

# Book of Zechariah

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

Working Outline > Zechariah 14:10-11 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

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

1. 10 All the land (of Israel) will be changed 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 no longer be a curse,
  - a. for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

## Questions of the Text: Zechariah 14:10-11

All the land (in Israel) will be changed into a plain but Jerusalem will rise on its site 14:10-11 ¶

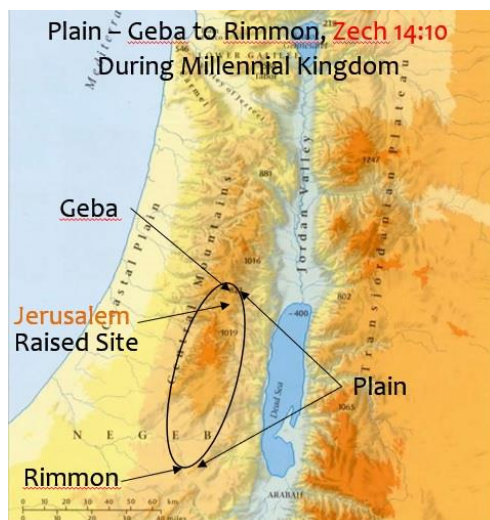
Geba is a town on the Northeast boundary of the Tribe of Benjamin (Josh 18:24, 2 Kings 23:8),

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 no longer be a curse,

for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

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 fall on them;
    - a. and they will seize 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 gathered, (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 gathered, (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 ¶
- 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
  - (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 celebrate the Feast of Booths. (Lev 23:33-43)
  - 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).
  - 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter,
  - then no rain will fall on them (Egypt);
  - it (no rain) will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations
    - a. who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.
  - 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 worship 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 Sökkot takes place

on the 15th day of the Hebrew month Tishri.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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, will Not be Celebrated**

in the Future **Millennial Kingdom**, as clearly said in **Zech 14:16-19**

**They** say we should apply a **Non-Literal Meaning** or **Figurative Meaning** or **Spiritual Meaning**

“As it is impossible for **all nations** **literally** to come to **Jerusalem** once a year, to keep a feast, it is evident that a **figurative meaning** must here be applied”, **Matthew Henry**

“to keep **the feast** of **tabernacles**; **not literally**, but **spiritually**; 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**

Some **Commentators** say that **The Feast of Booths, will be Celebrated**

in the Future **Millennial Kingdom**, as clearly said in **Zech 14:16-19**

**They** say we should apply a **Normal Literal Meaning**

“**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 **never**, 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** **smites** the **Nations**, for **Not Celebrating 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).