

## Zechariah: The Day of the Lord

- ↪ **Zechariah 14;** The basic theme of Zechariah is a sweep of Israel history from the time of Zechariah 480 years before Jesus, right up to today, and on into the future. It takes from human dominated world to the end of human history. Chapter 14 highlights the culmination of all that: human efforts and directives and corruption is ended by God's direct intervention.
  - ↪ Our temptation is to read Chapter 14 and say, "Not Literal", **but it will be!** How can these be literal? The question itself is wrong! Because it assumes that there is a natural explanation for supernatural events and there isn't!
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### 1. History before prophecy.

- ✓ Israel has rejected their Messiah and as a result lost their Temple, city, and country for the better part of 2K years. The Bible predicted their return, albeit in unbelief, that is where we are today.
- ✓ Israel has literally returned to the land; the next literal event is the rise of the false Christ and the invasion of his armies **Zechariah 12:2-3**; but God will intervene **12:9**. The details of His intervention are the subject of **Chapter 14**.

### 2. The Day of the Lord, Chapter 14.

- ✓ **Verses 1-2** ; Chapter 14 opens with Jerusalem fully defeated. It looks like it's all over and the Kingdom of the Antichrist has won, but back up to the first words of this chapter, this is the Lord's Day, not the Antichrist's. He has gathered the nations there, **verse 2**.
- ✓ The Day of the Lord refers to not just one day but a period of time: it's an era or time period. The Day of the Lord is in juxtaposition to the Day of mankind. Man has had his day; God is going to have His day and it will be the final one.

### 3. Turning of the tide.

- ✓ **Verse 3** "Then" is a crucial word in this chapter and the pivotal word in future events, **Revelation 16:13**. Then this will happen, **Revelation 19:11; 14**; then this will happen, **Revelation 6:14-15**.
- ✓ Then this will happen; **verses 4-5** the survivors will have an escape route. Again, literal, the angel predicted this literal event 2K years ago. Jesus ascended to heaven from the same mount, **Acts 1:11**, in the same way and to the same place.

### 4. A Unique Day, verses 6-11.

### 5. A Disastrous Day, verse 12.

- ✓ This is best explained by what **Revelation 19** says about how Jesus will wage war against the Antichrist and his armies, **Revelation 19:15; 21**.
- ✓ Sword is not a literal one because the Word of God is called a sword figuratively "the Sword of the Spirit" in **Ephesians 6**; "sharper than any sword" in **Hebrews 4:12**.
- ✓ God spoke things into existence by His Word and He will speak things out of existence the same way.

### 6. A Holy Day, verse 16.

- ✓ Holiness will be the norm, **verses 20-21a**. Even the common things will be holy. People will be holy, **verse 21b**.

**In the distant future, Holiness will be the norm!**

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