

The 12 Minor Prophets

“Do you get second chances? Yes, until the coming Day of the Lord”

Zechariah 14

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INTRODUCTION

Who was Zechariah?

- A Priest

When did he Prophesy?

- Around 520BC, shortly after Haggai, and about 550 years prior to the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What is the main theme?

- After the initial return to Jerusalem, about 20 years later, there were many social and political hardships for the people in Judah as they sought to reestablish their identity.
- Zechariah deals with their struggles, discouragement, and sin by reminding the people that God is ever-present, demanded their obedience, and would establish His kingdom presence with His people once again.

What is the aim?

- To cause the people of God to return to Him, hope in Him, by delivering the prophetic message of His presence and future kingdom.

What is the overarching question?

- Do you get second chances?

A. Battles Waged...War Won (vv.1-5)

1. A day...for the Lord
 - a) This is the Lord's day
 - b) We are the beneficiaries & participants in His glory
2. A literal day of apparent loss
 - a) Nations assembled
 - (1) Israel is intact
 - (2) Enemies surround
 - b) Spoils divided
3. A literal day of absolute victory
 - a) Christ will conquer
 - b) A split of the Mt. of Olives
 - (1) What Christ has done
 - (2) What Christ will do
 - c) Victory for dwelling

B. Establishment of God's City (vv.6-11)

1. What's absent in the City
 - a) Parallels **12:1**
 - b) Light, cold, frost
2. What's present in the City
 - a) Evening light
 - b) Living waters
 - c) The King
 - d) His people

3. What the City looks like
 - a) Elevated
 - b) Surrounding plains
 - c) People...secured, happy people

C. Enemy Nations Judged (vv.12-15)

1. Plague

2. Panic Stricken
 - a) Plundered
 - b) Famine
 - c) Every single thing the nations have come to find strength and solace in will be utterly decimated

D. Spiritual Nation Assembled (vv.16-19)

1. Mercy extended to the repentant Gentiles (final offering)
2. Rebellion is (ultimately) the refusal to Worship God

E. Resident Holiness (vv.20-21)

1. Every "little" thing
2. Holy dwelling
 - a) Without holiness, no one sees Him, much less dwells with him
 - b) **Hebrews 12:14**
 - c) **1 Peter 1:13-16**

3. Remembrance of redemption

- a) Where there are renewal of feasts or sacrifices, they are remembrances
- b) Christ purified it all

Application (2 Peter 3:11-18)

A. Be encouraged...but encouragement isn't passive, nor does it occur in a vacuum

B. Pursuit of Holiness (vv.11-13)

1. Live like He is and you will be
2. Personally & Corporately

C. Persistence in Mission (vv.14-17)

1. God's accomplishment
2. God's instruments

D. Perseverance in Growth (v.18)

1. Grow in grace & knowledge (gnosis) in Christ
2. Grow for His glory
3. Grow into eternity