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## Zechariah 14: 8-21

**Topic:** the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Zechariah really culminates all of the important prophesies God has given to Israel and the Jewish people. It deals with their enemies, the battle of Armageddon, the antichrist, the tribulation, and the second coming of Christ, Christ setting up his Kingdom after he splits the Mt. Zion with a stomp of His foot.

**Vs8:** the seasons are going to continue on through the millennial reign of Christ. Satan won't be loose, and Christ will rule from Jerusalem. A river will run from the Dead Sea, through Jerusalem, through the Mount of Olives, and to the Mediterranean Sea.

**Vs9:** today we have kings, presidents, and dictators. When Christ rules, there will be one king only, ruled with a rod of iron. Today the world rejects Christ. We can't say a pray in the name of Jesus Christ in schools or government agencies.

**Vs10:** From the southern point to the northern point will be turned flat during the battle of Armageddon with Jerusalem on a hill above the new plain. If you get a map of old Jerusalem, we know where some of these locations are but not all. Jerusalem will physically be above and over, higher than all the other land there.

**Vs11:** Jerusalem has been destroyed at least 14 different times in history. This won't happen any more.

**Vs12:** this goes back to when the battle is actually fought and Christ goes aback and stands on the Mount of Olives. Jesus' weapons will blow the flesh off of Israel's enemies. It sounds like a neutron bomb, but Christ doesn't need a bomb. He just speaks it and it happens. Too many people have the assumption that God needs our help to carry out his prophesies, but he doesn't need us at all.

**Vs13:** Christ will also cause mass confusion in the enemies and they will attack each other. He has done this before in history. There will be a mist and the enemies won't be able to tell if it's day or night. It will be such a psychological mix up that the enemies won't know what to trust anymore.

**Vs14:** invading armies bring a bunch of stuff with them, and when they defeat the enemy, they bring back the spoils of war. But they are going to leave that all right there in Jerusalem this time.

Vs15: anything that is with these enemies of God, pack mules and such, will be used in this battle.

**Vs16:** Every enemy of Jerusalem that is left - and it won't be many, will start worshipping the King (Jesus) and keep the feast of tabernacles, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> feast of Israel. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the 7<sup>th</sup> moon of the Jewish New Year. And it's the only feast that will be continued through the rule of Christ. It represents that Christ will take care of His people.

**Vs17:** anyone who doesn't come to Jerusalem to worship will be cursed. Everyone on the planet will have to travel to Jerusalem once a year or have their rain cut off for the millennium.

**Vs18:** after the rain cutoff, plague will be next if they don't come celebrate in Jerusalem.

Vs19: Egypt is being used as an example because Egypt throughout history has been an enemy of Israel.

**Vs20:** there will be no question who is the ruler of Earth at this time.

**Vs21:** Jerusalem is not holy right now because Christ is not there. Everything there - horses, pots, everything, will be designated as holy in Jerusalem and dedicated to the Lord. Then it will truly be the holy land of the world. There will be no more false religion on this earth, and all subdivisions of religion like Baptist, etc. will be one religion. We will all know who He is and honor Him.