Book of Zechariah

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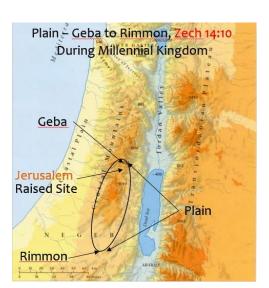
- H. All the land (in Israel) will be <u>changed</u> into a plain but Jerusalem will rise on its site 14:10-11¶
 - 1. 10 All the land (of Israel) will be <u>changed</u> into a plain

 a. from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem;
 - 2. but Jerusalem will rise (Isa 2:2) and remain on its site
 a. from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate,
 b. and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. (Jer 31:38)
 - 3. **11** People will live in **it** (Jerusalem), and there will <u>no longer be a curse</u>, a. **for** Jerusalem will <u>dwell in security</u>.

Questions of the Text: Zechariah 14:10-11

All the land (in Israel) will be <u>changed</u> into a plain but Jerusalem will rise on its site 14:10-11¶ Geba is a town on the Northeast boundary of the Tribe of Benjamin (Josh 18:24, 2 Kings 23:8),

It stood on the northern frontier of the southern kingdom of Judah. Rimmon, a city in the Negeb, ascribed to the southern kingdom of Judah (Josh 15:32). south of Jerusalem about 35 miles, on the southern border of the southern kingdom of Judah. The existing hilly terrain will be turned into "a plain from Geba to Rimmon."



"but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site"

from **Benjamin's Gate** as far as the place of **the First Gate** to **the Corner Gate**, and from **the Tower of Hananel**

to **the king's wine presses**.

Read Isaiah 2:2 Read Jer 31:38

People will live in it (Jerusalem), and there will <u>no longer be a curse</u>,

for Jerusalem will <u>dwell in security</u>. Read Isaiah 32:18 + Amos 9:11-15 + Ezek 34:25-31 + Ezek 37:24-28

Read Paragraph > Zechariah 14:12–15

Second Oracle (Part 3), Lord's Coming to Jerusalem, as King over Earth in that day, 14:1-21

- Working Outline > Zechariah 14:12–15 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)
 - I. the LORD will strike a Plague on all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem, 14:12–15¶
 - 1. 12 Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples
 - a. who have gone to war against Jerusalem.; (Zech 14:2-3, 12:2-9)
 - i. their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet,
 - ii. and their eyes will rot in their sockets,
 - iii. and their tongue will rot in their mouth.
 - 2. 13 It will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will <u>fall</u> on them;
 a. and they will <u>seize</u> one another's hand, (Judges 7:22 + 2 Chron 20:23 + Ezek 38:21)
 b. and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.
 - 3. 14 Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; (Zech 12:6)
 - 4. and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, a. gold and silver and garments in great abundance.
 - 5. 15 So also like this plague will be the plague on
 - a. the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey and all the cattle
 - b. that will be in those camps (of surrounding nations).

the LORD will strike a Plague on all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem,



the LORD's Plague will cause:

their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

the LORD's Plague will cause:

a great panic on **them they** will raise up against **each other** (destroy each other) **Read** Judges 7:22 + 2 Chron 20:23 + Ezek 38:21

Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; Read Zech 12:6

and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be <u>gathered</u>, (plundered) gold and silver and garments in great abundance. The Nations attacked and divided the spoil of Jerusalem before, in Zech 14:1 Now the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be <u>gathered</u>, (plundered)

Israel also Plundered Egypt of much wealth, at the Exodus, Exodus 12:35-36

the LORD's plague will also be on:

the **horse**, the **mule**, the **camel**, the **donkey** and all the **cattle** that will be in **those camps** ("of all the surrounding **nations**").

Read Paragraph > Zechariah 14:16–19

Second Oracle (Part 3), Lord's Coming to Jerusalem, as King over Earth in that day, 14:1-21 Working Outline > Zechariah 14:16–19 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- J. Any left of nations will go up to worship the King, the LORD, celebrate Feast of Booths, 14:16–19¶
 - 1. 16 Then it will come about that any who are left (remain after 14:12-13)
 a. of all the nations that went against Jerusalem
 - 2. (they) will go up (to raised Jerusalem) from year to year (Isa 2:2, Zech 8:23, Zech 14:9, Isa 66:23,)
 a. to worship the King, the LORD of hosts,
 - b. and to <u>celebrate</u> the Feast of Booths. (Lev 23:33-43)
 - 3. 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth
 a. does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts,
 b. there will be no rain on them (the families).
 - 4. 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter,
 - 5. then **no** rain will fall on **them** (Egypt);
 - 6. it (no rain) will be the plague with which the LORD <u>smites</u> the nations a. who <u>do not</u> go up to <u>celebrate</u> the Feast of Booths.
 - 7. 19 This (no rain) will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations a. who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

After **all the nations** have gone to **war** against **Jerusalem** and after **they** go through **the Lord's plagues** on **them**, there will be **some of the people left**, the survivors, **who** have **not died**.

These people are part of those who make up the Millennial Kingdom population.

Every Year they will go up to the raised up **Jerusalem** to <u>worship</u> the King (Jesus), the LORD of hosts, Read Isa 2:1-4 + Zech 8:23 + Zech 14:9 + Isa 66:23

Every Year they will go up to the raised up Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Booths, Lev 23:33-43

The Feast of Booths or Tabernacles or Ingathering or Sokkot takes place on the 15th day of the Hebrew month Tishri.

This is the 15th day of the 7th month on the Hebrew Calendar and occurs in late Sept./Oct. The Feast begins 5 days after the Day of Atonement and at the time the fall harvest had just been completed.

Summary of The Feast of Booths, a time of Joyous Celebration (Lev 23:33-43)
On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month,
when you have gathered in the crops of the land,
you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days,
with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day.
you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.
You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year.
It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations;
'You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths,
so that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths
when I brought them out from the land of Egypt.
They were to give offering by fire (Lev 23:36), burnt and grain and drink offerings (Lev 23:37),
and animal sacrifices, to the LORD.
189 Animals were sacrificed during The Feast of Booths, according to (Num 29:12-40).
Animals will be sacrificed during the Future Millennial Kingdom, according to (Ezek 46:1-15 + Other Verses).

Some **Commentators** say that **The Feast** of **Booths**, <u>will Not be Celebrated</u> in the Future <u>Millennial Kingdom</u>, as clearly said in Zech 14:16-19

They say we should apply a <u>Non-Literal Meaning</u> or <u>Figurative Meaning</u> or <u>Spiritual Meaning</u> "As it is impossible for all nations literally to come to Jerusalem once a year, to keep a feast, it is evident that a <u>figurative meaning</u> must here be applied", <u>Matthew Henry</u> "to keep the feast of tabernacles; <u>not literally</u>, but <u>spiritually</u>; for, as all the Jewish feasts have been long since abolished, having had their accomplishment in Christ, not one of them will ever be revived in the latter day", John Gill

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in the Future Millennial Kingdom, as clearly said in Zech 14:16-19 They say we should apply a <u>Normal Literal Meaning</u>

"The nations that once came up against Jerusalem for war will now come to the city for the three annual festivals, especially the climactic Feast of Booths, or Tabernacles, in the fall.

Like **Ezekiel** before him (Ezek 46:9–12), **Zechariah** envisages ongoing festival worship in renewed Israel but broadens this to include those from beyond Israel's bounds", ESV Study Bible

Hebrews 10:1-4

1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can <u>never</u>, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year,

make perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins ?

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

In Conclusion, The Feast of Booths, will be Celebrated

Sacrifices by Israel under the Law in the Old Testament, "those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year" and "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
"For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things"

Sacrifices by Israel in the Millennial Kingdom, "those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year" and "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. "For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things"

The intent of these sacrifices in the Old Testament was to Foreshadow the Future sacrifice of Jesus on Cross. The intent of these sacrifices in the Millennium is to Memorialize the Past sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.

"It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations" (Lev 23:41)

The Plague which the LORD <u>smites</u> the Nations, for Not <u>Celebrating</u> the Feast of Booths.

it will be that whichever of the families of the earth or the families of Egypt that does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. there will be no rain on them (the families).

This includes All People present in the Millennial Kingdom

Read Paragraph > Zechariah 14:20–21

Second Oracle (Part 3), Lord's Coming to Jerusalem, as King over Earth in that day, 14:1-21 Working Outline > Zechariah 14:20–21 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

K. In that day the Horses and the Cooking Pots will be Holy to the Lord, 14:20-21

1. 20 In that day there will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD."

2. And the **cooking pots** in **the LORD'S house** will be **like** the bowls before **the altar**.

3. 21 Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts;

4. and all who sacrifice will come and take of them (pots) and boil in them.

5. And there will no longer be a **Canaanite** in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

In that day holiness will characterize Millennial Kingdom:

in public life (the bells of the horses will say, "HOLY TO THE LORD.")
in religious life (the cooking pots will be Holy to the LORD in His House Millennial Temple, or Ezekiel's Temple, (Ezek 40–43),
in private life (every Pot will be Holy, in Jerusalem and Judah).

Everything at that time, will be set apart or "HOLY TO THE LORD,"

Just as the High-Priest, whose turban Plate was engraved with the phrase "HOLY TO THE LORD,"

was set apart for the service of the Lord

Exodus 28:36

36 "You shall also make a plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, 'Holy to the Lord.'

In that day Jerusalem will be Holy

Zechariah 8:3

3 "Thus says the Lord, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts (Jerusalem) will be called the Holy Mountain.'

There will no longer be a **Canaanite** in **the house** of **the LORD of hosts in that day**. In the **Old Testament** a **Canaanite** had become symbolic of anything unclean, ungodly, or cursed. **Canaan** was a Descendant of **Ham** one of **Noah's** 3 Sons, Gen 10:6. **Canaan** was **Cursed** by **Noah**, Gen 9:25. The Descendants of **Cursed Canaan** were: Read Gen 10:15-20 The Descendants of **Cursed Canaan** were the **Canaanites** who possessed "the land of the **Canaanites**" **Read** Exodus 3:7-8 + 3:17 **Abraham** told his servant to **not** take a **wife** for **Isaac** from the **Cursed Canaanites**, Genesis 24:3 + 24:37 **Isaac** told **Jacob** to **not** take a **wife** from the **Cursed Canaanites**, Genesis 28:1 + 28:6 Therefore, there will no longer be a **Cursed Canaanite** or any **Cursed People**, like a **Canaanite** in **the house** of **the LORD of hosts in that day**, Zech 14:21

Zechariah's prophetic book:

Began with: a call to repentance (Zech 1:2–6)

"Therefore say to them (Israel), 'Thus says the LORD of hosts,

"Return to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

Concludes with: an affirmation that, all will be Holy to the LORD in the Millennial Kingdom (Zech 14:20–21).