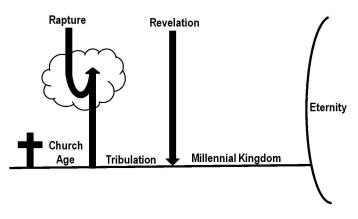


"Messiah's Return and Reign" Zechariah 14:1-9

Introduction:

"The cosmic, eschatological sweep of this last portion...is almost without comparison in the prophetic literature of the OT for the richness of its imagery, the authority of its pronouncements, and the majestic exaltation of the God of Israel who will be worshiped as the God of all the earth." -J. Vernon McGee



I. THE ATTACK OF THE NATIONS AGAINST JERUSALEM (14:1-3)

A. The Time of the Attack (vs. 1-2a)

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..." (Revelation. 16:16-19)

B. The Outcome of the Attack (vs. 2b)

"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."

C. The Reversal of the Attack (vs. 3)

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

Exodus 14:13-14; Joshua 10:14; 23:3; Judges 4:15; II Chronicles 20:15

II. THE APPEARANCE OF MESSIAH IN JERUSALEM (14:4-9)

- A. The Place of His Coming (vs. 4)
 - ⁴ "In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east..."

Acts 1:11

"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." B. The Purpose of His Coming (vs. 5)

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." (Amos 1:1)

"Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!"

Revelation 19:11-16

C. The Preeminence of His Coming (vs. 6-9)

⁶ "In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle." (Joel 3:15; Amos 5:18-20)

- 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."

Conclusion: Psalm 2

Food for Thought:

- 1) What invasion of Jerusalem is predicted by Zechariah? How will the nations be aligned then?
- 2) Describe the appearance of the Messiah at that time.
- 3) Why is the Mount of Olives mentioned?
- 4) Who will accompany the Messiah at His coming? Support your answer with Scripture.