

Minor Prophets
Zechariah
Lesson 11

Text: **Zechariah 14:16-21**

Intro, Last week we didn't finish with the book of Zechariah, so we will this week, and do a little review of it. We are going to focus on the millennium reign of Jesus in these last verses.

I. The Millennium Kingdom,

A. Every Nation Will recognize Jesus as King,

i. Every Nation that is Left,

- a) first, not every nation will survive the transition to the millennium kingdom.
 - There will be some nations that will perish before the time, and during that time there will be some that will not make it.
 - We tend to think that the political landscape is pretty well set. But, history has shown time and time again, that the political landscape can change virtually over night.
- b) But of the remaining nations, they will send delegates to Jerusalem to pay tribute to the Lord,
 - **Isaiah 2:2-4** “2And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.3And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.4And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”
 - **Isaiah 66:19-23** “For I *know* their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.19And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.20And they shall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.21And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.22For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.23And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.”

ii. The Feast that Remain,

- a) What are the great feast of the bible that come to mind quickly?
 - Passover, Pentecost, tabernacles...
 - Why doe the feast of tabernacle remain where the feast of Pentecost, and

passover are done away with?

- Tabernacles is a remembrance of the journey to the promised land, where the passover, and Pentecost was a picture of something that would one day come, and after Jesus came into the world, there was no more a reason to look forward to it.
- So as the feast of tabernacle was to picture the days spent in the wilderness. No Jew of the day has spent that time in the wilderness, so it has become a metaphor of their time lost, just as it will be to the gentile nations. A remembrance of the time separated from God.

iii. No Rain,

- a) it always amazes me to think with such evidence as the existence of God, people still reject.
 - It shouldn't though. There is plenty of evidence today, yet many still reject. There was a cartoon I saw once in a christian magazine, it had two scientist standing in front of a telescope and a microscope. And one ask the other, how will you know if there is intelligent life out there. To which he replies, we will see order. But a caption over the microscope shows a strain of DNA, which has beautiful order.
 - People will always be able to convince their selves there is no God.
- b) The punishment for those nations is, God will withhold the rain.
 - So the question is here, Rain, what is the moral implication of rain being withheld.
 - For instance, if we deprive someone of oxygen, and they die, we can be held for murder. But is it the same with rain?
 - Is rain a natural process of the earth? Has there always been rain on the earth? Or is Rain a blessing given from God?
 - Remember for the first 1,000 years or so, there was no rain on the earth, the water came up from the ground and feed the planet. But after the flood, it was different. So God did not design this planet to naturally rain.
 - **Matthew 5:45** “That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”
 - notice the phrasing of Jesus, God sends the rain,
 - So in this prophecy, it isn't that God is keeping a natural good thing from coming on people, it is God withholding His blessings.
 - No person can expect God to bless them if they are not following His will.
 - So when we say it rains on the just as well as the unjust, it is God showing Grace to people, not God sending problems to the good.
 - Granted, God does allow things, to happen, but the bible tells us:
 - **James 1:17** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”
 - c) **vs.18&19** specifically mention Egypt,
 - commentators believe, this is because of the dependance of Egypt on the flooding of the Nile for their livelihood.
 - But, this is not to Egypt only, but all nations.
 - d) In **vs.19**, the word punishment literally means sin.
 - Missing the mark.

- This is the thing that will happen to all nations that refuse to come to worship the Lord.

iv. Holiness To The Lord,

- a) engraved on the bells of the horses.
 - **Exodus 28:35&36** “And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy *place* before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.³⁶And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.”
 - The Priest were dedicated to the Lord,
 - just as the utensils of the tabernacle/ temple were dedicated to the Lord.
- b) Under the Millennium Kingdom, everything is going to be dedicated to the Lord.
 - Paul wrote to the Romans,
 - **Romans 12:1&2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ”
 - so every house will be as the temple of God, dedicated to Him.
- c) No Canaanite,
 - this means no unclean person, or unholy person.
 - The nation will be clean.
 - The servants of the Lord will be dedicated to the Lord.