

Zechariah

(16) How Israel is restored

A Day of the Lord is coming...14:1-15

What will happen to Jerusalem at the start of this Day? 14:1

Jerusalem/Jews will be plundered and invaders will arrogantly divide spoils in Jerusalem.

What kind of time is this for Jerusalem? vs.2

It's horrible. Jerusalem will be captured, ransacked, women violated, ½ carried to exile...

What is likely the trigger for this devastation of Jerusalem? Mt.24:15-22; II Thess.2:1-4

The abomination of desolation, set up in the Holy Place. Antichrist claiming to be God.

When things are at their worst, what happens? vs.3 Ex.15:3; Is.42:13; Rev.19:11-21

Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations! It's His day of battle...

What's going to happen physically near Jerusalem? vs.4 see Acts.1:9-12

When the Lord stands on Mount of Olives it splits forming a great east-west valley.

How does Israel flee from Jerusalem? vs.5 Note I Thess.3:13

Through this new valley? He comes with all His Holy ones, includes pre-raptured church.

What happens prior to this Day? vs.6-7; Is.13:10-13; Joel 2:30-32; 3:15-17; Mt.24:29

Cataclysmic and terrifying events. Like the flood, very few survive. But the remnant...!

What follows the destructive events? vs.8-9 Is.27:6, 35:1-2; Amos 9:13-14

Living water flows from Jerusalem to heal/restore the earth. The Lord, alone, reigns!

What will happen physically to the land of Israel? vs.10-11 Micah 4:4

It becomes a fruitful plain; Jerusalem is elevated, inhabited, secure. Christ reigns there.

What is part of the detail of how the Lord goes out to fight? vs.12

He sends a plague; flesh rots very quickly, still standing on their feet. Horrifying death.

What else happens? vs.13 ISam.14:20

The attacking army is stricken by the Lord with great panic! Attacking each other!

What detail is added in vs.14-15? See Josh.7:24-25 (corruption of one's sin)

Judah is also fighting. Plagues strike animals also. Great wealth collected from nations.

Life in the Millennium...14:16-21

What is the requirement of the remnant of the Gentile nations? vs.16 see Lev.23:39-43

They must go up to worship Christ, the Lord Almighty, and celebrate Feast of Tabernacles

And how is rebellion handled? vs.17-19 see Amos 4:7-8 for example.

If they should refuse, they will have no rain. This is the plague the Lord will use.

What is special in Jerusalem in these days? vs.20-21 Joel 3:17a

All the cooking pots will be Holy, horses bells, Holy. Jerusalem is Holy through & through.

What will absolutely NOT be found in Jerusalem? vs.21b Joel 3:17b

No Canaanite in the house of the Lord Almighty. No alien, no idolater, no uncleanness.