

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER TEN

Zechariah Lesson 87-89

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1. Last week I completed an analysis of Zechariah chapter nine and then we studied in part Zec 10:1-3. When time expired we were studying Zechariah's prophecy of the future proliferation of Israel's false shepherds.
2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will resume our analysis of Zechariah chapter ten but just for the record let me give you an expanded translation of chapter nine.

Expanded Translation

Zec 9:1 Oh Syria, will I ever discipline you, you and your capital Damascus will be destroyed first by Alexander and then by the Messiah when He returns; this ultimate judgment shall take place when the eyes of all Israel are upon the Lord as He descends from the Heavens.

Zec 9:2 Before their demise however both Syria and the city states of Tyre and Sidon shall grow strong and prosperous.

Zec 9:3 In fact Tyre shall become an impenetrable fortress, an island city impossible to siege; within her walls she shall layup riches of silver and gold; such treasure will however be first swept away like dust when Alexander arrives and then ultimately in spades when Christ returns.

Zec 9:4 Behold, the Lord shall cause her destruction and then push her into the sea and her strength shall be devoured with fire.

Zec 9:5 Even the Philistine city of Ashkelon shall see it and Gaza shall fear and Ekron shall be caused to be shaken and the hope of Ekron shall dry-up and the Kings of Gaza and Ashkelon shall wander in the desert lost and afraid.

Zec 9:6 And a foreign King shall rule Ashdod and the pride of Philistia will be destroyed.

Zec 9:7 And I will cause the idolatry of Ashdod to cease and her former fierceness will become like a lamb; in fact Ashdod will become like a city of Judah; Ekron will be defeated and become like the Jebusite city of Jerusalem when David assaulted her walls and made it his city.

Zec 9:8 And I will cause an army to camp outside My Holy City and these foreigners passing through shall do the city no harm because I have caused many eyes to see it. My eyes have always watched over my city.

Zec 9:9 Israel this is your day, shout for joy, be happy because Christ the Messiah, your King is coming to Jerusalem; He is the personification of righteousness and ever so gentle, He comes bringing salvation to all who would but accept Him. He will be riding on a donkey and closely following will be a colt the foal of that donkey.

Zec 9:10 The Christ will disarm all of Israel, there will be no need for war anymore for the Messiah shall be your protector. He will demand obedience from the nations, they will make war no more and He will rule the entire world as the King of kings.

Zec 9:11 He will become the Lamb of God who will be slaughtered for the sins of the world and He will make peace with God by His perfect sacrifice; as a result all prisoners will be released there will be no incarcerations when the Prince of Peace comes.

Zec 9:12 Until He comes you must trust in His promises and anticipate the day of deliverance; I will provide your every need; in fact you can expect and anticipate twice over that needed.

Zec 9:13 While waiting there will be trials but I promise to be up to the task of protecting you; Greece will invade your land and abuse you but I shall motivate and prepare a cadre of warriors who shall attack and defeat Antiochus the Great and you will become a sovereign nation.

Zec 9:14 After this and more, the Lord Himself shall appear on the horizon, He will come in a great ball of fire, like lightning shall Christ streak across the heavens. The Messiah will sound a trumpet blast which all the world will hear and He will descend to earth with a mighty army.

Zec 9:15 The Armies of the world will surround Jerusalem but the Lord will defend His people; The heavenly army commanded by the Messiah will route your enemies and their blood will flow and run down upon the ground like the blood of the sacrificial animals as when it is poured out on the Temple Altar.

Zec 9:16 Yes the Messiah will in one day save His people; Israel will sparkle in His land like Jewels in a King's crown.

Zec 9:17 How attractive will Israel be when Christ returns and establishes His perfect environment; the land will prosper, the young men will display ecstatic happiness and the young ladies of the land will blossom like fresh grapes glistening in the sun on a perfect day.

3. Now let's return to our study of chapter ten.

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Zec 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Zec 10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Zec 10:3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

Zec 10:4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

Zec 10:5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the Riders on horses shall be confounded.

Zec 10:6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

Zec 10:7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

Zec 10:8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

4. As is our new modus operandi, let's review each verse in more detail.

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Zec 10:1 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone.

Principles

1. God is described as the One who ultimately brings victory to Israel.

2. God will punish her shepherds (Israel's ecclesiastical leaders) who did not properly care for the flock.

3. God will in the future raise-up Judah as a power for God.

3.1 Inherent in the meaning of verse one is the sovereignty of God, one of His essences. This is embodied in the phrase it is the LORD who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone.

4. Sovereignty - God has the supreme volition and always has possessed the powerful rulership of all things.

4.1 There is no higher power or higher volition.

4.2 All things are subject unto Him.

4.3 Everything falls under the permissive Will of God and that certainly includes that which has and will happen to Israel.

4.4 God desires the best for His family and His people but because of volition and imperfect choices, He provides less than the best, tainted but perfect.

4.5 God is sovereign and there will come a time at the Second Advent when the Father will say to the Son: now is Your time, implement operation footstool. Until then however the Lord laughs from heaven at how serious man considers him and herself. Psa 2:1-4; 100:3; 194:17-35; Phi 2:10-11; Isa 45:23; Rom 14:11 and Rev 5:13.

5. In verses two and three Zechariah addresses the problem of false teachers in Israel. Israel's prophets, priests, kings and scribes will fail Israel miserably. They are called by Zechariah shepherds.

Zec 10:2 The idols speak deceit, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd.

Zec 10:3 "My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the LORD Almighty will care for his flock, the house of Judah, and make them like a proud horse in battle.

1. Jeremiah, like most of the pre-exilic prophets had to contend with many false prophets.

Jer 6:13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

Jer 6:14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Lam 2:14 The visions of your prophets were false and worthless; they did not expose your sin to ward off your captivity. The oracles they gave you were false and misleading.

2. During the incarnation of Christ, many false prophets existed; they were the Scribes, the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Luk 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Mat 3:7 But when John the Baptist saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Mat 23:2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

Mat 23:3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

Mat 23:4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Mat 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

Mat 23:6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

Mat 23:7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

Mat 23:8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Mat 23:10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

Mat 23:11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Mat 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Mat 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

Mat 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! β for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Mat 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Mat 23:16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

Mat 23:17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

Mat 23:18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

Mat 23:19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

Mat 23:20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

Mat 23:21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

Mat 23:22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Mat 23:24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Mat 23:25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Mat 23:26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Mat 23:29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

Mat 23:30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

Mat 23:31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

Mat 23:32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

Mat 23:33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Mat 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

3. Now let's see what Zechariah has to say about the extent of Israel's Kingdom to come.

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Zec 10:4 From Judah will come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler.

Zec 10:5 Together they will be like mighty men trampling the muddy streets in battle. Because the LORD is with them, they will fight and overthrow the horsemen.

Zec 10:6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.

1. The promise of blessing on the Ephraimites would seem to describe the extent of the blessing, certainly to include the entire Northern Kingdom.

1.1 At the death of Solomon the Kingdom was split with ten tribes under Jeroboam becoming the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and Judah becoming the Southern Kingdom (Judah).

1.2 Israel became involved in idol worship early in their existence; they even set up an altar at Shiloh to serve for the Temple at Jerusalem.

1.3 For their early idolatry Assyria was used of the Lord to discipline them in 721 B.C. It would be another 115 years before Judah would succumb to idolatry and be disciplined by the Babylonians.

1.4 The message to Zechariah seems to be even the Northern Kingdom, often called Ephraim or the Ephraimites, will become a blessed people, sharing in the Lord's regathering.

Zec 10:7 The Ephraimites will become like mighty men, and their hearts will be glad as with wine. Their children will see it and be joyful; their hearts will rejoice in the LORD.

Zec 10:8 I will signal for them and gather them in. Surely I will redeem them; they will be as numerous as before.

2. The regathering of Israel is promised in Zec 10:9-12.

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Zec 10:9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

Zec 10:10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them.

Zec 10:11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

Zec 10:12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

Principles

1. Though God will scatter Israel in distant lands, they will survive and come back from Egypt, Assyria, and other parts of the world.

2. Israel is scattered today. Their present dispersion began in A.D. 70 at the hands of Roman's finest.

3. Israel in the land today represent only 6,000, 000 ethnic Jews who have chosen to live in a tiny little land; they are no different than the many Jews who live in Miami, New York City, Hollywood etc.

4. It is important for all to know the ethnic Jews in Israel today are in no way part of a regathering.

5. This because there are no spiritual Jews today and only real or spiritual Israel will be involved in a regathering. Two Scriptures will illustrate this point.

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

6. The regathering and blessing will only come after a time of trial. Zec 10:9-12

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Zec 10:10 I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to Gilead and Lebanon, and there will not be room enough for them.

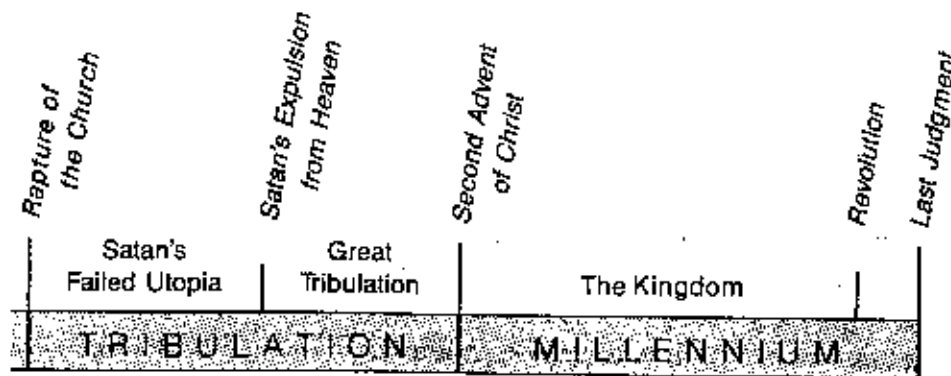
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Principles

1. When they pass through the "sea of trouble" they will be strengthened in contrast to their prior defeats and dispersions. The trials of the Tribulation will make Israel (believing Israel) strong. The Tribulation is a seven year period immediately following the rapture of the Church.

2. The Tribulation period is ended by the second advent of Jesus which ushers in the Millennium.



3. In many Scriptures Jesus alluded to Israel's failures and the discipline which would befall them.

Mat 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are ...

Mat 23:33 "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?

Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

Mat 23:38 Look, your house is left to you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

4. The restoration of Israel will not occur until our Lord returns at the second advent.

5. In Mat 24:21-25 Jesus graphically declares the horror of the Tribulation.

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again.

Mat 24:22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Mat 24:23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

Mat 24:24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect--if that were possible.

Mat 24:25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

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Zechariah Lesson 88

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2. We will need to review some of that learned and then I will resume our analysis of Zechariah chapter ten but first an expanded translation of Zec 10:1-8.

Zec 10:1 You must remember it is God Who brings the rain in the spring and it is the Lord Who makes the storm clouds. He and He alone brings the rain which waters the fields and causes abundant harvests.

Zec 10:2 In contrast the idols and their diviners speak deceit; they lie; they divine from all manner of dreams and visions; they offer comfort to My people and My people buy into their mischief because there are no true shepherds; the teachers of Israel have abandoned My Word and in fact oppress My people with onerous rules and regulations invented to enslave them.

Zec 10:3 As I watch from heaven My anger burns; the shepherds of Israel, the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees enslave Israel with man-made rules; one day however when I come as the deliverer I will care for My flock and I will make Israel a proud war horse charging against helpless infantry.

Zec 10:4 As the Messiah I will rule from Judah; I will be the cornerstone for every nation, the tent peg which holds the world in place and the warrior prince upon which all nations will rely.

Zec 10:5 Israel will become like mighty warriors entering a conquered city; the source of their power will again be the Lord and the Lord only, they will march against and defeat all the armies of the world.

Zec 10:6 Yes I will be Israel's source of power and strength for I shall deliver My people from the powers of darkness and I will make them compassionate by means of My New Covenant; they will again be my people; in fact it will be as though they never experienced the fifth cycle of discipline for I will once again become their God and I will answer again their prayers.

Zec 10:7 Even the northern kingdom which loved idolatry will be blessed; their hearts will be changed and they will be happy in My service; their children will be happy and they will rejoice in the Lord.

Zec 10:8 When I return I will call all My sheep and will lead them back to the land; they will become as numerous as they once were, a people as numerous as the sand of the sea and as the stars in the sky.

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3. In many Scriptures Jesus alluded to Israel's failures and the discipline which would befall them.
4. The complete restoration of Israel will not occur until our Lord returns at the Second Advent. There must however be associated judgments
5. There are many Scriptures which reference a judgment of Israel both during and immediately following the Tribulation. For example Ezekiel writes:

Eze 20:34 I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered--with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

Eze 20:35 I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you.

Eze 20:36 As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 20:37 I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

Eze 20:38 I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me. Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

5.1 At Christ's Second Advent, the Lord will also deliver many and judge the Jewish remnant.

5.2 Vast numbers will have already been put to death (Zec 13:8-9), but those who survive will be delivered by Christ when He comes (Zec 14:1-9 and Rom 11:26).

Zec 13:8 "In the whole land," declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.

Zec 13:9 This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'

Zec 14:1 A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you.

Zec 14:2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Zec 14:5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

Zec 14:6 On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost.

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime-- a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light.

Zec 14:8 On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.

Zec 14:9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob."

5.2.1 The definition of all Israel is believing Israel:

Rom 9:6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.

5.3 All the Israelites who are delivered from their enemies, however, are not worthy to enter the kingdom, as some of them are unsaved. They will be gathered before the Lord and judged at His second coming; in addition to Eze 20:34-38, further documentation can be found in two contextual parables (Mat 25:1-30).

5.4 There will first be a regathering of every Israelite from the entire world says Eze 39:28.

Eze 39:28 Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind.

5.5 On the basis of this text, regathered Israel is divided into two classes of people those who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah and Savior and are counted worthy to enter the kingdom, and those who are still rebels.

Ten Virgins

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Mat 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Mat 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Mat 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Mat 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The Parable of the Talents

Mat 25:14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

Mat 25:15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

Mat 25:16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

Mat 25:17 So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

Mat 25:18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Mat 25:19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Mat 25:20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

Mat 25:21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Mat 25:22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

Mat 25:23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Mat 25:24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

Mat 25:25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

Mat 25:26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

Mat 25:27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

Mat 25:28 "Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

Mat 25:29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Mat 25:30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

5.6 Unbelievers are excluded and put to death. While Israel as a nation is a favored nation, and while God has showered special blessings upon them, personal salvation is a result of individual faith in the Messiah.

5.7 As it has been throughout the ages, so at this time there are those who are counted "true Israel" (that is, saved) and those who are nominal Israel (that is, unsaved).

5.7.1 As Paul expresses it in Rom 9:6-13, "they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." In Rom 9:8, he describes the unsaved as "the children of the flesh" who are "not the children of God."

Rom 9:6 It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.

Rom 9:7 Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Rom 9:8 In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

Rom 9:9 For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

Rom 9:10 Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac.

Rom 9:11 Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad-- in order that God's purpose in election might stand:

Rom 9:12 not by works but by him who calls-- she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

Rom 9:13 Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

5.7.2 The purging of the rebels will leave only the redeemed, and it will be their privilege to enter the land and possess it, in contrast to the unsaved, of whom God states, "They shall not enter into the land of Israel" (Eze 20:38).

6. In Mat 24:21-25 Jesus graphically declares the horror of the Tribulation.

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again.

Mat 24:22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Mat 24:23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

Mat 24:24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect--if that were possible.

7. The Tribulation is definitely a time for Israel and it is a time of indignation. Several of the prophets have chosen the metaphor of the smelting pot for the discipline and reclaiming of Israel.

Eze 22:19 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Because you have all become dross, I will gather you into Jerusalem.

Eze 22:20 As men gather silver, copper, iron, lead and tin into a furnace to melt it with a fiery blast, so will I gather you in my anger and my wrath and put you inside the city and melt you.

Eze 22:21 I will gather you and I will blow on you with my fiery wrath, and you will be melted inside her.

Eze 22:22 As silver is melted in a furnace, so you will be melted inside her, and you will know that I the LORD have poured out my wrath upon you."

Zec 13:9 The third part which is left I will bring through the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'

Mal 3:1 "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

Mal 3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.

Mal 3:3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

8. Isaiah speaks of the destruction with specificity.

Isa 13:5 They come from faraway lands, from the ends of the heavens--the LORD and the weapons of his wrath--to destroy the whole country.

Isa 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Isa 13:7 Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt.

Isa 13:8 Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame.

Isa 13:9 See, the day of the LORD is coming--a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger--to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.

Isa 26:20 Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

Isa 26:21 See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer.

Isa 27:1 In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword, his fierce, great and powerful sword, Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.

9. During the Tribulation in an effort to eradicate the Jew, the Devil will foster a period of unparalleled anti-Semitism and launch a concentrated attack against all Israel.

10. If no Jews survive, Christ cannot fulfill His promises to them. God accordingly sees to it that one-third of Israel survives.

Zec 13:8 In the whole land," declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.

11. Two important factors will facilitate the acceleration of Satan's activities in the Tribulation.

11.1 Removal from the earth of all believers at the rapture.

1Th 4:13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.
 1Th 4:14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
 1Th 4:15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.
 1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
 1Th 4:17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
 1Th 4:18 Therefore you out to comfort one another with these words of promise.

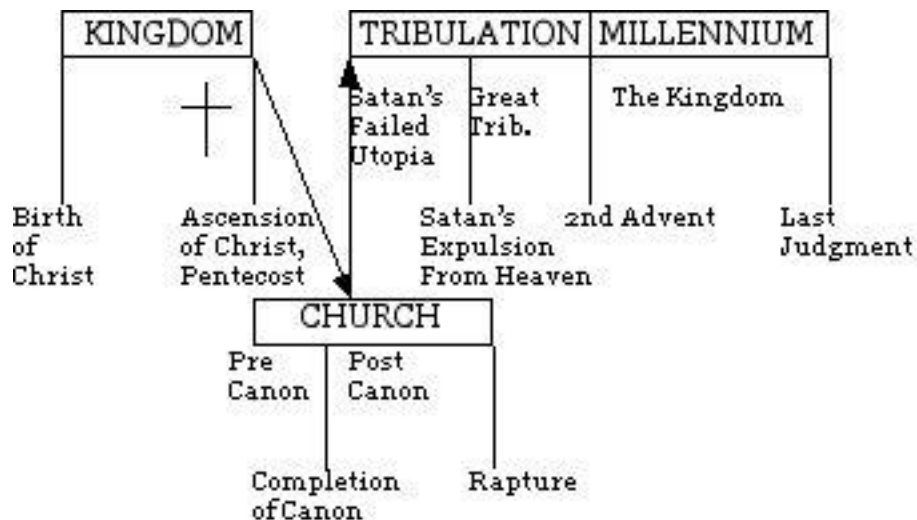
11.2 Removal of the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit.

2Th 2:6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.
 2Th 2:7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

12. The 4 major powers of the Tribulation are: the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire, the King of the Orient, the King of the North and the King of the South.

13. There is a 5th power coming into view at the end of the Tribulation and this is the Lord Jesus Christ.

14. As the Tribulation begins a treaty is made with the Anti-Christ (the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire) and the False Prophet of Israel.



15. A Period of peace ensues for Israel and they disarm themselves thinking the

Messianic Age is upon them and most Jews would seem to believe that either the antichrist is the Messiah or the False Prophet. This in a decided secular sense perhaps, but none the less they place great faith in the power of these two men.

16. Three and one-half years into the Tribulation the Anti-Christ will break his word with Israel and break his treaty with Israel. He has permitted worship in the Temple but after some 42 months into the time of Jacob's trouble" he refuses to permit their liturgy and instead demands they worship an Image of himself which he places in the "false temple" located in Jerusalem.

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

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Zechariah Lesson 89

1-26-2005

1. Last week I completed an analysis of the tenth chapter of the Book of Zechariah; when time expired we were in the process of looking at several principles derived from that chapter.

2. We will need to review some of that learned and then I will resume our study of the significant events of the Tribulation as such events relate to Zechariah chapter ten, but first an expanded translation of the chapter.

Expanded Translation

Zec 10:1 You must remember it is God Who brings the rain in the spring and it is the Lord Who makes the storm clouds. He and He alone brings the rain which waters the fields and causes abundant harvests.

Zec 10:2 In contrast the idols and their diviners speak deceit; they lie; they divine from all manner of dreams and visions; they offer comfort to My people and My people buy into their mischief because there are no true shepherds; the teachers of Israel have abandoned My Word and in fact oppress My people with onerous rules and regulations invented to enslave them.

Zec 10:3 As I watch from heaven My anger burns; the shepherds of Israel, the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees enslave Israel with man-made rules; one day however when I come as the deliverer I will care for My flock and I will make Israel a proud war horse charging against helpless infantry.

Zec 10:4 As the Messiah I will rule from Judah; I will be the cornerstone for every nation, the tent peg which holds the world in place and the warrior prince upon which all nations will rely.

Zec 10:5 Israel will become like mighty warriors entering a conquered city; the source of their power will again be the Lord and the Lord only, they will march against and defeat all the armies of the world.

Zec 10:6 Yes I will be Israel's source of power and strength for I shall deliver My people from the powers of darkness and I will make them compassionate by means of My New Covenant; they will again be my people; in fact it will be as though they never experienced the fifth cycle of discipline for I will once again become their God and I will answer again their prayers.

Zec 10:7 Even the northern kingdom which loved idolatry will be blessed; their hearts will be changed and they will be happy in My service; their children will be happy and they will rejoice in the Lord.

Zec 10:8 When I return I will call all My sheep and will lead them back to the land; they will become as numerous as they once were, a people as numerous as the sand of the sea and as the stars in the sky.

Zec 10:9 And although I disciplined Israel severely by scattering them among the nations, I will remember each and every one of them; both they and their believing descendants will survive and be brought back to the Promised Land.

Zec 10:10 Yes I will bring true Israel back from Egypt, Assyria, Gilead and Lebanon; the returnees shall be so numerous that the land itself will be overrun with Jews returning from all over the world.

Zec 10:11 They will survive much tribulation but the surging sea of trouble will be subdued and the horrors experienced in Egypt and Assyria will become a thing of the past.

Zec 10:12 For I will strengthen them in the LORD and in his Name they will walk; I, as the Lord God of the universe, guarantee it. And so declared the Lord of the Armies.

Principles

1. Though God will scatter Israel in distant lands, they will survive.
2. Israel is scattered today. Their present dispersion began in A.D. 70 at the hands of the Romans.
3. Israel in the land today represents only 6,000,000 ethnic Jews who have chosen to live in a tiny little land.



4. It is important for all to know the ethnic Jews in Israel today are in no way part of a regathering.
5. This because there are no spiritual Jews today and only real or spiritual Israel will be involved in a regathering.
6. The regathering and blessing will only come after a time of trial. Zec 10:9-11
7. When they pass through the "sea of trouble" they will be strengthened in contrast to their prior defeats and dispersions. The trials of the Tribulation will make Israel (believing Israel) strong. Zec 10:12
8. The Tribulation period is ended by the second advent of Jesus which ushers in the Millennium.
9. The complete restoration of Israel will not occur until our Lord returns at the Second Advent. The survivors of the Tribulation, at the Second Advent, are judged by the returning Christ to determine who will go with Him into the Millennium.
10. The Gentile survivors are first judged and then the Jewish survivors are judged. Only believers are taken with Him into the Millennium, unbelievers are cast into the Lake of Fire.
11. There are many Scriptures which reference a judgment of Israel both during and immediately following the Tribulation. Eze 13:8-9 and Eze 20:34-38;
12. On the basis of these passages (Eze 13:8-9 and Eze 20:34-38) and the parables of the virgins, talents and pounds, regathered Israel is divided into two classes of people: those who have accepted Jesus as their Messiah and are thus counted worthy to enter the kingdom, and those who are still rebels and are worthy only of damnation.
13. As it has been throughout the ages, so at this time there are those who are counted "true Israel" (that is, saved) and those who are nominal Israel (that is, unsaved or Israel in name only).

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Rom 9:9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

Rom 9:10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

14. The purging of the rebels will leave only the redeemed, and it will be their privilege to enter the land and possess it, in contrast to the unsaved, of whom God states, "They shall not enter into the land of Israel."

Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

15. The Tribulation is definitely a time for Israel and it is a time of indignation. Several of the prophets have chosen the metaphor of the smelting pot for the discipline and reclaiming of Israel.

Eze 22:19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem ...

Eze 22:22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Mal 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

16. During the Tribulation in an effort to eradicate the Jew, the Devil will foster a period of unparalleled Anti-Semitism and launch a concentrated attack against all Israel. If no Jews survive, Christ cannot fulfill His promises to deliver them.

17. Two important factors will facilitate the acceleration of Satan's activities in the Tribulation: the Rapture, 1Th 4:13 18 and the removal of the Holy Spirit, 2Th 2:6-12.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

18. As the Tribulation begins a treaty is made with the Anti-Christ (the Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire) and the False Prophet of Israel.

19. A Period of peace ensues for Israel and they disarm themselves thinking the Messianic Age is upon them and many Jews believe the antichrist is the Messiah.

20. Three and one-half years into the Tribulation the Anti-Christ will break his seven year treaty with Israel. He has for 3 1/2 years permitted worship in the Temple but after some 42 months into the time of Jacob's trouble" he refuses to permit their liturgy and instead demands they worship an Image of himself which he places in the "faux temple" located in Jerusalem.

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months - the last three and one-half years.

21. Elijah and Moses are a thorn in the side of the Antichrist and his program during the first three and one-half years of the Tribulation.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

22. In the middle of the Tribulation the Antichrist and the False Prophet exercise unprecedented control over planet earth. This because the devil is denied future access to heaven; accordingly he arrives on planet earth with a vengeance to indwell the Antichrist.

Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him (the Antichrist) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

23. Just as Mary and Joseph traveled to Egypt where they were protected by Gentiles so will many Jews be so protected by gentiles during the Tribulation--especially during the last three and one-half years - a time called the Great Tribulation.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night ...

Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

24. Daniel writes to Israel of their future trial and potential deliverance in Daniel chapter twelve.

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Dan 12:5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

Dan 12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

25. Accordingly in the first half of the Tribulation the world will be evangelized by 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Rev 7:1-4), by angels (Rev 14:6 & 7) and even by a reincarnated Moses and Elijah, (Rev 11:3-13.)

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

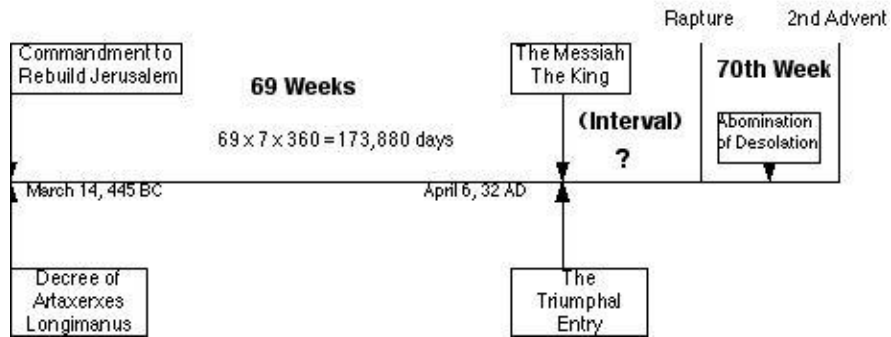
Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

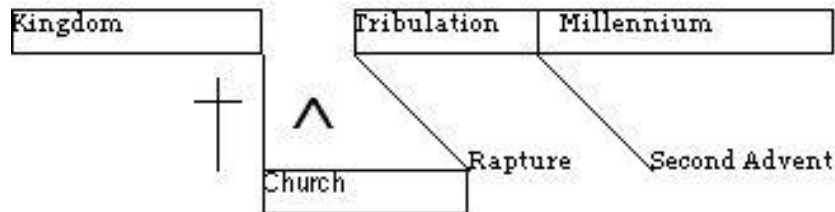
Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.
 Rev 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

26. Additionally there are 7 seals, 7 trumpets and 7 vials representing seven cataclysmic pressures to jolt humanity into faith in Christ.

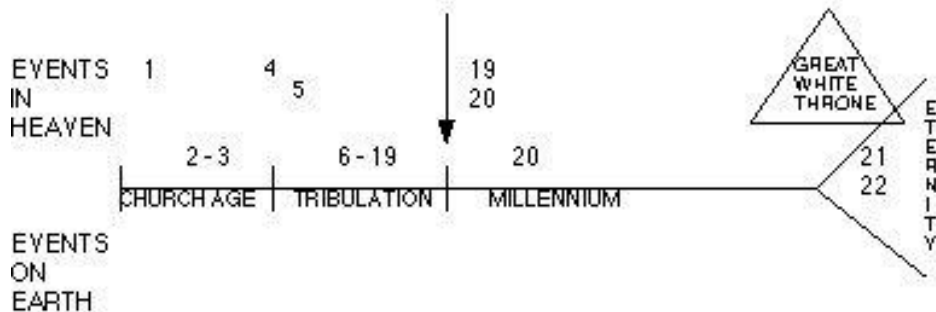
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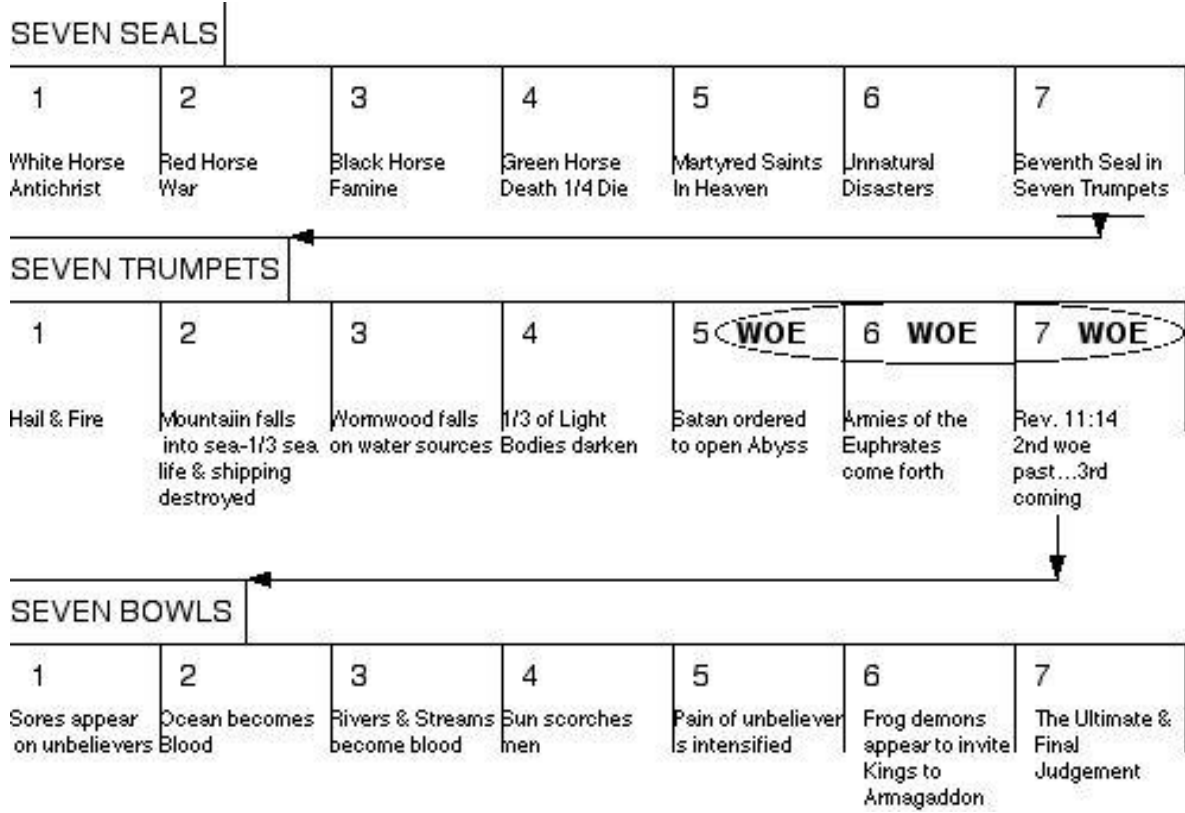


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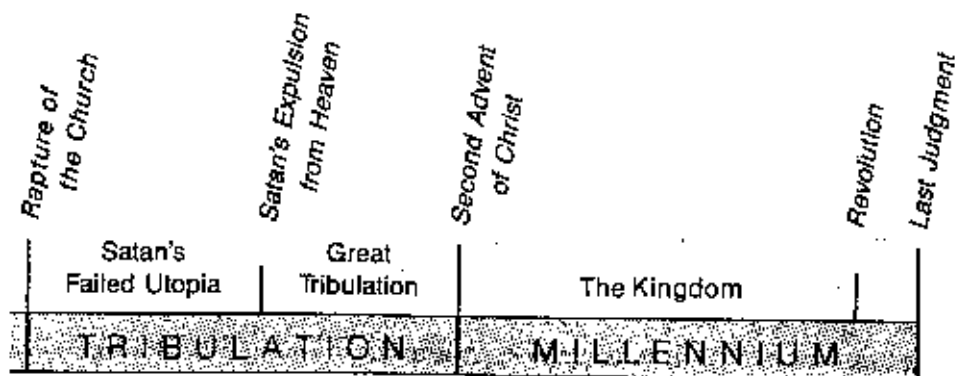
AN OVERVIEW OF REVELATION





27. After the Second Advent Israel will be healed and the perfect Kingdom established by the Lord Jesus Christ.

28. Zechariah chapter ten teaches many prophecies which are yet to be fulfilled.



29. Now for chapter eleven and a description of an apostate Israel who first rejects Jesus Christ as their Messiah, is led astray by many false teachers and then in the Tribulation encounters the ultimate false teacher.

30. Let's first see how the chapter has been translated in the KJV.

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Zec 11:1 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

Zec 11:2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

Zec 11:3 There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

Zec 11:4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

Zec 11:5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

Zec 11:6 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.

Zec 11:7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.

Zec 11:8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

Zec 11:9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

Zec 11:10 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.

Zec 11:11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD.

Zec 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

Zec 11:13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Zec 11:14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Zec 11:15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

Zec 11:16 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.

Zec 11:17 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.

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