

## Zechariah's Prophecy to the Remnant—The Rejected King Enthroned (c. 517–516 BC)

### Zechariah 12–14

#### **The Nations of the Earth Assemble to Attack Jerusalem (Eschatological)**

12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel. *Thus* declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

2 “Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

3 It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

4 In that day,” declares the LORD, “I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.’

6 “In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.

7 The LORD also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be magnified above Judah.

8 In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David *will be* like God, like the angel of the LORD before them.

#### **Israel Weeps Over the One They Pierced (Eschatological)**

9 And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. [[John 19:37](#); [Rev 1:7](#)]

11 In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

12 The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.

#### **Israel Cleansed of Sin, Idols, and False Prophets (Eschatological)**

13:1 “In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

2 “It will come about in that day,” declares the LORD of hosts, “that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.

3 And if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the LORD’; and his father and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

4 Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive;

5 but he will say, ‘I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.’

6 And one will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will say, ‘*Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’

#### **The Shepherd Smitten, a Remnant Spared (Historical and Eschatological)**

7 “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
And against the man, My Associate,”  
Declares the LORD of hosts.

“Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; [[Matt 26:31](#); [Mark 14:27](#)]

And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

8 “It will come about in all the land,”

Declares the LORD,

“That two parts in it will be cut off *and* perish;

But the third will be left in it.

9 “And I will bring the third part through the fire,  
Refine them as silver is refined,

And test them as gold is tested.  
 They will call on My name,  
 And I will answer them;  
 I will say, 'They are My people,'  
 And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

#### **The Day of the Battle for Jerusalem (Eschatological)**

14:1 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

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

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, *and* all the holy ones with Him!

#### **The Establishment of the Messianic Kingdom (Eschatological)**

6 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.

7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only one*, and His name *the only one*.

10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

#### **The Destruction of Israel's Enemies (Eschatological)**

12 Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

13 It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.

14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance.

15 So also like this plague will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

#### **The King is Worshipped by the Nations During the Millennium (Eschatological)**

16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

19 This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

20 In that day there will *be inscribed* on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD." And the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

### **The Temple Completed (March 12, 515 BC)**

Ezra 6:14b-18

14b And they finished building according to the command of the God of Israel and the decree of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 This temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests, the Levites and the rest of the exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.  
 17 They offered for the dedication of this temple of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel 12 male goats, corresponding to the number of the tribes of Israel.  
 18 Then they appointed the priests to their divisions and the Levites in their orders for the service of God in Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses.

### Passover Celebrated (April 21–27, 515 BC)

Ezra 6:19–22

19 The exiles observed the Passover on the fourteenth of the first month.  
 20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure. Then they slaughtered the Passover *lamb* for all the exiles, both for their brothers the priests and for themselves.  
 21 The sons of Israel who returned from exile and all those who had separated themselves from the impurity of the nations of the land to *join* them, to seek the LORD God of Israel, ate *the Passover*.  
 22 And they observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them to encourage them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

### He Heals the Brokenhearted (c. May 515 BC)

Psalms 147

1 Praise the LORD!  
 For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
 For it is pleasant *and* praise is becoming.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
 He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted  
 And binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars;  
 He gives names to all of them.

5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength;  
 His understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD supports the afflicted;  
 He brings down the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
 Sing praises to our God on the lyre,

8 Who covers the heavens with clouds,  
 Who provides rain for the earth,  
 Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

9 He gives to the beast its food,  
*And* to the young ravens which cry.

10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse;  
 He does not take pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD favors those who fear Him,  
 Those who wait for His lovingkindness.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
 Praise your God, O Zion!

13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
 He has blessed your sons within you.

14 He makes peace in your borders;  
 He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat.

15 He sends forth His command to the earth;  
 His word runs very swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool;  
 He scatters the frost like ashes.

17 He casts forth His ice as fragments;  
 Who can stand before His cold?

18 He sends forth His word and melts them;  
 He causes His wind to blow and the waters to flow.

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| 19 | He declares His words to Jacob,<br>His statutes and His ordinances to Israel.                                      |
| 20 | He has not dealt thus with any nation;<br>And as for His ordinances, they have not known them.<br>Praise the LORD! |

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