

Zachariah - Jesus Will Save Israel

This will be part 4 in my series on the amazing End Times prophecies of Zachariah as found in his chapters 12, 13 and 14 which are mainly intended for the modern Nation of Israel but which really concern all of us because he talks a great deal about our Lord Jesus Christ's coming at the Battle of Armageddon.

We've already looked at verses 1 through 6 of Zachariah's chapter 12 and we found that the first two verses describe the Daniel 9 War, which Israel will lose; verses 3 and 4 describe the Ezekiel 38 War where our Lord returns to save Israel; and verses 5 and 6 describe the wars of liberation by the governors of Juda which refers to the Prime Ministers from David Ben Gurion all the way down to our current Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

And now on this program I want to look at the next two sections of Zachariah, chapter 12. That would be verses 7 & 8 and 9, 10 & 11, and we need to discover which wars Zachariah is talking about in these sections. And in order to better understand that, in order to find out which wars he is talking about, I made a little chart which describe the characteristics of both the Daniel 9 War and the Ezekiel 38 War (see chart below).

DANIEL 9	EZEKIEL 38
Start of Trib	End of Trib
Israel Loses	Israel Wins
Nearby Nations	All Nations
Israel Divided	Israel United
God Judges Israel	God Saves Israel (Armageddon)

The Daniel 9 War occurs at the beginning of the Tribulation whereas the Ezekiel 38 War occurs at the end of Tribulation. Israel will lose the Daniel 9 War but Jesus returns to save Israel in the Ezekiel 38 War.

The Daniel 9 War is between Israel and her nearby nations whereas during the Ezekiel 38 War, Jesus will defeat all the nations of the world or as he says, ***'all the tribes of the world will mourn when they see the son of man coming.'***

During the Daniel 9 War, Israel is divided whereas during the Ezekiel 38 War, Israel is united. The Daniel 9 War is a judgment by God upon Israel whereas during the Ezekiel 38 War, Jesus, as I said, returns to save the nation at the Battle of Armageddon. So now we are ready to look at the last five verses of this first 11 verse section of Zachariah 12 to determine which war Zachariah is talking about, and we are also going to discover something truly amazing: we are going to discover another verse which describes Our Lord's Second Coming, and no other Bible scholar has ever understood this passage.

Verse 7: ***'And the Lord shall save the tabernacles of Juda*** (right away we have a pretty good indication this is going to describe Our Lord's return at the Battle of Armageddon where Jesus rescues Israel) ***as in the beginning: that the house of David, and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, may not boast and magnify themselves against Juda.'*** So, Jerusalem and Juda will be united in this particular struggle; another good indication that this is the Ezekiel 38 War.

Verse 8: ***'In that day shall the Lord protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem'*** (another verification) ***and he that has offended*** (this word 'offended' in some Bibles can mean weak or feeble) ***among them in that day shall be as David: and the house of David, as that of God, as an angel of the Lord in their sight.'*** Who is this *'he that has offended'*? *'He that offended among them'* in this passage refers to none other than Jesus Christ, Our Lord Himself. And no other Bible scholar, to my knowledge, has ever understood this critical passage about Jesus' return at Armageddon.

And we should not be surprised that He is described as 'weak' or 'feeble' or as offensive to the Jews; many of them rejected Him for that reason. And Isaiah describes Our Lord in very much the same terms in his chapter 53, verse number 3: ***'Despised and rejected by men...'*** And verse number 12: ***'He was counted among sinners.'*** But then Zachariah gives the good word: how he will appear to the Jews and the Nation of Israel in these End Times. *'He shall be as David...'* Jesus will return as a victorious King, *'...as that of*

God...’ He will appear as Divine. There will be no mistaking Our Lord’s nature and identity this time. *’As an angel of the Lord in their sight.’* Jesus’ return at Armageddon will be with power and glory. As we go through these last three End Time chapters of Zachariah we are going to find many more descriptions of Jesus which are unusual but at the same time fascinating and very revealing and very important for us in these End Times.

And now let’s look at verses 9, 10 and 11 of Zachariah’s chapter 12, which are the last three verses in the first column, and what war is Zachariah describing in this passage? Verse 9: ***’And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.’*** So, we know right away this is not the Daniel 9 War because ‘all the nations’ are involved. Verse 10: ***’And I will pour out upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem,’*** so here we see the ‘house of David’ and ‘Jerusalem’ unified, this is a characteristic of the Ezekiel 38 War as is ‘all the nations’ being involved, ***’the spirit of grace, and of prayers: and they shall look upon me,’*** remember this is God speaking, ***’whom they have pierced:’*** an obvious reference to Jesus’ crucifixion, in other words, God the Father and God the Son are the same, ***’and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son,’*** Jesus is the only Son of God, ***’and they shall grieve over him, as the manner is to grieve for the death of the firstborn.’*** This is very similar to the Passover where an unblemished lamb is sacrificed. Verse 11: ***’In that day there shall be a great lamentation in Jerusalem like the lamentation of Adadremmon in the plain of Mageddon.’*** Obviously Zachariah is talking about the Battle of Armageddon.

In conclusion, even though we know from Zachariah’s hidden verse structure that these are two separate sections, these last five verses, they do indeed describe the same event and that is our Lord’s return at Armageddon although from slightly different viewpoints. And in my next part, part 5, we will be looking at the second 11 verse section of Zachariah. And as always if you would like to know more about the prophecies of Daniel, please visit my new thirdeaglemedia.com website where I have unsealed all of his great prophecies of these End Times.