

The Agony and Glory of Jerusalem

Zechariah 12-14

- I. The world's nations gather against the Jews - Zech 12:1-9
 - A. God gives Zechariah a "burden" (prophecy) - vv1-3
 - 1. First Pronouncement: He will strengthen Jerusalem against her enemies - v2
 - 2. The nations will attack both Judah and Jerusalem - v2
 - 3. Repeats the same - v3
 - a. Jerusalem will be a burdensome stone
 - b. All earth's people will attack (cf. Rev 16:12-16)
 - B. Second Pronouncement: The Lord will supernaturally protect His people - v4
 - 1. This will cause the Jews to rely on Him - v5
 - 2. They will be a terror to their enemies - vv6-7
 - a. He will give special protection to certain families - v7
 - b. There will be no room for pride - v7
 - C. Third Pronouncement: Their Supernatural Strength will be epic - vv8-9
 - 1. God's destruction of Jerusalem's enemies reiterated - v9
- II. The Salvation and Realization of WHO is fighting for them - Zech 12:10-13:7
 - A. The Holy Spirit poured out on the Jews - vv10-14 (cf. Matt 24:29-31)
 - 1. They will mourn for Jesus (i.e., because they crucified Him) - v10
 - 2. The mourning in this area equates to Armageddon - v11
 - a. This area will be filled with dead bodies everywhere
 - b. The mourning will be for their sin and for the widespread death
 - 3. These names represent all of Israel - vv12-14
 - B. They will have the opportunity to be saved by the Blood - v13:1
 - 1. Keep in mind this miraculous delivery doesn't mean all Jews will believe that Jesus is the One who saves them. They will have to accept Jesus like you and I.
 - 2. Compare Romans 11:25-32
 - C. There will be no more idolatry - v2
 - D. There will be no more need for prophecy - vv2-5
 - E. They will ask Jesus about His wounds - v6
 - F. The prophecy of Zech 13:6 fulfilled (cf. Matt 26:31; Mk 14:27)
- III. The Tribulation of the Remnant of Jews - Zech 13:8-9
 - A. Two thirds will perish - v8
 - B. One third will be saved - v9
 - C. This whole scene is prophesied in Rev. 16:17-21 (esp. v19)
- IV. The Second Coming - Zech 14:1-21
 - A. Armageddon - vv1-3 (cf. Rev 16:12-16; Rev 19:11f)
 - B. Second Coming - vv4-7 (cf Acts 1:9-12)
 - 1. v5 are the Returning Saints w/Jesus
 - C. The Lord's Millennial Reign - vv8-11
 - D. Death/Plagues of Jewish enemies - vv12-15
 - E. Jews living under Messiah - vv16-21