

# Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

## Sunday Sermon

**Date: June 21, 2020**

**Text: Zechariah chapters 11 through 14**

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 14:1-4**

**Subject: Zechariah Series, Review of chapters 11 through 14**

On October 20, 2019, I did a review of the first five chapters of Zechariah. I did this before continuing into chapter six. Then, I did a review of chapters six through ten on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Today, we will review chapters eleven through fourteen. Please keep your Bible handy because we will want to read several passages as we go through this review. Thank you.

### **Chapter 11**

Verses 1 through 6 of this 11<sup>th</sup> chapter tell us of the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and the rejection of him by the nation of Israel as a whole. We also saw, in these verses the result of that rejection and the wrath sent on them of the LORD>

**Zechariah 11:6 (KJV)** *For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.*

The cause of the wrath of God on rejecting Israel is amplified by the LORD's use of two staves which he named Beauty and Bands. With the stave of beauty, the LORD had been merciful to his own flock, but he cut asunder his stave beauty to demonstrate his breaking of the covenant to the nation. The nation did not understand, but the "poor of the flock," the believing remnant knew it was the word of the LORD. By the cutting asunder of his other staff Bands, the LORD broke the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. In the breaking of these staves, we see the

LORD set the nation aside for a time until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. He would deal with them no more, as a nation, until the last of the gentiles were saved.

**Zechariah 11:10 (KJV)** *And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.*

**Zechariah 11:14 (KJV)** *Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*

In verses 7 through 14 we also saw a prophecy of the price paid by the rejecting nation of Israel, namely, thirty pieces of silver. We saw that this was a prophetic statement in Zechariah and we looked at the New Testament scriptures which fulfilled that prophecy.

The foolish shepherd is said to be raised up in the land which shepherd is the man of sin (the anti-Christ, the beast). This is prophesied in verses 15 through 17. We see in those verses the sword upon the arm of the foolish shepherd and upon his right eye after which his arm shall be clean dried up and his right eye shall be utterly darkened. This is the deadly wound received by the beast which deadly wound is healed and we are told in the Revelation that world wondered after the Beast whose deadly wound was healed.

**Zechariah 11:15-17 (KJV)** *And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. **16** For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. **17** Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.*

**Revelation 13:1-3 (KJV)** *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

## **CHAPTER 12**

The first three verses of chapter twelve tell us that the LORD will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they (the invaders) shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

**Zechariah 12:3 (KJV)** *And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.*

So, we saw there is to be a siege of Judah and Jerusalem by someone. This occurs after Israel has been brought back into the land from being scattered among the gentile nations. Also, it happens before the return of the LORD with his saints and before Armageddon. Chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel along with this chapter proves to me that this is the time of the invasion of the land of Israel by Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, with all of his armies. We remember that God “put hooks in his nose” and drew Gog and all his great army down against the mountains of Israel to a nation which was dwelling safely without walls.

**Ezekiel 38:1-8 (KJV)** *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3*

*And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: **4** And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: **5** Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: **6** Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. **7** Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. **8** After many days thou shalt be visited: in the **latter years** thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.*

**Ezekiel 38:16 (KJV)** *And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; **it shall be in the latter days,** and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.*

Verses 4 through 9 tell of the LORD's working against the invaders. It also tells us of the LORD's strengthening of Judah and Jerusalem against them. The LORD saves Judah first then Jerusalem. It is marvelous to see the degree of strength the LORD gave the inhabitants of Jerusalem against those who would take a prey of them. It is said that the LORD will seek to destroy all of them – and we know, from Ezekiel's prophecy that destroyed is the word for them.

**Zechariah 12:8-9 (KJV)** *In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. **9** And it shall come to pass in*

*that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

We were told in Ezekiel's prophecy of this invasion, that upon the LORD's destruction of this mighty invading army the house of Israel shall know that he is the LORD their God from that day and forward. This is a key verse in terms of timing of the battle.

**Ezekiel 39:21-22 (KJV)** *And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. 22 So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God **from that day and forward.***

How will that be accomplished? How will they know from THAT DAY and forward that Jehovah is the LORD their God? We are not left to doubt. Verse 10 of chapter 12 tells us.

**Zechariah 12:10 (KJV)** *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Please notice the phrase "**In that day**" which is used in verses 4, 6, 8, 9,11, and in chapter 13, verse 1. From that day forward – when Israel's enemies - all of them are destroyed never to rise again. Can anyone doubt that the Palestinians and all those who support them will join Gog in the invasion and be destroyed? That will certainly fulfill Ezekiel's prophecy of their destruction.

Israel shall have been gathered to their land from among the Gentiles nations where they have been scattered. God delivers them from an invasion with a mighty hand. Then, that very day, the LORD pours on

them the spirit of grace and supplications and they look upon the Lord Jesus Christ whom they have pierced and shall mourn for him. This is a national repentance.

Verses 11 through 14 tell us some of the specific families who greatly mourn apart one from one another.

**Zechariah 12:11 (KJV)** *In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.*

## **CHAPTER 13**

The opening verse of this chapter tells us of a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. This occurs IN THAT DAY as the LORD gives them a spirit of grace and supplication. The whole nation is then in a state of mourning because they have seen the LORD whom they pierced. This cleansing for sin and uncleanness comes immediately after a national repentance and is a record of the nation being saved in one day. They are cleansed from their uncleanness and their sin.

**Zechariah 13:1 (KJV)** *In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*

This is the day in which the nation of Israel is saved and brought into the bond of the new covenant. In that covenant which was a new covenant for both Judah and Israel, the LORD will remember their sins and iniquities no more. Upon their conversion, the land is then cleansed, and all false prophets and idols are removed.

We are told in verses 2 through 5, that the idols and false prophets are cut off in the land. After this occurs, there shall be no more idolatry or the lies of false prophets in Israel. Verses 6 and 7 speak of the gospel

message preached to them as they inquire about the wounds in the hands of the LORD received in the house of his friends.

**Zechariah 13:6-7 (KJV)** *And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.*

The chapter closes in verses 8 and 9 to tell us that in all the land two parts of the people shall be cut off and die. The LORD shall bring the third part which is left through the fire and will refine them as silver is refined and as gold is refined. The result is that this remnant shall call on his name and the LORD shall hear them. "I will say It is my people: and they shall say The LORD is my God."

## **CHAPTER 14**

"The day of the LORD cometh" and "thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee," are the words of the first verse of chapter 14. "The LORD shall gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle" says verse 2. We will recall that some nations, but not all, came against them under Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal and were soundly destroyed by the LORD. The LORD shall go forth and fight against those nations which are now besieging Jerusalem. The LORD shall come with his saints. His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives and the mountain will cleave in the midst leaving a large east to west valley. The inhabitants shall flee to safety through this valley.

**Zechariah 14:1-4 (KJV)** *Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and*

*the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*

This **day of the LORD** shall be a day not clear nor dark, but a special day – and at evening time it shall be light.

Living waters shall go out from Jerusalem to both the former sea and the hinder sea. This is the river of Ezekiel 47 which begins at the right side of the altar of the Millennial Temple, out by the eastern gate and flows on east through the valley caused by the cleft of the Mount of Olives and down south to the Mediterranean and the Dead seas. The waters of the Dead Sea shall be healed and produce great multitudes of fishes.

In that time, the LORD shall be king over all the earth and there shall be one lord and his name one. All on earth shall see him for who he really is – the Almighty God – and all shall worship him.

**Zechariah 14:9 (KJV)** *And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

We considered that when the LORD is king over all the earth, he shall sit on the throne of His glory – the throne of his father, David. He shall then gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and do iniquity. He will sit as judge of all the living gentile nations and divide them as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The basis of this judgment is the treatment of “these my brethren.” All of those who were set on his left as the goat nations shall be commanded of the king to “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.” At

that point, the sheep nations shall inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. This is found in Matthew 25:31-46 which is the closing words of the LORD's Olivet discourse concerning the kingdom.

**Isaiah 2:3 (KJV)** *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

**Micah 4:2 (KJV)** *And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

The land of Israel shall be greatly altered in that day. Undoubtedly, the great earthquake that occurs at this time will be instrumental in changing the structure of the land because every mountain shall fall and every island shall be moved from their places. The wilderness south of Jerusalem shall be turned into a plain and shall be lifted up for dwelling places. And men shall dwell in it.

**Zechariah 14:10-11 (KJV)** *All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. **11** And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.*

The plague of the LORD shall be on the people, the horses, mules, camels, the asses and all the beasts which come against Jerusalem. The LORD will cause the invaders to fight against each other.

**Zechariah 14:12-13 (KJV)** *And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. 13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.*

Those of Jerusalem shall gather the spoil of the invaders – gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance. The LORD will have laid up the treasures of the wicked for His own people.

The LORD will require all the nations of the Gentiles on earth who were left from those who came against Jerusalem to come year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts and keep the feast of tabernacles at Jerusalem. If they will not come, the LORD will withhold the rain from them.

**Zechariah 14:16-17 (KJV)** *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.*

In that day and at that time all shall be HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD. Even the bells of the horses and all pots and bowls in the LORD's house shall be truly holy. Israel, who shall sacrifice, shall come and take these holy bowls and pots for their use.

There will be no more a Canaanite (merchant) in the house of the LORD of hosts. The word "Canaanite" is translated at least two times in the Old

Testament as “merchant.” This fact strongly suggests that all commercialism, as it is now, shall end. We know from study of other prophecies that the land shall bring forth greatly. We are told that the plowman shall overtake the reaper. This tells us that crops will grow profusely in that day. Notice these words from the prophet, Amos.

**Amos 9:13 (KJV)** *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.*

No wonder many students of the Bible have named Zechariah the “Apocalypse of the Old Testament!” This marvelous book of prophecy reveals the purpose and person of our Lord Jesus Christ when he shall come with his saints and shall be king over all the earth.