

HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD

Zechariah 14:9-21

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness Unto The Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?

The culmination of Zechariah's prophecy is a fitting description of the ultimate worship of Jehovah by not only Israel but all the nations. Jerusalem will be at the center of this global worship. Even the topography will change to reflect this. Jerusalem will be the peaceful home of the Jews and all nations will flock to her to worship the Lord. Everything in Jerusalem and indeed the Jews themselves will fulfill their ultimate purpose: Holiness to the Lord.

Part 1—The Focal Point of the Earth

Read Zechariah 14:9-11; Psalm 48:1-3; John 4:20-24

- 1) How does the topography of Jerusalem change and what do you think is the reason for this change?
- 2) According to Psalm 48 why is Jerusalem so significant and the joy of the whole earth?
- 3) Do you think Jesus contradicted Psalm 48 in John 4? Why or why not?

Part 2—Punishment for Rebellion

Read Zechariah 14:12-15; Revelation 16:14-21

- 1) Why do you think the description of the plague in this passage is so graphic?
- 2) According to Revelations 16 why do men deserve plagues and Divine wrath at Armageddon?
- 3) Do you think this punishment is necessary? Why or why not?

Part 3—The Feast of Tabernacles

Read Zechariah 14:16-19; Leviticus 23:39-43

- 1) According to Leviticus why did the Israelites dwell in booths (tabernacles) during this feast? What do you think this symbolizes?
- 2) Why do you suppose all nations will be compelled to worship the Lord in this way?
- 3) How can the “temporary” nature of the feast of Tabernacles (booths vs houses) improve your worship of the Lord?

Part 4—Holiness unto the Lord

Read Zechariah 14:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:15-18

- 1) Why do you think horse bells and kitchen pots will be dedicated to the Lord in the future Jerusalem?
- 2) According to 2 Corinthians 5 how does Christ’s death affect “all things”?
- 3) What are some practical ways you can live out the phrase “Holiness unto the Lord”?