

Connecting Through the Word
“Behold, Your King Is Coming”
Zechariah 8 – 14

Zechariah 9:9

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Zechariah 14:3-9

3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle.

4 On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

5 And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

6 On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost.

7 And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

8 On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

His name, Zechariah, means “Yahweh remembers”. His book brims over with the hope that God would remember His promises to His people, even after all the time they spent outside the land.

Zechariah was able to look through the telescope of time and see the future events concerning Jerusalem and Israel and the coming of Messiah.

Zechariah saw specific events and could give detailed description of things that would happen.

His prophecies focused mainly on Jerusalem and Israel and a period of time that he called “that day”.

“That day” is used at least 21 times in the book.

“That day” is used 4 times in chapters 1 to 11

“That day” 17 times in chapter 12 to 14

“That day” 7 times in chapter 12

“That day” 3 times in chapter 13

“That day” 7 times in chapter 14

“That day” is not a specific 24 hour day.

Remember 2 Peter 3:8

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Most Bible scholars agree that “That day” refers to a period of time that begins with the beginning of the seven year tribulation period and goes through the millennium – thousand year reign of Christ on earth.

Also remember that Zechariah lived and prophesied from 520 B.C. to 480 B.C.

Esther, Ezra, and Nehemiah take place after him.

476 B.C. to 440 B.C.

Zechariah saw several major future events but could not see the time periods in-between.

For example:

He saw the first advent of Messiah

Zechariah 9:9-10

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

In the next verse he saw Messiah ruling in the Millennium which is at least two thousand years later.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah saw events in at least three different periods of time.

Events in the First Coming of Messiah.

Events in the seven year Tribulation Period

Events in the Millennium Period – thousand year reign of Christ

Events in First Coming of Christ

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Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:4-9

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Messiah the Shepherd Betrayed for Thirty pieces of silver

Zechariah 11:7, 12 & 13

7 So I became the shepherd of the flock doomed to be slaughtered by the sheep traders. ...

12 Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.

13 Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter.

Matthew 26:14-15

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 27:3-7

3 Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

5 And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money."

7 So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers.

The Beating and Crucifixion of Messiah

Zechariah 13:6

And if one asks him, 'What are these wounds on your back?' he will say, 'The wounds I received in the house of my friends.'

Matthew 27:26

Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Mark 15:15

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

John 19:1

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.

Zechariah Saw Events in the Tribulation and Millennium

An Overview of Things to Come

The First Advent of Christ – the Gospels

His Virgin Birth

His Life and Ministry

His Death and Resurrection

His Ascension

Acts 1:9-11

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

The Church Age – The Book of Acts & Epistles

Now over 2,000 years have passed.

Church Age ends with the rapture of the believers

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

This period was a mystery hidden from Old Testament Prophets

Seven Year Tribulation Period – The beginning of “That Day” Begins with appearance of Anti-Christ who makes treaty with Israel. He is the false shepherd. Daniel 9

Anti-Christ sets up

One World Government

One World Economy – 666 Mark needed to buy and sell

One World Religion – Worship of Image of the Beast

All believers are gone at beginning of Tribulation but because of:

The Two Witnesses – Revelation 11

The 144,000 Jews saved and are preaching Gospel – Revelation 7

The angel with the eternal Gospel – Revelation 14:6

Millions are saved!

But thousands are martyred by anti-Christ

The Great Tribulation – the last 3 ½ years

Anti-Christ breaks treaty with Israel

The time of “Jacob’s trouble”.

The plagues and wrath of God poured out.

The tribulation period ends with the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:14-16

Zechariah 14:1-3

1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Zechariah 14:12

And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

Messiah Comes Back as King and Ruler of Earth

Zechariah 14:4 & Revelation 19

On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

Anti-Christ and False Prophet cast into lake of fire.

Revelation 19:19-20

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Revelation 20:1-3

There is a national salvation for Israel.

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Revelation 1:7

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

**Rapture believers return with Christ in bodies like Christ
Revelation 19:14**

Jesus the Christ sits on the throne of David in the New Jerusalem and we rule and reign with Him.

Millions of people who are saved and survive the Tribulation enter Millennium with mortal bodies.

The earth is restored to pre-flood environment and in Millennium people can live a thousand years. Isaiah 65:20

**They can have children and millions will be born.
They will live in a world ruled by Jesus and His saints.
It will be a world of peace!
It will be a world of perfect justice!
It will be a world of Holiness!**

**But people still must get saved by faith!
Many will believe and receive Jesus!
But many will outwardly conform but in their hearts rebel.**

The Millennium ends with:

Satan is released and deceives the nations

Revelation 20:7-10

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.

They are defeated by fire from heaven

And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgement

Revelation 20:11-13

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Revelation 20:14-15

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Up to this time everyone who died without faith in Christ went to a place called hell in the heart of the earth.

But now they go to a place called the Lake of Fire which Jesus described as:

A place of "outer darkness" Matthew 25:30

A place of "eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:41

A place of "eternal punishment" Matthew 25:46

A place "where the fire will never be quenched" Mark 9:45

Then Eternity with God

Revelation 21

A New Heaven

A New Earth

A New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:3-5

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelation 21:23-25

The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

One Last Warning from Zechariah

Zechariah 7:8-14

8 *And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,*

9 *“Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another,*

10 *do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”*

11 *But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear.*

12 *They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts.*

13 *“As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,” says the LORD of hosts,*

14 *“and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate.”*