

## **Zechariah 14:1-14:21**

### **The Lord will be King over all the Earth**

This **second burden of Zechariah** which features the **Reign of the Messiah**, begins with the **national regeneration and salvation** of the **ethnic nation of Israel**, in chapters 12-13, and today as we look at **chapter 14** the **battle scene** is **continued** and brought to a **glorious victory** culminating in the worldwide rule and **worship of the Lord Jesus Christ**, God's own Son and ruler of the Kings of the earth.

This **Intermediate Kingdom** between this **present age** and the **Eternal State** is where **Jesus reigns** over a **transformed yet imperfect** world still **tainted by rebellion** and divine judgment. The **Kingdom of God** will have advanced to a more mature state when Christ will come and rule the nations from His throne in Jerusalem, but **this age** will still be marked by sin, rebellion and the nations will be **punished or blessed** based on how they relate to Christ the King. There are **several reasons** clear from the text why this is the **Millennium** and **NOT** the **New Heavens and Earth**. These would include but not be limited to;

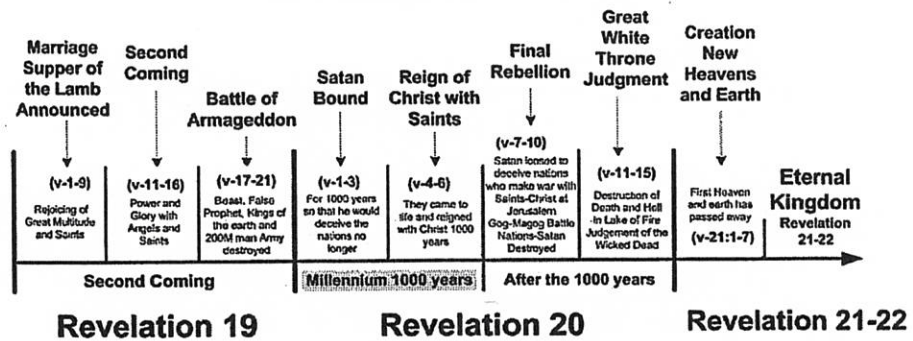
- The obvious **presence of sin and rebellion** on the part of the **surviving nations** in verses 16-19 characterizes this stage of the Kingdom.
- The **punishment that Christ inflicts on the nations** is not characteristic of the New Heavens and earth where there will be **no more presence of sin, rebellion or death**, for those things will be destroyed at the Final Judgment in Revelation 20:11-15.

- The **geography of Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives and the Judea** will be **changed** during this stage of the Kingdom in verses 3-11 to accommodate the newly established rule of Christ. But in the Eternal State, the present **earth** will have been **destroyed and recreated**, Revelation 21:1-7.
- The **Eternal State** includes a **New Jerusalem** that has been **recreated** and comes down from Heaven characterized by **immortality** and the **absence of sin, rebellion and death** described in Revelation chapter 21:1-7.

When **Christ's Kingdom** comes to the **earth**, it will come in **two phases** and the Eternal State will not immediately ensue, but rather a **1000 year age of His Reign** will run its course until all His enemies are brought under His forceful rule, and then will come a **final rebellion** of nations and the **final judgment** and the **Eternal State** will ensue after that. This is clearly portrayed in the **timeline** of events given in **Revelation chapters 19-22**. Chart provided on your handout.

### Revelation 19-22 Timeline

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And all the New Testament writers wrote from and understanding of Messiah's rule, that He would subdue all rebels and bring the nations under His Sovereign reign and Majesty. Consider Psalm 72...

**Psalm 72:8-15 - 8 May he also rule from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. 9 Let the nomads of the desert bow before him; And his enemies lick the dust. 10 Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. 11 And let all kings bow down before him, All nations serve him. 12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper. 13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save. 14 He will rescue their life from oppression and violence; And their blood will be precious in his sight; 15 So may he live; and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them pray for him continually; Let them bless him all day long. NASB**

Here the Lord finally returns to the earth both visibly and bodily. This is portrayed in many places in Scripture. A brief list of Scriptures where this scene is portrayed; Matthew 24:29-31, Mark 13:24-27, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, Revelation 1:7, Revelation 19:11-20.

A brief list of other places in Scripture that speak of these signs in the heavens events are; Isaiah 13:10, Ezekiel 32:7-8, Joel 2:30-32, Joel 3:5, Amos 5:20, Amos 8:9, Zephaniah 1:14-15, Mark 13:24-27, Luke 21:25-26, Revelation 6:12-17.

A brief list of prophecies in the Bible which speak of the glorious day when Christ is ruling King over the nations of the earth who are also gathering to worship Him; Psalm 2:6-12, Psalm 22:27-28, Psalm 72:8-11, Psalm 86:9-10, Psalm 102:15-22, Isaiah 2:2-4, Ezekiel 37:21-22, Daniel 7:13-14.

Isaiah 2:1-4 - 2 The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it will come about that In the last days, The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. 3 And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways, And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war. NASB

### Israel-Judah History Timeline

