenly, the heavens open and every eye will see the Lord and His raptured Church, along with the holy angels appear on the Mount Olives and those who make war against Him will be crushed (Zechariah 14:3-5; Revelation 6:16-17).

Christ and His Church are the ultimate victors.

The Coming of the Day of the Lord (14:1-2)

The alarm that sounds... “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming...(v.1); “Behold” a word meant to get your attention; the day of the LORD is not a single day but a reference to the “great tribulation”through the time when the Lord takes back His earth; it covers all the events of the Tribulation; the return of the Lord, the judgment of the nations and His Millennial reign; the Jewish rabbis have referred to the day of the Lord as “judgment followed by blessing;” they recognize God’s judgment for violating His covenant, but look forward to the coming of their Messiah and the ushering in of the “the golden age.”

The action of God by gathering the nations against Jerusalem... “For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem...”(v.2); God gathers them for war; why?
God is going to bring the Gentile nations to Jerusalem to punish the unbelieving nations as well; this army will have representatives from all over the world; they come at their own peril; at first there is seeming victory (v.2).

God is going to use the nations to purge out the rebellious and unbelieving among His own people.

The Coming of Christ as Conqueror (14:3-6;12-15)

The disruption of the party... “The LORD will go forth and fight against those nations...” (14:3-4); in the midst of the victory party the Lord comes back landing His feet on the Mount of Olives; Christ ascended from the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:11); Ezekiel had a vision of the glory of the Lord departing from the Mount of Olives once the Gentiles began to rule over the Jews (Ezekiel 11:23); when Christ sets up His Millennial Kingdom the glory of God returns to Jerusalem (Ezekiel 43:1-5): in the days of the ancient Jews the glory of God descended and departed from the Mount of olives and will descend again to the Mount of Olives in the coming of Christ.

The delegation that comes with Christ... He comes with “all the saints”(14:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:13); He comes with His holy angels (2 Thessalonians (1:7); when He comes there will be a great earthquake that will split the mountain creating a large valley.

The devastation that announces the Lord’s arrival... God sometimes uses earthquakes to announce His arrival (see Micah 1:3-4; Nahum 1:5).

The description of a terrible plague... The suddenness of the Lord’s victory is spelled out in Zechariah 14:12-15; the flesh, the eyes, the tongues of men all dissolve; the same fate for the animals; before the plague destroys everyone the international coalition begins to fight against each other; the earthquake which
splits the Mount of Olives will cause panic and the people will flee through the
mountain valley as in the days of King Uzziah of Judah (v.5).

*The decision at the Valley of Jehoshaphat...* When the Mountain is split it will
create a great valley for the judgment of the nations (Joel 3:1-2).

*The diminishing of the heavenly lights...* There will be total darkness when Christ
returns (14:6; Isaiah 13:9-10; 24:21-23; Joel 3:14-16; Matthew 24:29; Revelation
6:12-16).

*The designation of night as day...* All sorts of strange phenomena will occur in the
skies when Christ returns; there will first be a blackout; then when there is light it
comes when it should be night time (14:7).

**The Crowning of the Messiah- King (14:8-11)**

*The river that will flow...* “living water shall flow from Jerusalem...” (14:8); the river
will flow in two directions, one going to the Dead Sea and the other to the
Mediterranean Sea; the river head is the Millennial Temple on Mount Moriah
(Ezekiel 47:1-2).

*The reign of King Jesus...* “...and the LORD shall be King over all the earth...” (14:9;
see Philippians 2:10).

*The raising up of Jerusalem...* “... Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in
her place...” (14:10-11).

**The Characteristics of the Coming Kingdom (14:16-21)**

*The participation of all the nations at the Feast of Tabernacles...* “… everyone who
is left of all the nations which come against Jerusalem shall go up from year to
year to worship the King… and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (14:16); all who survive Armageddon evidently become believers; when the kingdom begins the Gentile nations will send a delegation to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles; this feast celebrates God leading and providing for the Israelites in the wilderness; the fundamental purpose of the gathering was to worship King Jesus who tabernacled among us as God in the flesh (John 1:14).

*The plague on those nations who don’t attend... “... on them there will be no rain...”* (14:17-19); Egypt is singled out as an example (14:18); when God sets up His kingdom the world will worship Him.

*The pots and bells engraved: HOLINESS TO THE LORD...* (14:20-21); this phrase was engraved on the high priest’s turban; everything is to be holy; it’s going to be a holy kingdom; no more secular government.

There shall no longer be any Canaanites in the house of the Lord (14:21); the word Canaanite is a byword; an epithet; a figure of speech referring to a morally and spiritually unclean person; the Lord wants a holy people; He calls His Church to be holy (1 Peter 1:16).

In closing, Ezra said this of Zechariah: “So the elders of the Jews built the temple, and they prospered through the prophesying and Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel...” (Ezra 6:14).

Remember the theme of Zechariah based on the meaning of names: Zechariah, the Lord remembers; his father was Berechiah, the Lord blesses; his grand father Iddo, in time. “The Lord remembers and the Lord blesses in His time!” Amen!”