

The Coming Day of the Lord

Zechariah 14:1-21

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INTRODUCTION: Zechariah chapter 14 contains a very detailed prophecy concerning the Tribulation period, the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end of that seven-year period, and the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom of peace ruled by Jesus Christ.

***Read Zechariah 14:1-5.**

Note: The Second Coming of the Lord is not the same as the rapture. At the rapture, the Church will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:13-18). The rapture occurs before the Tribulation. The Second Coming takes place at the end of the Tribulation. The Church will return to Earth with Jesus Christ at the Second Coming and rule with Him for a thousand years.

“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh.”

I. The Conflict (v. 1-2)

A. The Day of the Lord (v. 1; Zechariah 1:14-18)

- This term refers to the time when God will conquer His enemies and take charge of the Earth.
- God has been patient. He has given us grace and mercy. The day of the Lord will be the day when God says, *“Time is up,”* ***“there should be time no longer”*** (Rev. 10:6).

Read Zechariah 1:14-18.

B. The Spoiling of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:1)

- Jerusalem is going to be taken and the Jews will be taken captive, except for a remnant.

C. The Gathering of All Nations (v. 2; Revelation 16:16)

- ***“For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem”*** (vs. 2).
- This gathering will be ***“into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”*** (Rev. 16:16).

II. The Conquest (v. 3-5) *“Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations...”*****

- The Lord Jesus Christ’s ***“feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives”*** (vs. 4). He shall return to the same place from whence He departed (Acts 1:11).

A. The Coming of the Lord (v. 3; Isaiah 31:4-5)

- The Lord Himself often fights for His people. He will come ***“as birds flying”*** (vs 5).

B. The Army of the Lord (v. 5; Revelation 19:11-14)

- These ***“armies which were in heaven”*** (vs 14) are identified as ***“all the saints with thee”*** (Zech 14:5). 1 Thessalonians 3:13 speaks of ***“the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”***

C. His Stand on the Mount of Olives (v. 4) *“the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof...”*****

D. The Flight of the Remnant (v. 5) *“And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains...”*****

- The remnant of Israel will flee through the valley between the split mount of Olives.

III. The Confusion (v. 6-7)

A. The Strangeness of the Light (v. 6-7) *“the light shall not be clear, nor dark...not day, nor night.”*****

B. The Wisdom of the Lord (v. 7) *“it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD.”*****

IV. The Coronation (v. 8-11)

- A. The Flow of Living Waters (v. 8; 13:1; Ezekiel 47:1-12)
- B. The Reign of the Lord (v. 9; Luke 1:31-33)
- C. The Lifting Up of Jerusalem (v. 10)
- D. The Safety of Jerusalem (v. 11) *“Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.”*

V. The Consumption (v. 12-15)

- A. The Destruction of God's Enemies (v. 12)
 - God sends a plague that consumes their flesh while they stand.
- B. The Self-Destruction of the Enemy (v., 13)
- C. The Spoil of the Battle (v. 14) *“the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together.”*
- D. The Destruction of the Animals (v. 15)
 - Animals will be used for transportation. The destruction of horses, mules, camels, and asses will hinder the enemy’s efforts to destroy the Jews.
 - The various disruptions in the environment (brought by the Lord) will apparently render automobiles useless.

VI. The Coronation (v. 8-11)

- A. The Flow of Living Waters (v. 8; 13:1; Ezekiel 47:1-12)
 - These are healing waters (Ezek. 47:8), healing all the poisonous waters of the Earth and everything in those waters. It will bring life to that which was dead (Ezek. 47:12).
- B. The Reign of the Lord (v. 9; Luke 1:31-33) *“the LORD shall be king over all the earth.”*
- C. The Lifting Up of Jerusalem (v. 10) Jerusalem will be in an exalted position on the Earth.
- D. The Safety of Jerusalem (v. 11) *“Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.”*

VII. The Countries (v. 16-19)

- A. The Worship of the Nations (v. 16)
- B. The Judgment for Disobedience (v. 17-19) This will be a dictatorship ruled by Jesus Christ.

VIII. The Cleansing (v. 20-21) “HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD”

- A. Upon the Bells of the Horses (v. 20)
- B. Upon Every Pot in Judah (v. 21)
- C. Without the Presence of the Canaanite (v. 21)

CONCLUSION:

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will be with Him and will have nothing to fear.

Until that time, the Lord wants you to consider *“the day of the Lord”* and live a holy life. (2 Pet 3:10-14).