

Zechariah 20 – Judgment Looms: Christ Cometh

Zechariah – 12:1-13:1
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Zechariah’s Last Prophecy

- Premise: God is Creator
 - Heavens
 - Earth
 - Man
- Conclusion: God defines Good {Creator}
 - Anyone else = evil {Man}



This would include Lucifer for the same reason

Jerusalem – Cup of Staggering

- Staggering (רעל) only here
- Associated with veil
 - Veil moves: staggers
 - Obscures the vision
 - Hides the face (Isa 6:15-17)
- Associated with cup of God’s wrath (Isa 51:17)



Jerusalem-Heavy Stone {Christ} (De 1:34-35)

- On that day (Jacob's Trouble) Jerusalem will be the focus & prize of Man
 - All armies at Megiddo
 - Who controls world
 - Who will be god of man
- God cleanses Jerusalem

Antichrist
Lucifer



True Conclusion of False Premise

Israel's Idolatry (De 28:28)

- Consequences of Idolatry:
 - Madness
 - Blindness
 - Confusion of mind
- Being gods (existentialism) yielded vanity (nihilism)

Gentile Idolatry (De 32:4)

- Consequences of Idolatry:
 - Panic (תקרון) [Confused]
 - Madness (שגעון)
 - Blindness (ערון)
- Being gods (existentialism) yields vanity (nihilism)

Insanity of Sin Same for All

Jews

- God warned Jews their rejection of Him would result in discipline
- Their false worship would drive them nationally insane {Talmud}

Gentiles

- Jews' example to Gentiles: rejecting God morality → violence & incoherence
- Blindness to God's truth → allegiance to Lucifer's truth & war against God

True Jews Called to Salvation

- Finally, the *True Jews* turn to and believe in Messiah :
 - Messiah will destroy the gathered armies at Megiddo
 - *True Jews* will sweep the *False Jews* from Jerusalem
- This mirrors the Golden Calf events at Mount Horeb
 - Levites, priests, joined to Moses killing idolaters (Ex 32:25-29)
 - *True Jews*, nation of priests, rise against *False Jews* (Ex 19:9)

True Jews Mourn for Messiah

- Public declaration of their sin with repentance
 - They mourn by tribes (David) then by families (Nathan)
 - The civil (David) authority mourns
 - The priestly (Levi) authority mourns
- Their repentance mirrors original sin producing union
 - Men repent for *their* sin like Man's
 - Women repent for *their* sin like Woman's

Repentance, Salvation, Baptism

- Messiah opens a fountain so the new believers may be baptized as a sign of their repentance (Ez 47:1-9; 1Ez 3:18,22)
 - *True Jews* baptism publically demonstrates their salvation and the rejection of their idolatry
 - They are buried with Him in His death and rise in new life
 - They acknowledge Him as their God and they become His nation of priests to Millennial Kingdom nations

Apologetics

Premise Determines Conclusion

Bible stories are a timeless means God uses to communicate, regardless of time period, the truths & consequences of our sin

God IS God *Because* Creation

- This is the fundamental premise of Scripture
 - God created therefore God defines Goodness, not arbitrarily but according to His immutable nature
 - Woman sinned by rejecting this premise to accept the false premise that God is God simply because He has more knowledge; therefore, if she gained more knowledge she could be god also and define goodness in relation to herself, and create life also (Justify her sin)

Man is NOT God *Because* Sin

- Man {Adam} saw sin in woman but chose her {Lucifer's} premise with the inducement of sensual union to create life *proving their godness* {Two gods}
 - Idolatry is not simply false worship - Rejection of God
 - Sin is man defining goodness making himself as God
- God thrust man & woman from Garden so they could exercise their godness: order from disorder {Creation}

He protected them from Tree of Life which would have trapped them in their fleshly bodies depriving them of becoming New Creations in a new body for eternity

God is Omnipotent, thus, can only be One God {Greek Myth}

Knowledge Used Justifying Self as god

- Unintended consequences [Code word - "Oops!"] of sin (man as god) is that man does not know what he does not know {due to empiricism & spiritual enigma}
II Co 13:12; Ro 1:18-32
 - Man defines himself as god, rejecting God's Goodness
 - Man erects *false* standards of good justified by revelation
 - Man replaces revelation: Self is *modern* measure of good
 - Each person is right, justified by knowledge (science)

Man's revelation - logical fallacy "Appeal to Authority" justifying fallacious conclusion
 God's revelation supported by empirical creation, fulfillment of events & internal moral witness

Knowledge Two-Edged Sword

- Right use of knowledge (science) understands God as Creator, as the *legitimate* definer of Good (vs 19)
- Wrong use of knowledge sees man as god in a random creation {False Premise to False Conclusion}
 - Life comes from non-life
 - Order spontaneously springs from disorder
 - Pseudosciences & Philosophies *prove* man's conclusions

Consequence of Godness - Madness

- The Problem: (Ro 1:18-32)
 - Rejection of God's truth begins positive feedback loop
 - Man seeks other forms of truth basis {Idolatry → Self}
 - Truth is relative justifying man's degradation {Mutable}
 - Increasing immorality results from *man's* mutable truth
 - Permeates through every facet of behavior/life
- Result of Sin: Panic, Madness, Blindness - Facing God

Cup of Staggering

- Cup of Staggering is NOT God punishing man for disobedience, which is the usual propaganda
 - This is the *natural* result of man being god
 - God gives man up to his own godness (with restraints) which results in incoherence
 - Seen at the individual level as varying degrees of evil
 - Thus, natural result of sin, insanity (Warring against God?)

*Gnosticism - False Premise: Man as god defining good to excuse sin
False Conclusion: Everyone will become spirit gods lifting each other in love*

God Chose Jerusalem Before Creation

- Jerusalem (Salem) is the *Cup* and heavy *stone* because Messiah chose it as His city (Reflects New Jerusalem)
(Isa 14:17-20)
- Antichrist claims Jerusalem for this reason - His HQ
- Armies fight for world rule here 📌 Unite to fight God
- Christ comes to claim Jerusalem & defeat man's armies

Jerusalem - The Great City (Isa 11:01)

- *False* Jews HQ at Jerusalem with Antichrist then he reveals himself as god (Gnosticism) and ruler (Isa 17:18)
 - She was to be the "light of the world" but became the "darkness of idolatry" rejecting God, promoting sin
 - She will be the center of Lucifer's work to deceive men
 - She enjoyed her prostituting of truth for power
 - She will be cleansed, her world power destroyed in a day

Zechariah Gives Highlights

- Zechariah gives us several significant highlights pertaining to Messiah's salvation and use of *True Jews*
 - These highlights do not contradict other Scripture
 - They clarify God's relationship with His people
- History and modern events *prove* the truth of God's word and man's sin: violence & staggering everywhere; yet, no repentance - only demanding more of the same

False Children of *False Jews*

- Christendom: {Embraces Gnosticism & World Power}
 - Roman Catholicism & Greek Orthodoxy
 - Protestant "mainline" denominations & evangelicalism
 - Cults: {Embraces Gnosticism & World Power}
 - Church Latter Day Saints, Christian Science & others
- Islam: {Embraces Gnosticism & World Power}

Christians - Understand the Bible

- Christians content with *milk* of His Word, not *meat*
(He 5:11-14)
 - Happy with learning *stories* but not understanding truth
 - Content to live by *rules* but not the basis of rules
 - Unable to understand current events in context of Bible
 - Trapped in meaningless battles - Forgetting the Gospel
- God's truth prevails; we are to take His light into the darkness, not perpetuate the darkness