

Prophecies Fulfilled in Zechariah III

(Chapters 8 & 9)

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Let's look at some headlines here. Bring us up to date on some things that are going on and then we'll go through Zechariah prophecies number three.

I hope everyone is getting news beyond the MSN. Now MSN is mainstream media because they are the lying lips of the whole Biden government. They're not telling the truth about what's happening with the economy. They tried to show the job numbers, how many jobs were created, *and there were no jobs created in the private sector.* but in the government sector.

We'll talk about some other things. *The UN plans to enter in a totalitarian form of global governance.* That's going to happen and it's going to be really controlled, because they will have the power.

Now, recently one of our elders wanted to find out, 'is it true that they can track me with my smart-phone?' He got it set up so he found himself on his smart-phone as a blue dot. He took the phone in his hand and he walked from room to room and the blue dot went with him.

So, think of that! They are developing a lot of things that are going to lead into a whole lot of control that they're not telling you anything about, because they want to get them in position first.

Direct government censorship of the Internet is here, and it's going to get worse. Elon Musk exposed a lot of it, but on the other hand Elon Musk likes to have a chip in everyone.

Astronomers have discovered some very spectacular things, especially through the James Webb telescope website. Here are two of them. I don't know how they figure this, but the Webb Space telescope finds galaxies that challenge astronomical theories. They say they are 33-billion light years away. I don't know how they figure that far out, but that tells you an awful lot about the vastness of the universe. Remember, ***that's what God says we're going to inherit!***

As Michael brought out—message: *Aspects of the Book of Revelation*—being joint-heirs. Scientists discovered a stunning river of stars, a river flowing through space. Why do you suppose that God has given this knowledge and understanding? *He's done it to show the world how great He is that evolution is impossible and these things don't happen from nothing.*

There has to be God, there has to be someone directing it. I just watched this last week a tremendous picture that they took of an exploding star. Now this was on the James Webb telescope website, and I'm convinced that God was with them in the planning, in the directing, in the manufacture, in putting it together and getting it off into space. ***God wants a witness that men cannot deny.*** A river of stars!

Now back to Earth: A.I. and fulfilling prophecy. All of those who know about A.I., if you watch any of the programs on television talking about the Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)

They are worried that it will have independent control of its own thoughts. Remember the movie they made that the artificial creatures were going to destroy us? They made that some years ago. *Well, it's coming to reality with A.I.*

- they're going to control speech
- they're going to control what is said
- the internet is going to be completely policed

so that only what they want on the Internet will be on the Internet, which means there's coming a day when we won't be on the Internet. That's why I keep saying ***get the real books!***

Here again *taking down free speech in China!* Watch out for China, because they are on the verge of a big economic depression. Guess who they have come to, to get the money to help them have a soft landing? *The American investors!* In particular *BlackRock* to buy their bonds so they won't have a complete financial collapse!

A leading Italian parliamentarian wants Rome to return the temple vessels to Israel. They do not have the Ark of the Covenant.

As we have already covered, ***the Ark of the Covenant***—in Rev. 11:19 there is the definitive statement of where the Ark of the Covenant is—***is up by the Throne of God in heaven!*** Why is it there? *Because men wanted to try and take it and use it as power to conquer and to rule!*

How did it get from the temple on earth up to the area of the Throne of God in heaven above? *God probably sent a couple of angels during the time of Jeremiah to remove it and take it up there!*

We know that in the listing of all the things and treasures that they took from Babylon, ***the Ark is not mentioned!*** We know that when they brought the things back out of Babylon ***the Ark is not mentioned!*** When it comes to the time of the

destruction of the second temple in 70_{A.D.} and the Romans carrying off all of the treasures within the temple ***the Ark of the Covenant is not mentioned!***

So, the only thing we can conclude is that it's in heaven as Rev. 11:19 tells us. It's not some place that they're going to dig it up and find it. If you go to the Temple Institute {templeinstitute.org} and look at all of the things that they are making ready for the temple you will also see that they have a facsimile of the Ark.

Now just to clear up one heresy and we have this on Church at Home. By the way go to Church at Home and watch the four that we did on Christmas {*The Truth of Christmas Unveiled*} and watch the one that we did on: *The Ark of the Covenant, Where Is It?*

Now then, they may plant one buried under what is supposedly the temple area—a ***counterfeit!*** But remember that God said whenever it had to be carried or moved ***it had to be carried and moved by hand and by the hands of the Levites!*** No one else! If anyone else touches it *they're history!*

We also know that when the Philistines took it for a while, they had great plagues of hemorrhoids and mice. So think about this: If you examine all the countries where they say it may be the city of Rome, Ethiopia, South Africa—and wherever else they may say that the Ark of the Covenant possibly could be—the city of Rome. ***Those are all wrong!*** Have any of those countries had any plagues that only God would stop? ***NO!*** The Word of God is true! If it says it's up in heaven and John saw it, ***that's where it is! Where God said!***

Before we get to the book of Zechariah, let's understand some things about prophecies.

- sometimes it's just a one-time occurrence, like the birth of Christ
- other times there are dualities, a first fulfillment, a second fulfillment
- other times they are cyclical, as we find in Matt. 24: especially where Jesus said:

Be on guard that no one deceive you, for many shall come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ, and shall deceive many.'

- Then we're warned of false prophets. That is reoccurring, *reoccurring*, ***reoccurring*** down through every generation!

You go back and you look in the Bible and you find that there are false prophets, plenty of them mentioned in the book of Jeremiah especially, because at the time that God was getting ready to send them off into captivity into Babylon, a lot of

the other prophets were saying, 'No, it's not going to happen.'

After the first invasion and Nebuchadnezzar took away a good number of people to Babylon, then the prophets were saying, 'Well, God is going to cause the things of the temple to come back to us.' ***Never happened!*** Jeremiah had to say, 'No, it's not going to happen.'

Then there are things like we're going to discover in the book of Zechariah that there is a type of the Millennium, as we find in Zech. 8. We'll read that here just a little bit. Then the Millennium when Christ returns. So, let's see how we are to place all the prophecies. First of all, remember this:

- the Sabbath
- the Passover
- the Holy Days

Those are all structured in such a way that we are able with the Passover and the Holy Days to have a framework where these things will be fulfilled. That's the key to understanding the book of Revelation, as well. Then when we look at these prophecies, we've got to be able to discern how they are fulfilled.

So, the way we do this is as we find in 2-Tim. 2, because even Paul was writing that he was having difficulty with those in the Church where at Ephesus where Timothy was, that there were those preaching false doctrine. Paul says that even if we're unfaithful, ***God is always faithful!***

2-Timothy 2:13—*Paul says:* "If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful—He cannot deny Himself. See that *they* remain mindful of these things, earnestly charging *them* in the sight of the Lord not to argue over words that are not profitable in any way, *but which lead to the* subverting of those who hear" (vs 13-14).

That's very important, because all of fake Christianity in the world ***does not teach the Truth!*** They take the Truth ***and apply it wrongly!***

Verse 15: "Diligently *study* to show yourself approved unto God..."

Now this is true for all the elders and every one of us. We have to *diligently study*. That means with prayer and study every day. A workman, because being an elder or teacher is work:

- you have to work
- you have to prepare
- you have to read
- you have to write
- you have to analyze

You have to do all these things led by the Spirit of God to understand what you need to do! Same way in everyone's individual life:

- How do we live?
- How do we think?
- How do we speak?
- What do we do?
- How do we view things?

And especially living in a world today where there's so much false information coming in that you don't know what the truth is.

I know one man that the only thing he watches is MSM, mainstream media, believes everything that they say. Where's that going to lead? *We'll have to wait and see!*

"...a workman who does not *need to be* ashamed, **rightly dividing** the Word of the Truth" (v 15).

Now the Greek there means *straightly cutting*, because we're going to see, as we already have, that as you read along with some prophecies in the Old Testament, that all of a sudden, there's a prophecy way in the future. Just a verse or maybe even a sentence.

Verse 16: "But avoid profane and vain babblings because they will *only* give rise to more ungodliness, and their words will eat away at the body like gangrene; of whom are Hymeneus and Philetus, who have gone astray from the Truth, claiming that the resurrection has already taken place, and are destroying the faith of some" (vs 16-18).

That's what happens when you get false teachers. That's what happens when you get those who do not rightly divide or straightly cut the Word of God.

Let's come back to Zech. 8, where we finished off last time, and let's see that when God brought the children of Israel, that is the Jews, and there were some children of Israel mixed in, but mostly all Jews, coming back from Babylon, and Ezra was the first wave.

Then more came later, and Nehemiah had to come and make sure that the wall was built. The whole thing of building the temple and setting it up and getting the wall around Jerusalem took 49 years, and they had some wars back and forth with their neighbors.

After they got things set up, things remained in a really good situation, because:

- God blessed them
- God blessed the area around

- God blessed north of them, east of them, and even down into Egypt

Here's what we find in Zech. 8:7; here's a verse that can apply to what God was doing right then at that time to bring the Jews and some of the children of Israel back to Judea, but also to the beginning of the Millennium, and bringing the people of God back out of the end-time captivity to settle in their new area for the Millennium.

Zechariah 8:7: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country. And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness'" (vs 7-8). *That's what's missing today!*

Now understand this: no system, not even God's system, can work with lies. Not even a simple business transaction can be successful if there are lies involved. That's called *swindling!* So, there has to be that environment and God has to make it available, *and the people have to be willing to choose to do what God wants!* When that happens even in the letter of the Law:

- there's peace
 - there's prosperity
- there's a situation with:*
- good crops
 - good trade
 - good relations with the neighbors around you

Verse 9: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of **the prophets**...'"

- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah

all overlapping and contemporary!

But also, in the words of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, which they had in the scrolls, words they used in the temple and the synagogues, He's saying to **take heed:**

"...that in the day the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts is laid, the temple is to be built" (v 9).

Here is a physical temple. We also know that ***we are part of the Temple of God being converted for the spiritual temple at the resurrection!***

Verse 10: "For before these days there was no hire for man, nor was there hire for beast; and there was no peace to him from the adversary who went out or came in, for I did set all men every one

against his neighbor.”

That happens when you reach such a point of evil. Everyone is at everybody’s throats. Do we see that happening today? More and more? *Yes indeed!* Because with the Laws of God, they’re automatic:

- **IF** you keep them, you’ll be blessed
- **IF** you don’t keep them, you have troubles
- What are the troubles called? *Curses!*
- What’s another word? *Punishment!*

God made it automatic, just like the law of gravity!

Verse 11: “But now...” *When God comes to change what existed before, He’s going to make it right!*

He did for those who came back from Babylon and built the temple. It was kind of like a little Millennium at that time, all in that area of the world.

Verse 11: “But now I *will not be* to the remnant of this people as in the former days,” says the LORD of hosts, ‘For they shall sow in peace; the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things” (vs 11-12).

When the blessing of God comes, *it comes!* When we have the blessing of God, the question then becomes for everyone at every time whenever it does come, what are we going to do with those blessings? Remember this: **it’s not how you start, it’s how you finish!**

Look at how good King Hezekiah was. Look at all the things that he did. Look at how God spared Jerusalem from the Assyrians and the army of 180,000 men of the Assyrians who had come against the eastern part of Judea and ready to assault and come into Jerusalem.

Sennacherib sent messengers, generals to say, ‘We’re coming to take this city. Don’t fight us because we’re coming to take us. Don’t let Hezekiah say that the Lord is going to fight for us.’

Well here’s a letter you take to Hezekiah. So, he took the letter, Isaiah was with him as prophet, went into the house of the Lord, laid it before the Lord and prayed, repented, asked God for intervention and God said, ***‘I do this for My name.’*** He answered that prayer and you know what happened; the entire army except Sennacherib and a few of the other generals all died—***man and beast!***

They woke up in the morning and it was quiet. Can you imagine what they were thinking when they woke? Didn’t hear any sound of any animals, didn’t hear any sound of any human beings.

They opened the flaps of their tent and looked out and here’s the whole army and all the animals lying dead on the ground, ***because God fought the battle for them!***

Hezekiah got sick and he pleaded to God, ‘O God, give me more time.’ So, God said, ‘Yes, I’ll give you 15 more years.’ What happened when he got older, after all those good things that God did for him?

Well, ambassadors from Babylon came to find out how was this battle won and what happened? Because they had all the gold and all the silver and all the precious things that the Syrians had taken from Egypt, and all the other countries that they had conquered. They brought all of that and they stored it in Jerusalem.

So, Hezekiah was telling them about that, and then he got carried away with his vanity and he showed them all the treasures that they had received. God sent Isaiah to Hezekiah and he asked Hezekiah:

‘The men from Babylon, what did they see? *They saw all of it!* What was the message to Hezekiah? *It’s all going to Babylon, because you didn’t honor Me! But, I won’t do it in your day, but after you pass!*

So then Hezekiah made the statement, ‘Well, that’s good it won’t happen in my day.’ *So you see how Hezekiah finished!* He was deeply marred. It didn’t have to be that way. Likewise when God gives a blessing! He says that *they shall have peace!*

Verse 13: “And it shall come to pass, that as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, but let your hands be strong.”

That’s a dual fulfillment. It could even be a repeated fulfillment for wherever God sends the children of Israel down through history. You could take that and you could apply it also to the founding of America and winning the War of Independence and so forth.

Verse 14: “For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘and I did not repent; so, again, I have thought in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Fear not” (vs 14-15).

This was really quite a time! Remember: from 515_{B.C.} all the way down to Antiochus Epiphanes in 169_{B.C.}, they had a great deal of peace. They did have some wars but nothing really was very harmful until Antiochus Epiphanes came and he did what he did to desecrate the temple and offer

swine on the altar. So, that was a long period of time.

What we're doing here in Zechariah, we're reading the beginning of that. So he says:

Verse 16: "These *are* the things that you shall do...."

A lot of people wonder: What do we do in America to turn things around? *I don't know how far you can turn them around!* I don't know how you're going to get rid of 12-million illegal aliens; *those are strangers risen up against us*, and it's going to be hard to do anything to get rid of them. *Think about what's going to happen!*

Sidebar: Personally, I think if you think that the 2020 election was a terrible one, because of all of the riots and fires, I just wonder what's going to happen in 2024 with all of these illegal aliens who

- will now have no government subsidy
- will have no job
- will have no future

they came here to get it but they're not going to get it

- Are they going to riot?
- Are they going to burn?
- Are they going to loot?
- Are they going to kill?

Don't know!

These are the things that you shall do. Here's the only thing that would change things in America right now.

"...*Each* man speak the truth to his neighbor.... [*Speak the truth! All we have is lies!*] ...Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates. And let no one imagine evil in your heart *against* his neighbor; and do not love a false oath, **for all these are things that I hate,** **says the LORD**" (vs 16-17).

Think about that! God can know everything about everyone anytime He wants to, but He's given us all free moral agency, and He's given us His Word, and especially in America we seem to be the only place left in the world where it is good to preach the Word of God.

In Finland, they're trying to make it illegal to post anything concerning the Bible on the Internet in Finland.

- How soon is that coming to Europe?
- How soon is that coming here?

We don't know!

Verse 18: "And the Word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of

hosts, "The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth *month*, and the fast of the seventh *month*, and the fast of the tenth *month*..." (vs 18-19).

What were those? *Those were fasts that the Jews were taking in Babylon hoping that God would lift them out of the captivity!* They would mourn, they would groan, they would do all the things to make themselves fasting.

They "...shall be to the house of Judah for joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore, **love truth and peace**" (v 19).

- Isn't that just kind of a statement of what the whole Bible is about?
- Truth and peace or sin and punishment?
- *Yes it is!*

You go clear back to Cain and Abel. Think of it that way.

Verse 20: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people and inhabitants of many cities. And the residents of one shall go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to pray before the face of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will go also." And many people and strong nations....'" (vs 20-22).

This is a type of the Millennium as we find in Isa. 2 and Micah 4. But that happened during this period right there in Judea in the area that we call the Middle East. It reached clear up above into Syria and clear down into Egypt.

Many of the people followed God. They may have not kept the Holy Days, they may not have kept the Sabbath. Maybe a good number of them did, but nevertheless, if you have any society

- where they speak truth
- where they deal honestly
- where they are fair in their business dealings
- where they love their fathers and mothers
- where they love their husbands and wives

God will give peace! All of that in the letter of the Law. So, it doesn't matter where you are, there are a lot of people today looking at the Amish and the Mennonites and saying:

You know, they don't use electricity, but they get along just fine. They live longer than any other people. They do believe a lot of parts of the Bible. That's quite a thing.

Their horses reproduce each other and they don't have to buy new cars and they don't have to repair them. They have wagons that they go in, but that's fine.

So if you go to Indiana and you go to certain parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania, you'll go to the

cities where you will see that they have a lane for the horse drawn carriages. When we kept the Feast in Shipshewana, that was an Amish city. It was really quite nice to do that.

- What's another advantage?
- What did they have? *They didn't have to buy gasoline!*

The horses eat grass and grain and we plant it and it grows. Who gives that? *God does!* So, right there is an example for us of what would happen if people would turn to God.

Verse 23: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men, out of all languages of the nations, shall take hold, and will seize the skirt of a man, a Jew, saying, "We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'"

How powerful was that peace that God gave? *During that space of time from 515_{B.C.} clear down to 209_{B.C.} Ezra set up the Great Synagogue and the Great Synagogue was like the governing body of the Jews.*

They followed the things in the Bible. They had the temple, they had the offerings, God was with them, everything was going fine.

The Word of God was so popular, and after the conquest of Alexander... If you read in the book of *Josephus* about the history of the Jews, Alexander conquered that whole area and overtook the Persian Empire clear to the borders of India. When he came down to conquer Egypt, he had to come through Judea, where the Jews were.

Alexander had a dream, and the dream was that when he got there he would be met by a priest and a whole host of those working at the temple. Of course, God gave him that dream. When he got there and he started coming toward Jerusalem, the high priest and a whole band of Levites were coming down to greet him. The priest explained out of the book of Daniel about the prophecy of his conquering.

He left the Jews without conquering them, because he saw it was the hand of God. That tells you what it was like, and of course, that was in 331_{B.C.} Well, in the 280_{S.B.C.} there were so many Jews keeping the Word of God. They had the Hebrew, but they all spoke at that time Koiné Greek and was the common language of the whole Middle East.

So, when we come down to the time of the apostles, that was the common language that the people used. Yes, they had Aramaic, yes, they had Latin, ***but Greek was a primary language and Greek was the language that the New Testament was written in!***

So popular was the way of the Jews and with the Jews in Alexandria, that is in Egypt—Alexandria is named after Alexander—that they got together 70 scholars to translate the Hebrew into Greek. Now let me read you this:

The Septuagint from the Latin meaning 70 and frequently referred to by the capital letters LXX is the Greek translation of the Old Testament. The name derives from the tradition that it was made by 70 or 72 Jewish scholars in Alexandria, Egypt, during the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus in 285 to 247_{B.C.}

That was right at the height of this near millennial setting that God had brought to the Jews and to the Middle East after they came back out of Babylon.

This also set the stage for the coming of the New Testament to be written in Greek, because all languages in the Middle East and getting up into Europe came from the Greek structure and the Greek language, plus later a good deal of Latin was added to it.

That includes all the nations in Eastern Europe, even today the Eastern Orthodox have the Greek manuscript and Septuagint. Many of the languages are based upon the Greek, and Greek is very precise and God wanted it in this language.

Some people say that the New Testament was originally written in Aramaic. ***No, it was not! It was Greek!***

Also, it has been preserved in a large number of manuscript copies of the original and the Greek text of the Byzantine edition is based on the Vaticanus, an early 4th century manuscript, with some reliance on other texts particularly Alexandrinus and the 5th century manuscript.

Now then, in translating the New Testament I did a lot of surveying of the first five books of the Bible that were written by Moses and translated into the Greek and it is very accurate.

Many of the quotes in the New Testament into Greek referring to the Old Testament are clear references from the Septuagint. Because it was so popular and everybody was speaking Greek, that they made scrolls or books of the Greek text Septuagint to go into the synagogues. That was quite a thing! This whole period was a time like a mini-millennium.

Zechariah 9:1: "The burden of the Word of the LORD against the land of Hadrach, and its resting place, Damascus (when the eyes of man, and all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD);

and Hamath also borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise. And Tyre shall build herself a stronghold..." (vs 1-3).

You read the history of Tyre, which was conquered by the Persians and then they moved the city out to an island. In order to conquer it, Alexander tore down the whole city on the shore and threw it into the Mediterranean and made a causeway to go out to Tyre and conquered it!

But here it says they're going to heap up gold, silver, etc. etc.!

Verse 7: "And I will take away the blood from out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth. But the remnant, even they *shall be* for our God. And he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron like a Jebusite. And I will camp around My house because of the army, because of him who passed by, and because of him who returns. And no tyrant shall pass through..." (vs 7-8).

Verse 9 is quite a thing! Here is what we find many times in the Old Testament, you go along in some prophecies: they may be current, they may be an accurate telling of history of what was happened. Then all of a sudden here's a short prophecy about the Messiah. We read that last time with the 'Branch':

Verse 9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you. He is triumphant and victorious, *yet* meek and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

One verse that was fulfilled when Jesus came in triumphant into Jerusalem there it is right there.

Verse 10: "And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem. And the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; and His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth."

What is that? *That is a prophecy of the coming Kingdom of God!* So, here we have in two verses we have:

1. His first coming
2. His second coming and setting up of the Kingdom of God

Verse 11: "You also, by the blood of your covenant I have freed your prisoners out of the pit in which *there* is no water. Turn to the stronghold, prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I shall restore double to you, For I bent Judah for me *and* I filled the bow with Ephraim, and I will raise up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make

you as the sword of a mighty man" (vs 11-13).

So, the Lord God is saying right here, 'Now I'm going to be with you I'm going to fight for you,' You can look at this as a fulfillment also, because He mentions Ephraim. Ephraim is what we call *Great Britain* today. Look at the history of Britain and all the different times that they had:

- when they came to God
- when they left God
- when they had problems
- when they turned to God

One of the most productive and glorious times of Britain was during the reign of Queen Victoria and she enforced no sexual perversity. They even had it that if you were a thief you would be hung. What did they have during that time just like Unwin found in all of his survey of countries that when any country does:

- that which is right
- that which is good
- that which has absolute monogamy
- that which has absolute chastity
- that which has absolute virginity

That nation prospered and during the reign of Queen Elizabeth! It was one of the most profitable, prosperous, industrial, inventive expansion of the empire at any time in the history of the British Empire. A perfect example just like what it says here:

Verse 14: "And the LORD shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth like the lightning; and the Lord GOD shall blow the ram's horn, and shall go out with the whirlwinds from the south. The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour and subdue with sling-stones. And they shall drink and be boisterous, as through wine. And they shall be filled like a bowl, and like the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people; for *they are as* stones of a crown, lifted up as a banner over His land, for how great *is* its goodness and how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins" (vs 14-17).

You can look at the prosperity that was there at that time in the Middle East with the Jews, and then look at the prosperity of how it was with the Brits. Quite a wonderful thing! ***All of that is because of God! When they kept the Bible kept the things in the Bible!***

I've got a man in England who sent me a good number of quotes that in the history of Britain *they didn't keep Christmas!* The Puritans who came to America kept the Sabbath and *they didn't keep*

Christmas! As a matter of fact in Massachusetts now—one of the deepest pits of satanism today in America—they forbade anyone keeping Christmas and they would have to pay a fine if they were caught!

Now look at it today! I was watching Fox News last night I was thinking about that in my mind. Here's this great tree all the lights all the beauty all of the deception all of the lovely things. Now, if anyone is against Christmas, you're a hateful person. Then look how far we have gone in everything else.

We'll continue on next time see if we can finish up the book of Zechariah, This will help us understand how we can study the prophets and how we can

- key them to the Holy Days
- key them to the other prophecies that show the coming Kingdom of God

Always remember that:

- we have been called to participate in that
- we have been called to be the leaders, teachers, priests and the administrators for all the world

Think of what a gigantic thing that is going to be when we come down off the Sea of Glass after the resurrection:

- to take over the world
- to stop all war
- to bring peace to all people

So, all of the things that we read in these prophecies it always ends up at that point!

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