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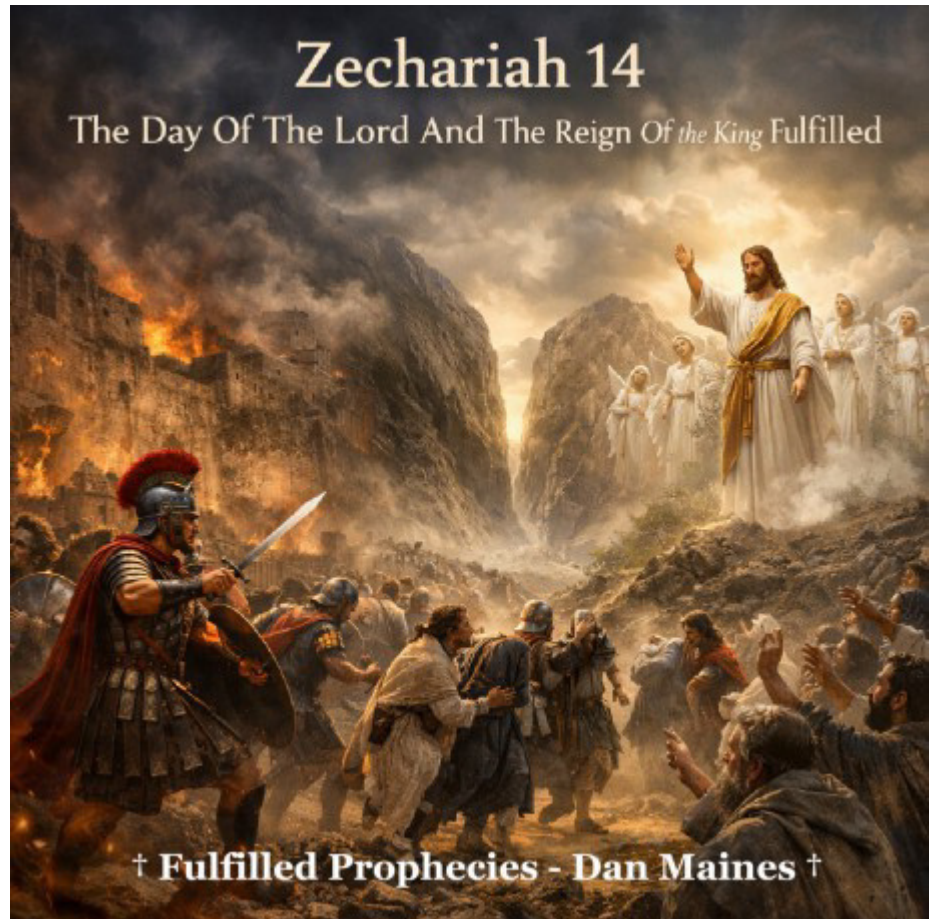
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## Zechariah 14 The Day Of The Lord And The Reign Of The King Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Zechariah 14 is often misunderstood as a future global event, but when we let scripture interpret scripture, we see it points directly to the judgment of Jerusalem and the full establishment of Christ's kingdom in that generation, just as Jesus said it would happen (Matthew 24:34)

† This chapter brings together judgment, separation, and

restoration, all fulfilled in the events leading up to and including AD 70, when the old covenant world passed away and the new covenant stood complete (Hebrews 8:13)

† What many push into our future was already fulfilled in their past, exactly on time, exactly as spoken (Luke 21:22)

### **Zechariah 14:1**

Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

† This is not some distant future day, it is the same day Jesus spoke of, the day of Jerusalem's destruction (Luke 21:20-22)

† The spoiling of the city happened when Rome surrounded and destroyed Jerusalem, just as prophesied (Matthew 22:7)

† This was their day of the Lord, not ours (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16)

### **Zechariah 14:2**

For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women raped, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be eliminated from the city.

† Rome gathered soldiers from many nations under its empire, fulfilling this exactly (Luke 21:24)

† Josephus records the horrors inside Jerusalem during the siege, confirming this prophecy in detail (Wars of the Jews 5.10.5)

† This aligns perfectly with Jesus' warning about captivity and destruction (Luke 21:24)

### **Zechariah 14:3**

Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

† God did not physically appear in the sky, He judged through the Roman armies as His instrument (Isaiah 10:5-6)

† This is consistent with how God judged nations throughout the Old Testament (Habakkuk 1:6)

† Rome became the instrument of divine judgment against apostate Israel (Matthew 21:40-41)

### **Zechariah 14:4**

On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east, 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.

† This is covenantal language, not a literal splitting of a mountain (Micah 1:3-4)

† The Mount of Olives is where Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse about this very judgment (Matthew 24:3)

† The splitting represents a way of escape for believers (Luke 21:21)

### **Zechariah 14:5**

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. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

† Christians fled Jerusalem before AD 70, exactly as Jesus commanded (Matthew 24:16)

† Early historians confirm believers escaped to Pella before the destruction (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

† The coming of the Lord here is judgment language, not a physical descent (Matthew 16:27-28)

### **Zechariah 14:6-7**

On that day there will be no light; the luminaries will die out. 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.

† This is symbolic language of judgment, just like Jesus used (Matthew 24:29)

† The darkening represents the fall of the old covenant system (Isaiah 13:10)

† The light afterward points to the new covenant reality in Christ (John 1:5)

### **Zechariah 14:8**

And on 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.

† These living waters represent the gospel going out to the nations (John 7:38)

† This fulfills the promise of life flowing from Christ (John 4:14)

† After Jerusalem's fall, the gospel spread without restraint (Acts 1:8)

### **Zechariah 14:9**

And the Lord will be King over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.

† Christ's reign was fully established after the judgment of Jerusalem (Daniel 7:14)

† He now reigns over all nations, not just Israel (Ephesians 1:20-22)

† There is no future waiting for His kingship, He reigns now (1 Corinthians 15:25)

### **Zechariah 14:10-11**

All the land will change into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; 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. People will live in it, and there will no longer be a

curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

† This points to the new Jerusalem, not the old physical city (Revelation 21:2)

† The removal of the curse is fulfilled in Christ (Revelation 22:3)

† This is covenant restoration, not geography (Hebrews 12:22)

### **Zechariah 14:12-15**

Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; 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.

† This describes the judgment during the Roman siege (Luke 19:43-44)

† Josephus records disease, decay, and extreme suffering (Wars of the Jews 6.3.4)

† This is prophetic imagery of destruction, not modern warfare (Deuteronomy 28:52)

### **Zechariah 14:16**

Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of armies, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

† This represents ongoing worship under the new covenant (John 4:23)

† The Feast of Booths pointed to God dwelling with His people (Leviticus 23:43)

† This is fulfilled in Christ dwelling with His people (Revelation 21:3)

### **Zechariah 14:17-19**

And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of armies,

there will be no rain on them.

† This is covenant blessing and curse language (Deuteronomy 28:23-24)

† Acceptance of Christ brings life, rejection brings dryness (John 15:6)

† This reflects spiritual reality, not literal weather patterns (Amos 8:11)

### **Zechariah 14:20-21**

On that day there will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, HOLY TO THE LORD. And the cooking pots in the Lord's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

† Everything becomes holy under the new covenant (1 Peter 2:5)

† There is no longer a separation between sacred and common (Colossians 3:17)

† The temple system is fulfilled and replaced in Christ (John 2:19-21)

### **Historical References**

† Josephus describes the siege, famine, and destruction of Jerusalem in detail (Wars of the Jews)

† Eusebius records that Christians fled Jerusalem before its fall (Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

† Tacitus confirms the destruction and devastation of Jerusalem (Histories 5.13)

### **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We're not waiting for this to happen, it's already fulfilled, so we live in the reality of Christ's kingdom now (Luke 17:20-21)

† There's no fear of a coming destruction like this, that judgment already happened (Hebrews 12:28)

† We walk in the living water now, the gospel is already flowing

(John 7:38)

† Christ is already King, we're not waiting for Him to become King (Acts 2:36)

† The old covenant system is gone, and we live fully in the new covenant reality (Hebrews 10:9)

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** When did Zechariah 14 happen

**A** It was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 (Luke 21:20-22)

**Q** Is the Mount of Olives splitting literal

**A** No, it's symbolic covenant language (Micah 1:3-4)

**Q** Are the living waters literal rivers

**A** No, they represent the gospel (John 7:38)

**Q** Is Jesus already reigning as King

**A** Yes, His kingdom is established now (Daniel 7:14)

**Q** Do we still wait for this prophecy

**A** No, it was fulfilled in that generation (Matthew 24:34)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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