

**"Zechariah's Second Burden"**

**Part 9**

**Zechariah 12-14**

**Introduction:** When sin entered into the world many things happened. One of the tragedies was the disappearance of the Kingdom and the fact that Satan became the god of this world. Because of this sin the entire world would come under the curse, even the planet itself. From that time forward the earth has been looking for the day when it would be set free.

**Romans 8:19-23**

*<sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

*<sup>20</sup> For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

*<sup>21</sup> Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

*<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

*<sup>23</sup> And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

This day will come when Jesus Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation and He establishes His Kingdom. Everything that was lost will be restored. In our study today we will see glimpses of this deliverance.

➤ **"Kingdom Conditions"**

**Notice Zechariah 14:8-9**

Last week we looked at verse 8 and considered the fountain/river and now as we move on, we see that Zechariah tells us that Jesus will be the King over all the earth in that day and He will be the One Lord. Let me just remind you that Jesus is NOT reigning as King today because He is not on His throne.

**Revelation 3:21**

<sup>21</sup> *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

Getting back to our text, Jesus will be the ONLY Lord because all false gods will be destroyed.

### **Zechariah 13:1-2**

*In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*

<sup>2</sup> *And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that **I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also, I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.***

At the end of the Tribulation every false god and every false prophet and idol will be exterminated from the land. So, getting back to our verse, when the false gods are gone it will be then that our Lord will reign in the Kingdom. Now when Jesus returns to the earth, He will bring an end to what is known as the Times of the Gentiles. He will rid the earth of the kingdom of Satan. Let us notice the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had.

### **Daniel 2:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> *Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.*

<sup>32</sup> *This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,*

<sup>33</sup> *His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.*

<sup>34</sup> *Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.*

<sup>35</sup> *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and **filled the whole earth.***

In this dream the gold represented Babylon, the arms of silver represented the Medes and the Persians, the brass represented Greece and the brass represented the Roman

Empire as well as the revived Roman Empire. Then the Stone that smashed them all is the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom will fill the earth.

Now Satan has been busy organizing people and events to bring about his kingdom that will exist in the Tribulation. There is a Prophetic pattern that can be observed in the Tribulation that will help us to understand a little more of what has been happening in our world. Let me explain the pattern.

1. **Crisis** - This will come when the Rapture happens.
2. **Chaos** - The removal of demonic restraints. The wars and rumors of wars.
3. **Calm** - This will come with the peace treaty and one world government.
4. **Compliance** - This will come when people submit to the government of the Anti-Christ.
5. **Control** - This will be seen in the restrictions, and the mark of the Beast/666.

Now just to help you to see that Satan is at work to bring this kingdom about please allow me to bring something alongside these points to show you.

- a. **Crisis** - Covid 2019.
- b. **Chaos** - Panic and fear.
- c. **Calm** - Wear masks and social distancing.
- d. **Compliance** - The majority of people bought into the shutdowns and the masks as well as the social distancing.
- e. **Control** - There were businesses closed down and people not permitted to go to work. Satan became too aggressive and pushed his agenda through those willing to cooperate.

The roadblock that Satan hit was the people who used their ability to think and stood up because they could see through what was happening. People who refused to comply slowed down the entire process. Let me just say that they are still riding the Covid pony because they need a crisis to control the masses. The entire Covid situation was a precursor to the Tribulation. We can see it clearly when we place it alongside the prophetic pattern that will unfold in the Tribulation.

Today they also have another crisis that they are pushing. It is climate change. They are using this in an attempt to control the masses. Before we leave this point, I want to touch upon one more thing. Why do so many people buy into what Satan is doing and then they actually serve his purpose?

**Romans 1:18-24**

*<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;*

*<sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.*

*<sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

*<sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*<sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

*<sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

*<sup>24</sup> Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

The masses have suppressed the Truth which God gave them and He has now lifted the moral restraints on our nation. Now they are walking in spiritual darkness.

#### **Ephesians 4:17-19**

*<sup>17</sup> This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

*<sup>18</sup> Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

*<sup>19</sup> Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

God is continuing to dim the light and the darkness in the lives of these people is increasing every single day. This is why they serve Satan's purposes. This is why they have bought into things that make absolutely no sense. Now let us get back to Zechariah.

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

Jerusalem the city will be literally elevated. It will rise so as to be seen from a far distance. This will be where the King will sit upon His throne.

**Notice Zechariah 14:12-15**

These verses take us back to the beginning of the chapter.

**Notice Zechariah 14:1-3**

When the Lord fights against these people they will never stand a chance. They will be hit with a plague that will destroy them where they stand, even their livestock will die. But that is not all.

**Notice Zechariah 14:13-14 again.**

The enemies of Israel will fight against one another and Israel shall plunder the plunderers.

**Genesis 12:1-3**

*Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*

*<sup>2</sup> And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

*<sup>3</sup> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

**Application:**

Some day all the enemies of the Lord will face His wrath.

**Nahum 1:2-6**

*<sup>2</sup> God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.*

*<sup>3</sup> The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.*

*<sup>4</sup> He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.*

<sup>5</sup> *The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.*

<sup>6</sup> *Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.*

**Conclusion:**

When we come back, we will look at one more message from Zechariah and it will deal with Kingdom worship. But as we close today, I want to just say that if you are not saved you are an enemy of God and if you die in your sins, you will face His wrath.

**Romans 2:1-9**

*Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.*

<sup>2</sup> *But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.*

<sup>3</sup> *And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?*

<sup>4</sup> *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

<sup>5</sup> *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;*

<sup>6</sup> *Who will render to every man according to his deeds:*

<sup>7</sup> *To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:*

<sup>8</sup> *But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,*

<sup>9</sup> *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;*