

A&P Bible Church | Weekly Study Zechariah 13-14

The book is one of consolation and hope, beginning with a call to repentance and concluding with prophecies concerning the return and reign of Christ.

Zechariah predicted more about Messiah than any other prophet except Isaiah. Prophecies concerning His first coming include Zech. 3:8; 9:9, 16; 11:11-13; 12:10; 13:1, 6; and prophecies to be fulfilled at His second coming include 6:12; 14:1-21.

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Throughout the week continue to look through the scriptures, think through the questions, and apply the Word to your life. Email any questions during the week to Brandon & Travis at ap.brandongarcia@gmail.com & ap.travisjohnson@gmail.com.

MONDAY**Zechariah 13 Breakdown | YEBC.net**

Zechariah 13:1 "In that day there will be a fountain opened up for the dynasty of David and the people of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and impurity."

This "day" is one of the last three days of the Great Tribulation. The Holy Spirit will open up the eyes of Israel so that they will receive a national salvation.

The fountains in the temple cleansed the priests for service and the sacrifices for offering. The Holy Spirit will cleanse the nation of Israel, meaning that they will be saved and justified. Their great sin was disbelieving in the Messiah Jesus.

Here is a quick review of the Campaign of Armageddon:

1. The Gentile armies of the Antichrist will gather in the Valley of Jezreel in Galilee.
2. Babylon will become the capital of the Antichrist, just as Jerusalem is the capital of the Lord Jesus Christ. The enemies of the Antichrist will destroy Babylon.
3. The armies of the Antichrist will take the city of Jerusalem.
4. The Antichrist will come against the Jewish Remnant living in Petra.
5. The entire nation of Israel who survive the Great Tribulation will gain their national salvation by believing in Jesus.
6. Jesus will return at Petra.
7. Jesus will fight the forces of the Antichrist, beginning at Petra, all the way back to Jerusalem, and finishing them off at the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
8. Jesus will take His victory ascent up to the Mount of Olives, the same place where He descended from His apostles in Acts 1:8.

2 And also on that day," says the Lord who rules over all, "I will remove the names of the idols from the land and they will never again be remembered. Moreover, I will remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land."

This "day" is the day of Israel's national salvation. God Himself will remove three sources of pollution from Israel. First, He will remove idolatry. He will remove the idol of the beast which was placed in the temple. Second, He will remove the false prophets. They will all be executed and sent to Hell. Third, He will eliminate all demons. The demons will be confined in either Edom or Petra. Both places will be a continuously burning wasteland. None of these three types of pollution will be allowed during the Messianic Kingdom.

3 Then, if anyone prophesies in spite of this, his father and mother to whom he was born will say to him, 'You cannot live, for you lie in the name of the Lord.' Then his father and mother to whom he was born will run him through with a sword when he prophesies.

According to the Mosaic Law, all false prophets were to be stoned. All false prophets will be executed by the believing Remnant. This means that there will be no religious tolerance during the Messianic Kingdom. All false prophets and teachers of all of the cults and isms will be executed. The parents of these false prophets will be executed as well, because they did not biblically instruct their children to follow the Lord when they were younger.

Any modern parent who does not bring up their child in the Lord is training their child to become a Christ-rejecter. They are teaching their children to follow the ways of the satanic world system. They are teaching their children to become good citizens of the Antichrist's kingdom.

4 "Therefore, on that day each prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies and will no longer wear the hairy garment of a prophet to deceive the people.

The prophets were wearing hairy mantles as symbols of their satanic prophetic office. They will be prophesying to the world that the Antichrist is good and he will win. When their prophecies are not fulfilled, they will be ashamed. They will take off their hairy mantles because they do not want the messianic Jews to find them and execute them.

5 Instead he will say, 'I am no prophet—indeed, I am a farmer, for a man has made me his indentured servant since my youth.'

When these false prophets are captured by the messianic Jews, they will claim that they were not false prophets, but farmers.

6 Then someone will ask him, 'What are these wounds on your chest?' and he will answer, 'Some that I received in the house of my friends.'

False prophets cut themselves in honor of the demonic gods in whom they served. The Baal prophets cut themselves when they called for rain during the challenge of Elijah. The messianic Jews will ask these false prophets where they received their scars. These false prophets will claim that the scars came from partying with their friends. Many Bible teachers claim that this is a prophecy about Jesus, but it is not. It is a prophecy about false prophets who are captured and executed at the end of the Great Tribulation.

7 “Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my associate,” says the Lord who rules over all. Strike the shepherd that the flock may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the insignificant ones.

This is a very important verse which is often mistranslated in most English versions. The Hebrew word for “my associate” is *עִמִּי* (amiti), meaning my equal.

Zechariah is referring now to the first coming of Jesus. Jehovah is doing the speaking. He is asking the sword to wake up. The sword was given to governments by God for inflicting capital punishment.

The sword of capital punishment is going to be used against Jehovah’s Shepherd. Jehovah’s Shepherd is *עִמִּי* (amiti), meaning Jehovah’s equal. The sword of capital punishment will be used against Jesus, who is Jehovah’s Shepherd and God’s equal.

After the Shepherd is executed, then the flock of Israel will be scattered. The immediate flock of disciples were scattered when Jesus was arrested. The rest of the flock was scattered at the Temple destruction of 70 A.D.

The rejection of the “insignificant ones” means that the common people will suffer when the false shepherds of Israel reject the True Shepherd of Israel.

8 It will happen in all the land, says the Lord, that two-thirds of the people in it will be cut off and die, but one-third will be left in it.

When the flock is scattered all over the entire world, their descendants will remain in these foreign lands, even up to the time of the Great Tribulation. The Hebrew word for “land” is *אֶרֶץ* eretz, meaning the entire earth. This was the same word that God used in Genesis 1:1, when He created “the heavens and the earth.”

Adolph Hitler killed 1/3 of the Jews during the Holocaust. Hitler may have been the Antichrist’s dry run before the Great Tribulation. During the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist will kill 2/3 of the Jews. The 1/3 of the Jews who survive the Great Tribulation will eventually become messianic believers who will enter into the Messianic Kingdom. This believing remnant is the “all Israel” who will be saved, according to Romans 11.

9 Then I will bring the remaining third into the fire; I will refine them like silver is refined and will test them like gold is tested. They will call on my name and I will answer; I will say, ‘These are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’ ”

The fires of the Great Tribulation will refine the third. By experiencing these judgments, they will learn righteousness and come to salvation. These messianic believers will do three things. First, the surviving Remnant will turn to the Lord and call upon His name in saving

faith. Second, they will enter into a righteous relationship with God. Third, they will believe in Jesus as their Messiah.

For additional studies this week, listen to Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Zechariah sermons/studies:
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TUESDAY**Zechariah 13 (National repentance and forgiveness)**

(13:1) After a nation repentance, the nation of Israel will experience widespread forgiveness for their sins. This aligns with Paul's teaching about the nation coming to faith at the end of history (Rom. 11:25-29).

(13:2) Idolatry and false prophecy are predicted in other parts of Scripture (Mt. 24:4-5, 11, 15, 23-24; 2 Thess. 2:2-4; Rev. 9:20; 13:4-15).

(13:3) False prophecy will be so serious that even parents will execute their own children for committing this crime.

(13:4-5) Consequently, false prophets will want to stay evasive and secretive.

(13:6) Some take this to be a prediction about Jesus, because it comes immediately before a messianic prediction (v.7). Moreover, the mention of marks between his arms could refer to the whipping and lashing that Jesus took.

We disagree with this interpretation. In context, the false prophet is still speaking. The **"wounds"** likely refer to self-inflicted wounds performed in occultic practice (1 Kings 18:28; Lev. 19:28; 21:5; Deut. 14:1; Jer. 16:6; 41:5; 48:37). By contrast, verse 7 is a clear break in context, even changing to the imperatival form and poetic form.

(Zech. 13:7) Who was scattered?

(13:8-9) God will preserve a third of the people who will be a believing remnant. This could be the 144,000 of Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5.[51] They swear allegiance to God, so they will be true believers.

Resource: <https://www.evidenceunseen.com/bible-difficulties-2/ot-difficulties/zephaniah-haggai-zechariah-malachi/introduction-to-zechariah/>

WEDNESDAY**Zechariah 14:1-11 Breakdown | YEBC.net**

Zechariah 14:1 A day of the Lord is about to come when your possessions will be divided as plunder in your midst.

Zechariah will now give additional details about the Campaign of Armageddon. During the third stage when the Gentile armies are attacking Jerusalem, the Gentiles will plunder the possessions of Israel. Here is a quick review of the eight stages of the Campaign or Armageddon:

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Babylon will become the capital of the Antichrist, just as Jerusalem is the capital of the Lord Jesus Christ. The enemies of the Antichrist will destroy Babylon.

The armies of the Antichrist will take the city of Jerusalem.

The Antichrist will come against the Jewish Remnant living in Petra.

The entire nation of Israel who survives the Great Tribulation will gain their national salvation by believing in Jesus.

Jesus will return at Petra.

Jesus will fight the forces of the Antichrist beginning at Petra all the way back to Jerusalem, and finishing them off at the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

Jesus will take His victory ascent up to the Mount of Olives, the same place where He descended from His apostles in Acts 1:8.

2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to wage war; the city will be taken, its houses plundered, and the women raped. Then half of the city will go into exile, but the remainder of the people will not be taken away.

All nations, including the United States (if they still exist), will attack Jerusalem. God will energize the Jews to inflict severe damage on the Gentile armies, but the Gentiles will still win the battle. They will take Jerusalem. They will burn the houses to the ground. They will plunder the houses. They will rape the women. Half of the Jewish citizens will be taken into exile. The other half will be enslaved inside of the city.

3 Then the Lord will go to battle and fight against those nations, just as he fought battles in ancient days.

In stage six, Jesus will return to Petra. In stage seven, He will return to Jerusalem. Jesus will protect the Jews and destroy their enemies at both locations.

4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives which lies to the east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, leaving a great valley. Half the mountain will move northward and the other half southward.

This is the eight stage of the Campaign of Armageddon. Many Bible expositors teach that Jesus first turns to the Mount of Olives, but His first actual appearance will be at Petra. When Jesus touches the Mount of Olives with His literal feet, the geography of Israel will supernaturally split into one great valley.

5 Then you will escape through my mountain valley, for the mountains will extend to Azal. Indeed, you will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come with all his holy ones with him.

Half of the Jewish citizens were taken as slaves in Jerusalem by the army of the Antichrist. Before the city collapses, all of these Jews will escape through the mountain valley. Azal is toward the Jordan Valley. During the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah, the Jews escaped using a similar method. Afterwards, Jesus will return with all of His angels and all of His saints. The saints will be those who believed and died, as well as those who believed and were raptured.

6 On that day there will be no light—the sources of light in the heavens will congeal.

This “day” is the day that Christ returns to earth. There will be no natural light on that day. Christ will return in darkness, but His Shekinah Glory will light up the heavens and the earth.

7 It will happen in one day (a day known to the Lord); not in the day or the night, but in the evening there will be light.

There will be no sun or moon in the Millennial Kingdom. God will be the light.

8 Moreover, on that day living waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it will happen both in summer and in winter.

During the Millennial Kingdom, a river will flow out of the Millennial Temple. The Millennial Temple will be about 35 miles from Jerusalem. The river will separate into two rivers which go around Jerusalem. One river will flow to the eastern sea and another will flow to the western sea. The eastern sea is the Dead Sea. The western sea is the Mediterranean Sea. Both of these seas, including the Dead Sea (which currently contains no sea life), will become main fishing industries during the Millennial Kingdom.

9 The Lord will then be king over all the earth. In that day the Lord will be seen as one with a single name.

Jesus will be the only God worshipped during the Millennial Kingdom. There will be no worship of the Golden Calf, Baal, or any other false god of any cult or ism.

10 All the land will change and become like the Arabah from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem will be raised up and will stay in its own place from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate and on to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses.

The Arabah is the low, flat land which is extremely fertile. All of the land of Israel will be as fertile as the Arabah flat lands.

Today, Jerusalem is not the highest city of the world. During the Millennial Kingdom, the Millennial Mountain will be the highest mountain in the world. Jerusalem will sit on top of it.

11 And people will settle there, and there will no longer be the threat of divine extermination—Jerusalem will dwell in security.

God will eliminate all of Israel's enemies. She will live safely in her land.

THURSDAY**Zechariah 14:12-21 Breakdown | YEBC.net**

12 But this will be the nature of the plague with which the Lord will strike all the nations that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will decay while they stand on their feet, their eyes will rot away in their sockets, and their tongues will dissolve in their mouths.

God will exterminate all of the enemies of Israel in four different ways. First, God will kill them by a supernatural plague. This plague will cause their flesh to melt off of their bodies, their eyes to rot away in their sockets, and their tongues to dissolve in their mouths.

13 On that day there will be great confusion from the Lord among them; they will seize each other and attack one another violently.

Second, the Gentiles will kill each other in confusion. This was similar to what God accomplished during the days of Gideon.

14 Moreover, Judah will fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered up—gold, silver, and clothing in great abundance.

Third, God will energize the Jews of Judah. These were the Jews who were being supernaturally protected by God at Petra. God will energize them, so that they can help out their Jewish brothers in Jerusalem. The Gentiles wanted to plunder the Jews, but instead, the Jews will plunder the Gentiles.

15 This is the kind of plague that will devastate horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in those camps.

Fourth, God will send plagues upon the transport animals of the Gentiles.

16 Then all who survive from all the nations that came to attack Jerusalem will go up annually to worship the King, the Lord who rules over all, and to observe the Feast of Tabernacles.

Those Jewish and Gentile believers who survive the Great Tribulation will enter into the Millennial Kingdom and worship at the Feast of Tabernacles once a year for the next 1000 years. The Feast of Tabernacles was a type of the Millennial Kingdom.

17 But if any of the nations anywhere on earth refuse to go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord who rules over all, they will get no rain.

If any nation does not attend the annual feast, then God will send a drought upon that nation.

18 If the Egyptians will not do so, they will get no rain—instead there will be the kind of plague which the Lord inflicts on any nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Seven Feasts of Israel commemorated Israel's deliverance from the slavery of Egypt. One year, the Egyptians may decide that they do not want to celebrate a victory of their defeat. They will stay home and miss the Feast of Tabernacles.

19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and of all nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

This attitude of rebellion will cause drought to fall upon Egypt for one year.

20 On that day the bells of the horses will bear the inscription "Holy to the Lord." The cooking pots in the Lord's temple will be as holy as the bowls in front of the altar.

During the Mosaic Law, only the utensils in the Jewish temple were considered holy. During the Millennial Kingdom, every utensil in Israel will be considered holy.

21 Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will become holy in the sight of the Lord who rules over all, so that all who offer sacrifices may come and use some of them to boil their sacrifices in them. On that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord who rules over all.

The Jews were commanded to exterminate the Canaanites, but they never accomplished this task. This disobedience caused the Jews to continually fall into idolatry. Therefore, God removed any remaining Canaanites during the Great Tribulation.

There will be sacrifices in the Millennial Kingdom which look back to what Jesus Christ accomplished at the cross. Everything in the land will be holy, even the bells of the horses. The earth will return to its Garden of Eden conditions when God walked on the earth with Adam.

FRIDAY

Zechariah 14 (God's kingdom)

Summary: Israel is clearly regathered at this point. In fact, the city of Jerusalem is occupied. The Gentile nations apparently will surround it, and they will occupy half of it. However, the LORD himself will protect the city (v.3). Some interpreters (e.g. Matthew Henry) interpret this event metaphorically (v.4). He believes that Christ brought the dividing wall down between Jews and Gentiles on the Cross (Eph. 2).

However, this is clearly literal, because Zechariah compares this cataclysmic event with a past, literal event ("you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah" v.5). Jerusalem will be supernaturally protected (vv.10-11).

(14:1-2) This continues to explore the remnant of only one third of people who make it through the battle (Zech. 13:8-9). This has never been fulfilled. For instance, in the Jewish War of AD 66-70, Titus didn't have "**all the nations**" with him—nor did he leave half of the people in their homes. This will be fulfilled at the end of history. Barker lines this up with the battle(s) of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16-21).[52]

(14:3-4) The city is in dire straits when Yahweh arrives to defend the people. Since the Lord lands on the Mount of Olives, this shows us that the Messiah is Yahweh. Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives—just as he left (Acts 1:9-12; Rev. 19:11-16).

The "**Mount of Olives**" will split in two (perhaps from an earthquake?).

(14:5) Normally, the Mount of Olives would block an escape to the east, but it will be removed for their escape. This is a literal destruction of the Mount of Olives, because it is compared to the literal earthquake during the time of Uzziah (Amos 1:1).

The "**holy ones**" could refer to angels, or perhaps believers (1 Thess. 3:13).

(14:6-7) There will be changes in the celestial order during this time. This is not just a massive storm. It is a **“unique”** day that hasn’t happened before. Jesus claimed that only God the Father knew of the day of his return (Mt. 24:35).

(14:8) This seems that the source of water will be high, because it will spill out over to the east and the west.

(14:9) This is the fulfillment of Jesus’ prayer that “God’s will would be done on Earth as it is in heaven” (Mt. 6:9-10).

(14:10-11) The four sides of the city are described. This seems to state that the city of Jerusalem will be elevated (**“Jerusalem will rise”**). This might be due to the other lands being leveled lower.

(14:12-15) The people die while standing on their feet. The imagery of the skin rotting off their bones **“while they stand on their feet”** could refer to future weaponry being used—such as nuclear warfare. It could also imply that God destroys them with a powerful fire. However, the context states that the people will attack each other (v.13). The people of Judah will plunder the invading nations (vv.14-15).

(14:16) The nations will not be completely destroyed. This implies that some survivors will exist. They will make trips to worship God at this time.

(14:17-19) The nations which refuse worship God will be judged with drought.

(14:20-21) The high priest had a turban with a gold plate which said **“Holy to the Lord”** (Ex. 28:36). History is moving toward the rule and reign of Christ (Rev. 11:15; 19:16).