

Zechariah 12:1-14  
“Israel’s Final Yom Kippur”

Introduction

The dynamic for possessing, experiencing, enjoying and expressing spiritual life is revealed in this chapter!

- I. The final battle for control of Jerusalem (12:1-9)
  - A. The power of the Lord of creation (1)
  - B. The siege of Jerusalem (2-3)
  - C. The victory of the Lord of Hosts (4-9)
    - 1. by confusing the enemy (4-5)
    - 2. by empowering the people (6-8)
    - 3. by intervening directly (9)
- II. The conversion of Israel to the Lord (12:10-14)
  - A. The conviction of the Holy Spirit (10a)
  - B. The recognition of Jesus as the Messiah (10b)
  - C. The personal conversion of every living Jewish person (11-14)

Grace-Today

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Chronology of Events:

- (1) Israel makes a false covenant with the Beast and occupies her land in a false security (Dan. 9:27; Ezek. 38:8,11).
- (2) Because of a desire for spoil at the expense of an easy prey, the king of the North, ‘satanically motivated, invades Palestine (Ezek. 38:11; Joel 2:1-21; Isaiah 10:12,30:31-33; 31:8-9).
- (3) The Beast breaks his covenant with Israel and moves into the land (Dan. 11:41-45).
- (4) The king of the North is destroyed on the mountains of Israel (Ezek. 39:1-4).
- (5) The land of Palestine is occupied by the armies of the Beast (Dan. 11:45).
- (6) At this time the great coalition of nations takes place that forms one government under the Beast (Ps. 2:1-3; Rev. 13:7).
- (7) The kings of the East are brought in against the armies of the Beast (Rev. 16:12), evidently as a result of the dissolution of the government of Gog.
- (8) When the nations of the earth are gathered together around Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-3) and the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2), the Lord returns to destroy all Gentile world powers so that He might rule the nations Himself. (This is further described in Zechariah 12:1-9; 14:1-4; Isaiah 33:1-34:17; 63:1-6; 66:15-16; Jeremiah 25:27-33; Revelation 20:7-10)