

Zechariah Fourteen

Transcribed from tape of Jeremiah using *The Authorized Version* of the Holy Bible.

Verses 1 and 2:

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

HE is speaking about Jerusalem. Here YAHWEH is combining the literal destruction of Jerusalem with the last days. What actually happened with the literal destruction of Jerusalem is exactly what it says, "the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, the women ravished." This literally happened. But HE is referring to the "day of the LORD," which is in the last days. And when Jerusalem did fall, it was not all nations that fought against Jerusalem, it was babylon, and later on it was rome. So HE is combining two events here, the literal destruction of Jerusalem when these things were fulfilled, with the last days when "all the nations will be gathered against Jerusalem." Now HE divides Jerusalem between the typical Jerusalem, and the fulfilled Jerusalem, when HE says "half of the city shall go into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." The half that was completely destroyed is the typical part. The residue of the people, who aren't cut off from the city, is referring to the Jerusalem of Promise, the True Jews, that all nations fight against, this survives. HE divides it into half, this means that there are two parts, the typical and the fulfillment. You know HE is referring to two different events because all the nations did not fight typical Jerusalem, it was one nation at a time. But in the last days, "Ye shall be hated by all nations." (Matt. 24) This shows that all nations will turn against YAHWEH'S Organization. Now they won't be able to literally fight the invisible Jerusalem, but when they fight YAHWEH'S People on earth, they are fighting against YAHWEH'S Capitol Organization. "He who has done it unto the least of these my brethren, has done it unto me also." (Matt. 25) So all who fight against Israel, are fighting against Jerusalem, the ruling organization.

Verse 3:

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

This did not happen with the destruction of Jerusalem (typical), but it does happen after the nations show their sentiments by showing their demonism, that they are definitely against YAHWEH and HIS Organization. Then YAHWEH does turn against them at the final battle, and destroys them.

Verse 4:

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which [is] before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, [and there shall be] a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.¹

The mount of Olives is referring to the mountain that bear fruit, to YAHWEH'S Organization, those that respond to HIM, and only these will HE control. Standing upon the Mount Olives means that HE

¹Refer to Hebrew translation of this verse.

ZECHARIAH 14

In the days of old, YAHWEH dealt with the nation of Israel.

Jerusalem was the capital city or the ruling city. It ruled over the twelve tribes which made up Israel.

YAHWEH guided HIS people; HE sent the prophets to instruct them. YAHWEH gave them HIS laws and HE blessed them. But these people, as a nation proved to be disobedient, and so YAHWEH removed HIS guidance. HE declared that HE would no longer deal with them. This is recorded in Amos:

Amos 8:1-2; Moffat's translation;

"The Lord Eternal showed me this; a basket of ripe fruit. Then said He "Amos, what do you see?" "A basket of ripe fruit", said I; and the Eternal said to me, "So is the doom ripe for my people Israel; never again will I pardon them."

YAHWEH used the nation of Israel as an example. It was a picture of the true nation of Israel which YAHWEH restores in the last days.

The city of Jerusalem was the typical ruling city. The fulfillment of that is with the New Jerusalem, YAHWEH'S ruling organization in the heavens.

Galatians 4:26

"But Jerusalem which is above, is free, which is the mother of us all."

Jerusalem rules over or nourishes Israel on earth. YAHWEH has given Jerusalem the authority to guide and judge Israel on earth.

Thos wo make up the New Jerusalem are the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 14:1 They are now in the heavens ruling over the earth with Yahshua. (refer to Rev. 5:9-10)

Zechariah 14 deals with the typical city of Jerusalem and also the true Jerusalem.

Verse 1. Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

This verse is referring to the literal destruction of Jerusalem. When their goods or spoil were taken and divided amongst the enemy.

The "Day of the Lord" refers to YAHWEH'S judgement day, when HIS wrath is poured out.

So in a typical sense the Jerusalem of old did experience the "day of the Lord," they felt YAHWEH'S wrath upon them. But it's the last days of this system that YAHWEH pours HIS wrath upon all the nations.

Verse 2. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Here YAHWEH is combining two events: One is when the typical city of Jerusalem was conquered. and these events of war did take place. The "Half of the city " which goes into "captivity" is the typical city of Jerusalem which was done away with.

"The residue of the people" or the other half that is left, refers to the New Jerusalem. It will not be abandoned, but it will dwell in security as mentioned further on in verse 11.

YAHWEH divides it in halves, showing that there are two parts. The typical city of Jerusalem and the fulfillment of the New Jerusalem, but YAHWEH brings out here that all the nations will come against Jerusalem. This happens in the last days.

With the typical city of Jerusalem, there were two nations which fought against it. They were Babylon and then Rome.

It's in the last days when all the nations of the world will fight against the New Jerusalem.

Verse 3. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

The nations that YAHWEH fights against are the nations that oppose Jerusalem. Now Jerusalem is in the heavens, it is an invisible realm of authority. How can the nations fight against it?

They do this by fighting against those who Jerusalem rules. Those who are doing the will of YAHWEH and His organization. This is the Israel of Promise on earth. (Matt. 25:40)

This conflict begins when Israel starts to expose the corruption of this world during the time of the preaching work, the 1260 days mentioned in Rev. 11.

YAHWEH reveals HIS purpose to Israel, through HIS prophets. These revealed truths, the message which YAHWEH has given to Israel, this will actually cause the downfall of this system.

In Jeremiah 51:20: YAHWEH says, speaking of Israel;

"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms."

So Israel, armed with the knowledge of the truth, fights against the nations. In 11 Cor. 10:2-5 it mentions how this will take place-- use Revised standard translation.

Also in Joel 2, YAHWEH pictures Israel as an army, a great and powerful people. They go through the world preaching YAHWEH'S message and what they leave behind is a desolate wilderness, everything is exposed. This is why Israel will be hated by all the nations.

And this is the way that YAHWEH fights the nations; HE uses Israel.

Verse 4. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west and there shall be a very great valley; and half of it toward the south.

Here is the correct translation, taken directly from the Hebrew:

Verse 4. And shall stand his feet in that day upon Mt. Olives, which faces toward Jerusalem from the east and will be cleft, Mt Olive, in half, eastward and westward, a very great valley, and spread half to the north, half to the south.

Verse 5. and you will flee the valley of the mountains because of exhaustion, valley of mountains within is set apart and you shall flee as you did before the earthquake.

YAHWEH is standing on the Mount of Olives.

A mount or mountain is a symbol for an organization. And this organization which YAHWEH is standing on, is fruitful and productive. Just as an olive tree is.

YAHWEH standing on this organization shows that YAHWEH is in control of it, it belongs to HIM.

This mountain or organization is Israel. YAHWEH'S entire ruling organization. In Psalms 147:19-20 it brings out that YAHWEH deals only with Israel, no other nation.

"before Jerusalem on the east" means the mount of Olives receives instruction from Jerusalem.

"and will be cleft, Mt. Olive, in half, eastward and westward, a very great valley and spread half to the north, and half to the south!"

This part of the verse is describing Israel as being in two parts. A Northern portion and a southern portion.

The northern portion pictures the Heavenly class. Isaiah 14:13 describes the north as the place of authority, or where YAHWEH has HIS throne. Also Psalms 48:2.

The southern portion pictures Israel on the earth. The earthly portion of YAHWEH'S Kingdom. So YAHWEH'S ruling organization is in two parts, the Heavenly class and the earthly class.

In verse 5. and you will flee the valley of the mountains because of exhaustion, valley of mountains within is set apart and you shall flee as you did before the earthquake.

A point being made here is that although YAHWEH'S Kingdom or this mountain is in two parts, they are joined. There is a connection between the two. And the way that they are joined is by a constant flow of information from the heavens to the earth. Pictured by the valley "a very great valley." Refer to Isaiah 2:2-3.

so the earthly portion of the Kingdom receives instructions from the heavens. And this is the way that they are joined.

Those who flee to this valley are the stranger class, or the regular ones. This is a class of people who are of good will. But through their ignorance they oppose Israel, they don't believe what we preach.

But there comes a time when these people do wake up. They realize that YAHWEH is guiding Israel. They see the fulfillment of prophecy. This convinces them to come to Israel.

This happens at a time when the situation in the world becomes very serious. the world is nearing it's end.

These regular ones flee because of exhaustion. They are literally worn out from the world. Their hopes and dreams were in this world. When the abomination fails, they have no more hope in this system. They have taken all they can take.

The valley of the mountains within is set apart

This means that this is the special provision for the regular ones to be cradled between the two portions of YAHWEH'S organization.

So it's at this time that the strangers separate from the world and they seek the guidance of Israel.

They fully realize that YAHWEH is guiding Israel, and they also desire YAHWEH'S guidance.

They put themselves in submission to YAHWEH'S authority, to Israel, YAHWEH'S rulers here on the earth.

This is why the term "regular ones" is used, they will carry out the instructions given by Israel who are doing YAHWEH'S will.

Verse 6. Smith's Translation

It shall come to pass on that day that there shall be neither heat nor cold, nor frost.

The heat and the cold ar conditions which can cause suffering or pain, a condition of uncomfotableness.

This verse is saying that in the Kingdom there will be no cause of pain or agony, Everyone will be taken care of , no one will be deprived of the things that they need.

Isaiah 49:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst neither shall the heat not sun smite them; for He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even bb springs of water shall he guide them.

Verse 7. Smith's Translation

And there shall be continuois day(it is understood of the Lord!) not day and night, but there shall be light at night time.

Light is a symbol for the truth, the wisdom and understanding from YAHWEH. There is going to be light during the day as well as at night, continuous light.

This is showing us that is the Kingdom there will never come a time when people are in darkness, we will never lose sight of YAHWEH and his purpose for us.

YAHWEH, through the heavenly class will always be giving us knowledge and information. Mankind will continuoisly make progress, always moving forward.

Verse 8. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter it shall be.

The living waters refer to the truth, which gives us life, eternal life. A few references you check are Is 55:1, John 4:14, Rev 7:17 Rev 21:6.

This verse brings out that these life giving waters will flow from Jersuallem, from YAHWEH'S ruling organization in the heavens.

"and half of them will flow towarde the former or eastern sea

and half toward the hinder or western sea"

In order to understand this correctly we have to check the Hebrew:

(Kadmonee)

Eastern or former sea: meaning those who go before.

This is referring to Israel on earth. Israel takes the lead.

They come out of the world and serve YAHWEH even though they don't see the fulfillment of YAHWEH'S promises. They remain faithful and serve HIM. "Blessed are they who believe without seeing"

(Akharon)

Western or hinder sea: refers to those who follow or loiter, those who are last, they procrastinate. This is speaking about the stranger class. They need proof, they need to see fulfillment take place before they are convinced. They remain a part of this system until it's almost too late.

So Israel and the strangers receive YAHWEH'S blessing of eternal life. "in summer and in winter" this means at all times, year round without interruption.

Verse 9. Rotherham Translation

And YAHWEH shall be king over all the earth, in that day there shall be one YAHWEH and HIS name one.

There will come a time when every person on the earth will know YAHWEH and serve HIM.

Today people serve themselves and false gods. They put their trust in the world. They look to the world for security. But all of this will be done away with, it will vanish. YAHWEH will become first in everyone's hearts and minds.

Verse 10. Rotherham Translation

All of the land shall turn into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall lift herself high and abide in her own place, from the gate of Benjamin up to the place of the first gate, up to the corner gate and from the tower of Hananeel off to the winepresses of the king.

Geba and Rimmon are two points in a mountainous area in Jerusalem or near Jerusalem. If this land was smoothed out or made into a plain this would make this area easier to travel. The obstacles or the mountains would be removed.

What this means is that YAHWEH will clear the way for us. The hardships which people face today will be gone. The struggle to exist will be gone. There won't be any opposition.

Will always move forward and make progress.

The verse mentions that this would take place "south of Jerusalem" if we refer to verse 4 and the illustration, the south pictured the earthly portion of YAHWEH'S kingdom.

"and Jerusalem shall lift herself high and abide in her own place" This is once again indicating that the New Jerusalem would be elevated into the heavens.

Now the gates and points mentioned at the end of this verse are

to all of Jerusalem, from one end to the other. Jerusalem will be completely restored and it will dwell in the heavens.

Verse 11. And men shall swell in it and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

This is picturing Jerusalem as though it were on land and it's safely inhabited or dwells in security. This is showing that no harm or danger would occur there.

The New Jerusalem is in the heavens, so the enemy could not reach her.

Verse 12. And this shall be the plague where with the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Those who fight against Jerusalem are the ones who oppose YAHWEH'S entire organization. These people refuse to listen to YAHWEH'S warning. HE pleads with them to come out of the world. But they continue on their own course, they reject YAHWEH'S provision. And this is what happens to them, this catastrophe that's mentioned here. What is being described is Nuclear radiation. The nations of this world are going to engage in a nuclear war. The situation between the nations becomes very intense, violent arguments begin. And the result of this will be that the nations decide to use the weapons that they've been building all these years.

August 6, 1945 marked 40 years since the U.S dropped an atomic bomb in Japan. The effects of this bomb, the suffering of the people and the devastation of the city were tremendous. Nothing like it had ever been experienced before.

An article in Time Magazine (July 24, 1985, pg 54, par 2) said that this event was a "vision of the future, a forecast of the world's destruction"

So the world is aware that a nuclear war could happen, and that it probably happen.

YAHWEH has allowed Israel to understand this before it happens. This is a true blessing. HE gives us the opportunity to separate ourselves from this doomed world, that we can escape this time of trouble. And YAHWEH gives this opportunity to everyone. He pleads with them through Israel.

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas that day is so great there is none like it; it shall be a time of distress for Jacob, yet he shall be saved out of it.

Reference also Daniel 12:1.

When this nuclear war takes place, 2/3 of the earth's population will be killed. This is brought out in Zechariah 13:8

Zechariah 13:8 And it shall come to pass that in all the land saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die, but the third shall be left therein.

This destruction takes place throughout the earth.

Jeremiah 25:33 And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

The third that remain are the righteous. These will build YAHWEH'S kingdom on earth. This is Israel and the strangers, the regular ones.

Verse 13. Rotherham Translation
And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall be a great confusion from YAHWEH among them. And they shall lay hold everyone upon the hand of his neighbor and his hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

In verse 12 the end result of the conflict between the nations was described. This verse is speaking of a time period just prior to that.

This great confusion takes place when the union between the nations begins to fall apart. During the Abomination of Desolation the nations unite, they form a one world government. You could say that they become friends. When this union falls apart these friends become enemies. They blame each other for the trouble that they're experiencing. Added to that is the point that there will be people in the U.S. who favor the Russian way of government and people in Russia who will side up with the U.S.

As it is today people are very far apart, there is no one to trust; you can just imagine the tension that will be present in that time period. They will just go farther and farther apart at an alarming pace "neighbor against neighbor".

Verse 14. Revised Standard Translation.
even Judah will fight against Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the nations round about shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance.

Judah pictures the Lord's people and Jerusalem is YAHWEH'S ruling organization in the heavens. What this is speaking about is that there are people who are part of Israel, or the Lord's people who are fighting against Jerusalem.. This is referring to Jehovah's Witnesses. They will make up a part of the Israel of Promise. But at this time they are opposing Jerusalem. The way that they are doing this is by rejecting the channel of authority which YAHWEH has set up. These are the Prophets, they are to be rulers on the earth.

For a time there is a division amongst YAHWEH'S people.

Verse 14 goes on.. "and the wealth of the nations round about shall be collected"

This means that the nations will gather together all their resources, all that they have in order to fight this last and final battle. They do their utmost to win this war. They actually bring about their own destruction.

Verse 15. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

This plague mentioned here is the same plague as in verse 12. radiation sickness; caused by nuclear war. It's bringing out that the animals will also be effected by this, they will be killed also. They too, are flesh and blood.

Verse 16. And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

"All those who are left from the nations"; these are the strangers, the regular ones. They become submissive to Israel. They realize that YAHWEH has a purpose for all of us and they want to be obedient and serve HIM.

"The feast of booths" or the "feast of tabernacle" was a holiday observed by the Israel of old. It was to remember that YAHWEH had delivered them from bondage.

The regular ones will also show this by being submissive and obedient to YAHWEH.

Verse 17; And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

With the typical nation of Israel, all of the Israelites would go to Jerusalem to worship. This was a way that they showed that they were in harmony with YAHWEH. Now this is saying that anyone who is not in harmony with YAHWEH or in line with HIS purpose, they will not receive the blessing of YAHWEH'S joly spirit, this is symbolized by the rain. Just as the rain nourishes the earth and causes the vegetation to grow and flourish, YAHWEH'S spirit allows us to grow in knowledge and understanding. So those who are obedient to YAHWEH will be blessed with HIS spirit. And those who are disobedient will have it withheld from them.

Scriptures that mention rain as a blessing:

Isaiah 45:8, Hosea 6:3, and Duet 32:2

Verse 18. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not that have no rain; there shall be the plague, were with the Lord will smite the heather that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

What this is saying is that anyone who does not accept YAHWEH'S purpose and fall in line to HIS authority will not receive HIS blessings because they are disobeying. These will be destroyed

in the nuclear war, the plague mentioned in verse 12, death and destruction.

Verse 19. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Egypt pictures the world, it was the first world power. This verse is saying again that those who do not become submissive to YAHWEH will die in the final battle.

Verse 20. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord; and the pots in the Lords house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

This is saying that all around us, everything we see will remind us of YAHWEH. And of all the blessings that HE has given to us. Everyone will know YAHWEH and we will all work to further the progress of the Kingdom.

Verse 21. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all that they sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

Once again it mentions that everything in the Kingdom will remind us of YAHWEH. And everyone will honor and serve YAHWEH as it should be.

When it mentions "Canaanite, or trader" Canaanite means tradesmen or merchant. This is saying that the system of trade or commerce which we see in the world today, that it will not exist in the Kingdom.

People are slaves to the system of big business. In the Kingdom this will be turned around.

Isaiah 23:18 Her merchandise and her hire will be dedicated to the Lord, it will not be stored or hoarded, but her merchandise will supply abundant food and fine clothing for those who dwell before the Lord.

The work that is done in the Kingdom will benefit everyone, it won't be done out of selfish motivation or for a profit as we see today.

NOTES:

Vs. 18. Can any of this be the final death? Those who are not submissive cannot survive in YAHWEH'S Kingdom.

Vs. 21. To seethe; cook in pots.

ZECHARIAH 14 (Jeanne Deola)

Introduction:

Yahweh, the Almighty God, has a purpose for mankind, and that is to live on a "paradise earth," where righteous-hearted people may live in peace and harmony in a system, or under a ruling organization, that is truly fair and just, guided by Yahweh's attributes of love, justice, wisdom and power. This system will be our future as Israel, the conditions that will exist when Yahweh's Kingdom is fully established throughout the earth. But, as for now, the system of things that the people of the earth are living under is run by satan the devil (1 John 5:19; 1 Corinthians 4:4). satan is the "god" of this world, he has control of the governments, as it is stated in Matthew 4:8,9 wherein he offered all the kingdoms of this world to Yahshua, showing that they were his.

satan uses commerce, politics and organized religion to run his system and control the nations. These three elements work hand in hand, even as nations are pitted against each other for more power, wealth, and control.

For some six thousand years satan has had uninterrupted rule on this earth. Every conceivable form of government has been tried, and all have failed. All mankind can never live well and at peace in satan's system, it is based on selfishness, injustice and lies, it is never fair to all people, so many live in misery and total uncertainty. We could go on and on about the atrocities of this system.

The hope that we as Israel look forward to is an end to this system and the establishment of the "Kingdom on Earth." Yahweh promises us this, that satan's system will be done away with, removed from this earth, for this must be done completely for Yahweh's Kingdom to be fully established. His promises could not be fulfilled if satan's ways, his influence and ideas, still existed.

We find that man himself is going to set off this destruction. But, before this final destruction, there comes "The Day of the Lord" as spoken of in Zechariah 14. Which is a ten year judgment day. When it begins, Yahweh in His love and justice brings out all of His truth through Israel in a great preaching work that will last a period of three and one half years as stated in Matthew 24:14:

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Yahweh gives everyone opportunity to hear His message and judge for themselves. They can choose to serve Yahweh or stay in satan's system, of which Israel will be preaching of its coming destruction

After the three and one half years of preaching, the "day of the Lord" (Yahweh's ten year judgment day) progresses to a fulfillment of all of what Israel has said will happen. The abomination of desolation, the one-world, one government is formed with the pope of Rome as the head of this beast. This organization lasts 1290 days. Then this world organization is exposed and destroyed. For fifteen months the nations endure on their own until a violent argument erupts between the nations and for five months the world realizes the impending doom of war approaching. This final war lasts about one year, and will culminate in a nuclear war.

So this is how the end will come to satan's system, to his rule on earth. The members of satan's world wipe themselves out.

This chapter of Zechariah deals with this final destruction and points to the fact that it will be a nuclear destruction. It also tells about Yahweh's ruling organization.

Let's begin. I'll be reading from the *Authorized Version*. I'm going to begin with verse one and two.

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"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh." This is the ten year judgment day I spoke of earlier that occurs in the last days, or the end of this system.

He is speaking concerning Jerusalem, and Yahweh is combining the literal destruction of Jerusalem with the last days. In the past, Yahweh dealt with His nation, Israel, and their ruling city was Jerusalem. What happened in the days of old was a picture, or types and examples, of greater things to come, when He gathers His True Nation of Israel in the last days (for He never changes the name of His People). He restores Israel, His nation, taken from all races of righteous-hearted people throughout the earth, and He also restores Jerusalem, the ruling city. The position of the "New Jerusalem" is in the heavens. Galatians 4:26:

But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Jerusalem consists of 144,000 kings and priests, who along with Yahshua, who is the "king of kings," rule over the earthly Kingdom.

The Israel of old proved to be disobedient as a nation; they rejected the prophets, and, in time, Yahweh removed Himself from them and allowed them to be destroyed as a nation and scattered. Jerusalem was literally destroyed in the way described here "the city taken, houses rifled, the spoil or the goods or wealth divided," as what usually happens when territory is conquered. But, when Jerusalem fell it was not all nations that fought against Jerusalem. It was Babylon and finally Rome.

So He is combining two events here, the literal destruction of Jerusalem, where these things were fulfilled, and the last days when all nations will be gathered against Jerusalem. He divides Jerusalem between the typical Jerusalem and the fulfillment of Jerusalem. So, when He says, "half of the city shall go into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city," He is referring to the half, or to the typical part, which was completely destroyed, and the part that survives is His Jerusalem of Promise, the True Jerusalem, the Jerusalem that all nations fight against. He divides this into half, meaning that there are two parts: the typical and the fulfillment. We can see that He is referring to two different events because all nations did not fight against typical Jerusalem, it was one nation at a time. But, in the last days His People shall be hated by all nations, indicating that all nations would turn against Yahweh's organization. They will not be able to fight literally the invisible Jerusalem in the heavens, but when they fight against the Lord's People, they are fighting against Yahweh's capital organization. So, all who are fighting against Israel on earth are fighting against Jerusalem, the ruling organization.

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those that respond to Him. Only these will He control. Standing on the Mount of Olives means that Yahweh is controlling His organization. It belongs to Him, this fruitful and productive organization, Israel. Being on the east shows that the Mount of Olives receives instruction from Heavenly Jerusalem

[back to verse 4] and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Jeremiah has looked into the Hebrew of verse four and five and I will be reading that translation.

Verse 4 from the Hebrew:

And shall stand his feet in that day upon Mount Olives, which faces toward Jerusalem from the east and will be cleft Mount Olives in half eastward and westward a very great valley and spread half to the north and half to the south.

Yahweh's organization is likened unto a mountain. The mountain of the house of the Lord, singular. Yet, we find that His Kingdom is made up of two parts, the invisible and the visible. If someone were to consider us they would figure we are just people governing ourselves, doing what we think is right. They see no connection with the heavens, because they can't see the heavens, yet, there are two parts. There is the ruling element, symbolically referred to as that which is in the north; and the south, the earthly portion, which receives the instruction from the heavens.

What Yahweh is telling us here is that His organization will be divided from east to west, and when the division is made from east to west, half of it is in the north, and half of it is in the south. His Kingdom is made up of two parts: the heavenly, the ruling element, and the souther part which receives the instruction, on earth.

Verse 5 from the Hebrew:

And you will flee the valley of mountains because of exhaustion. Valley of mountains within is set apart and you shall flee as you did before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

This valley indicates that there will be a connection between the north and the south. They are joined by a flow of information from the heavens to the earth. The earthly portion of the Kingdom receives instructions from the Heavens.

Those who flee to this valley are the regular ones. They will cradle themselves in the midst, in between the heavenly and the earthly ruling element. These are the people who put themselves in the protection of the Kingdom. They cradle themselves between the heavens and the 200 million. They are pictured as being protected on both sides in Yahweh's Kingdom. They flee there because of exhaustion. They are completely exhausted by this system or the world. They stayed in it even after hearing Israel, they just aren't totally convinced, they remain in the world and see everything fail and fall apart. It takes all these things to happen for them to become fully convinced, they must see the fulfillment of all Israel has said and become totally exhausted by this system before they know that we are truly Yahweh's People and come over to us and join us.

They flee there and the valley of the mountains shall be joined together. This is the understanding that the people receive, that they must obey and put themselves under the protection of the earthly organization, and in so doing, they are putting themselves in the protection of the heavenly organization. They are obeying both. If they are submissive and are obeying the Prophets, they are obeying Yahweh. This is Yahweh's channel. This is what Yahweh has ordained to guide His People.

Verse 6 and 7:

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark;

7 But it shall be one day which shall be know to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it

shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

Goodspeed has it:

It shall come to pass in that day that there shall be neither heat nor cold nor frost, and there shall be continuous day--It is understood of the Lord--not day and night, but there shall be light at night time.

What He is bringing out here, is that neither heat nor cold nor frost, these are conditions which cause suffering or agony or a condition of uncomfotableness and in His Kingdom these things will not exist. He brings out concerning the great multitude that they shall hunger no more, nor thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. In other words, they will be deprived of nothing, there will be nothing to cause them discomfort or agony.

If there is light at night time, it means that there will be continuous light. There will be no periods of darkness or no time when people lose sight of Yahweh or don't understand, and have to start searching and start all over again. The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord all the time, as long as the Kingdom endures, and it will endure forever.

Verse 8:

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem: half of them toward the former sea [some translations say "eastern sea"], and half of them toward the hinder sea [or "western sea"] in summer and in winter shall it be.

What is referred to here as the former or hinder, or eastern or western, when you look into the root of these words, they means as follows: Former, as of time, in other words, first as to time. It means they that went before. East or eastern means to project oneself, that is to precede, to anticipate, to hasten.

Half of the living waters, or half of the life giving waters will go toward those who precede all the others. These are the ones who take the lead.

Now, half doesn't mean exactly half, it means that they will be divided in two. He uses the expression half and half indicating that it will go in two directions.

Now the hinder sea, or the western sea, the roots means to loiter, that is to be behind, to procrastinate, to put off, delay, late, to defer. This is referred to as the western or the hinder sea. Now, those who wait, those who tarry, those who loiter until it is late, until the trouble really starts is referring to the regular ones who wait until the times are really very serious until the eruption of the chaotic condition is about to take place before they truly realize that Israel was correct in their predictions. But, these are of good will, and it takes that much to convince them. When they are convinced, they will receive Yahweh's blessing, they will receive everlasting life also. So Yahweh's life giving waters will flow to Israel, to those who precede, the ruling class, and also to those who loiter and make up the regular ones.

Verse 9:

And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

The *Rotherham* and the *New Jerusalem* Bibles say:

And YAHWEH shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one YAHWEH and his name one.

It doesn't speak of anyone else, it refers to Yahweh. He is the Everlasting Father. He is the Almighty.

Verse 10, *Rotherham*:

All the land shall turn into a plain from Ge-ba to Rim-mon south of Jerusalem.

Ge-ba and Rim-mon are two points in a mountainous area in Jerusalem. Their turning into a plain means that all the obstacles, all the rough going will be smooth, making the way easy. This means that in the Kingdom you will not have all the opposition, all the troubles that you have today just to try to exist. Yahweh will clear the way for you, make everything plain, make the road smooth and straight.

Jerusalem shall lift herself high and abide in her own place

Now this specifically mentions that Jerusalem shall be lifted on high. Indicating that Jerusalem would be taken into the heavens. And that the land would be made smooth south of Jerusalem, this is the earthly portion of the Kingdom, and Jerusalem would be lifted on high. The restored Jerusalem is in the heavens.

from the gate of Benjamin unto the place of the first gate unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the winepresses of the king

In other words, He is referring to all of it, from one end^{ff} to the other. Indicating that there will be no part of Jerusalem that would be left out, it would be completely restored.

Verse 11:

And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

He is picturing Jerusalem as though it was on land, safely inhabited means that there will be nothing that could ever happen to it. Naturally nothing could ever happen to Jerusalem because it is elevated into the heavens and the enemy could never get to her.

Verse 12:

And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Now, these are the people who fight against Yahweh's organization. They are not going to directly fight against Jerusalem; they are going to fight against those who are being ruled by Jerusalem; they are going to be fighting against Israel who is on earth, because the ones who fight against Israel will also be on earth; they will be fighting against the organization that Jerusalem rules over.

"Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

This brings out that there is going to be some kind of catastrophe on earth that will actually begin to rot the flesh of human kind and knowing that nuclear bombs can do, we can see how this can be fulfilled.

This is how the end will come to two thirds of the earth's population. Zechariah 13:8:

And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

This will happen to the members of the world that didn't want any part in Yahweh's Kingdom; their desires were with this world. The final war will end in a nuclear destruction.

With the nuclear age, man now has the capability of destroying the earth many times over. If we

were't under Yahweh's protection, there is every indication they would destroy every foot of this planet. But, Yahweh tells us that the earth abides forever and that Israel inherits the earth, so in Matthew 24:22 He states:

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The effects of the nuclear bomb on human flesh is as described here. There is tremendous heat and radioactivity. The flesh will literally melt away on their bones. Radioactivity destroys human organs. This has already been seen in 1945 when this type of bomb was first used in Japan. The estimate is that 125,000 were killed and many, many more lived with the torturous results. The bombs they make today are 450 times more powerful. The destruction will be horrendous. Jeremiah 25:33 states:

And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

Verse 13, *Rotherham*:

And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall be a great confusion from YAHWEH among them, and they shall lay hold everyone upon the hand of his neighbor, and his hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

There comes a time of great confusion, when men are confused. They don't know where to direct their energy or their thoughts, or what or how to do anything of how to correct anything. They are confused. They will make the wrong move. What could be better explained than being confused when they turn on each other--those who are supposed to be on their own side. This is great confusion. Yahweh brings this about by bringing out the truth, by establishing His Kingdom, by raising up a people of knowledge, who are confident and trusting in Yahweh. The world will actually see the best of the earth forsake them and abandon them. They will begin to feel very, very distressed when they see these people leaving and when they see them start an organization which is so superior to theirs. They will hope, because of being selfish to be able to retain their former prestige, they will want to regain it. They don't know how to go about it and as they will be divided as to how to do this, they will reason, to wipe each other out and see who can gain the upper hand. The united states will reason that it is their way that should be reestablished; russia will say it is her way. And they figure the only way to come out, is to conquer the other. In so doing, they annihilate themselves. Added to the confusion will be people who are living in this country who will actually favor the communist method and russians who will actually favor the american system. This is where they will actually turn on each other and the world will certainly be no place to be in, let alone try to live or survive in. Anyone who does not take Yahweh's instructions to leave is not going to make it. He will not be any safer than Noah would have been had he not entered the ark!

Verse 14, *Goodspeed*:

Even Judah will fight against Jerusalem and the wealth of all the nations around shall be gathered together, gold, silver, and clothing in great abundance.

Now, Judah is fighting against Jerusalem. Judah symbolizes the Lord's people. Jerusalem refers to Yahweh's organization, His ruling organization. This means that some of the Lord's people will be fighting Yahweh's ruling organization. This seems odd, yet we have two witness who preach Yahweh's message (Revelation 11). The first witness, do not recognize the prophets, by opposing the prophets. And for the time that they are opposing the second witness, they will actually be fighting Jerusalem because Yahweh's will is that the Prophets are to take over on this earth and that all humanity is to be in submission to the Prophets. The first witness will not do this for a while, and when they are opposing Yahweh's order of things, they will be fighting Jerusalem, His Heavenly Organization. They

bring all their resources and do their utmost to fight and win.

Verse 15:

And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

The same thing that afflicts mankind will also afflict the animals, because they are also flesh and blood. If man cannot survive, neither will the animals.

Verse 16:

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Those that are left indicates those how have become submissive and obedient, and therefore have survived. These are the regular ones

Now the feast of tabernacles, or the feast of booths as some translations bring out, was a feast observed by the Israel of old to remember how Yahweh delivered them from bondage. Their "keeping" it indicates obedience to Yahweh. They will do as He tells them. So, those who survive will become submissive and obedient. This is all He is telling you. Obedience is what Yahweh requires. When you obey Yahweh, you honor Him, because you automatically select Him as the Supreme One, as the Ruler. You honor Him by obeying Him.

Verse 17:

And it shall be, that whosoever will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of host, even upon them shall be no rain.

Rain is referring to a heavenly blessing. Those who do not obey will not receive Yahweh's heavenly blessings. Rain symbolizes His Holy Spirit which comes from the heavens. Rain causes the earth to yield her increase. His Spirit causes people to flourish, which causes you to grow in knowledge and faith and understanding. The rain, or the blessings, or the Holy Spirit would be withheld from them and for this reason they would not prosper, they would not flourish. These are the disobedient ones. Those who obey will be blessed with His Spirit.

Verse 18:

And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Anyone who does not accept Yahweh's purpose and fall in line with His organization will not receive His blessings because they are disobeying. They will be destroyed in the nuclear war, the plague spoken of in verse twelve.

Verse 19:

This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Egypt pictures the world, it was the first world power. Those who do not recognize Yahweh, those who do not become submissive to him they will die in the final war.

Verse 20:

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

In other words, it will be like a big advertisement to Yahweh wherever you go: on the horses and even on the cooking utensils you see "Holiness unto the Lord," indicating that when things are advertised everybody is able to see and to recognize, and to come in contact with what is advertised. This means that everyone will be full of the knowledge of Yahweh, and they know that Yahweh has truly blessed them and that all honor and praise goes to Him. It will be just as though it is put before their eyes all the time; they will never forget it.

Verse 21:

Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them and see therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

Everything will honor Yahweh. The Canaanite symbolizes a tradesman or a merchant. The last thought to be brought out here is that commerce as we know it will not exist in the Kingdom. In this world people are slaves to commerce, the average person must work long and hard for everything he needs. But, in the Kingdom there will be a system of trade that will be for the benefit of mankind. A system set up to ensure that everyone will fairly receive everything they need.

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is controlling HIS Organization.

YAHWEH'S Organization is likened to a mountain, "the mountain of the house of the LORD." (Is. 2:2), singular. Yet HIS Kingdom is made up of two parts; the invisible and the visible. And we don't see the invisible, and if a person were just to look at us, they would figure we were just people governing ourselves, doing what we think is right. They see no connection with the heavens because they can't see the heavens. Yet there are two parts, there is the ruling element, symbolized by that which is in the north, and then the south, or the earthly portion, which receives instruction from the heaven. So when HIS Organization is divided into "east and west," half of it is in the north, and half in the south. HIS Kingdom is made up of two parts, the heavenly, the ruling element, and the south part which receives the instruction.

Verse 5:

And ye shall flee [to] the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, [and] all the saints with thee.²

The *Catholic Duoay* is clearer, it says:

And ye shall flee to the valley of those mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall be joined even to the next.

This shows there will be a connection between the north and the south. Now the people fleeing to the valley of the two mountains means they will cradle themselves in between, or in the midst of the heavenly and the earthly ruling element. These are the people who put themselves in the protection of the Kingdom, they cradle themselves between the heavens and the rest of the 200 million. They are being pictured as being protected on both sides in YAHWEH'S Kingdom, they flee there, and the "valley of the mountains shall be joined together." This is the understanding that the people receive that they must put themselves under the protection of the earthly organization, and in so doing, they are putting themselves in the protection of the heavenly organization, and they are obeying both. If they are submissive and obey the prophets, they are obeying YAHWEH. If they disobey the prophets, they are disobeying YAHWEH because these are HIS channel which HE has ordained to guide HIS People. So they cradle themselves between the two mountains.

Verses 6 and 7:

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the light shall not be clear, [nor] dark:
7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, [that] at evening time it shall be light.

I will read this in the *Goodspeed Translation*:

6 It shall come to pass in that day that there shall be neither heat, nor cold, nor frost.
7 And there shall be continuous day (it is understood of the LORD!), not day and night, but there shall be light at night time.

Heat, cold and frost are conditions which cause suffering or agony, of great discomfort. In HIS Kingdom, these things will not exist. HE says concerning the great multitude, in Revelation 7:16:

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore, neither shall the sunlight on them or

²Refer to Hebrew translation of this verse.

any heat.

This means they will be deprived of nothing, nothing to cause them discomfort or agony. Now HE says there will be light at night time, since there is light in the day time and here, it says there is light at night time, it means there will be continuous light, no periods of darkness, no time when people lose sight of YAHWEH, and don't understand and have to start searching all over again. "The earth will be full of the knowledge of YAHWEH," all the time as long as the Kingdom endures, which is forever.

Verse 8:

And it shall be in that day, [that] living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Some translations bring out eastern sea, and western sea. The word, former, taken from the Hebrew, *cadmoni*, which means former, as of time. In other words, first, as of time. This means they went before. Eastern, a primitive root, to project oneself, that is to precede, hence to anticipate, hasten. So half of the living or life-giving waters will go toward those who precede, hasten, who go before. This refers to those who make up the 200 million, who believe without seeing, who precede all the others. It is these who take the lead. Half doesn't mean exactly half but means it will be divided into two. It will go in two directions. Now the hinder, or western sea; taken from the primitive root, to loiter, that is to be behind, by implication to procrastinate, this means to delay, to wait until it is too late, to defer, to be late, slack and to tarry. This refers to those who delay, who tarry and wait till trouble really starts. These are the one third, the regular ones, or stranger class, who wait until the times are very serious, when the eruption of chaotic condition is about to take place, who don't realize until the five month argument, that Israel was correct in their prediction. But these are of good will, and it takes that much to convince them and when they are convince, they will receive YAHWEH'S blessing and get everlasting life also. So YAHWEH'S life-giving waters will flow to Israel, those who precede, the ruling class, and also to those who loiter, who make up the stranger class.

Verse 9:

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

The Rotherham's and the Jerusalem Bibles bring out:

And YAHWEH shall be king over all the earth. In that day shall there be one YAHWEH and His name one.

Now it doesn't speak of anyone else, it refers to YAHWEH, HE is the Everlasting FATHER, HE is Almighty.

Verse 10:

All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and [from] the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

I'll read this also in the *Rotherham's*:

And the land shall turn into a plain from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, and

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Jerusalem shall lift herself on high and abide in her own place, from the gate of Benjamin up to the place of the first gate, up to the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel, to the wine presses of the king.

Turning into a plain means all obstacles, rough goings will be smoothed, making the way easy. This means in the Kingdom you won't have all the opposition and trouble you have today just trying to exist. YAHWEH will clear the way for you and make everything like a plain, make the road smooth and straight.

This specifically mentions that Jerusalem shall be lifted on high, meaning that Jerusalem would be taken into the heavens. The land made smooth south of Jerusalem refers to the earthly portion of the kingdom. But Jerusalem is lifted on high, the restored Jerusalem is in the heavens.

"..from the gate of Benjamin up to the place of the first gate, up to the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel, to the wine presses of the king." This refers to all the extremities of Jerusalem; from one end of it, to the other, this shows there will be no part of Jerusalem that will be left out, it will be completely restored.

Verse 11:

And [men] shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

Picturing Jerusalem as though it were still on land, safely inhabited, meaning there will be nothing that could ever happen to it, and the reason being that it is elevated into the heavens, and the enemy could never get to it.

Verse 12:

And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

These are the people that fight against YAHWEH'S Organization, now they won't direction fight against Jerusalem, but they will fight against those who are being ruled by Jerusalem, Israel on earth. Because the ones who fight Israel are also on earth, they won't fight Jerusalem in the heavens but will fight those which Jerusalem rule over.

" Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." This shows there will be some kind of catastrophe on earth, that will actually begin to rot the flesh of all humankind and knowing what nuclear bombs can do, we can see how this can be readily fulfilled.

Verse 13:

And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

Rotherham's Translation:

And it shall come to pass in that day that there shall be a great confusion from YAHWEH among them. And they shall lay hold everyone upon the hand of his neighbor, and his hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

This means there will come a time of great confusion. When men are confused, they don't know where to direct their energies, or their thoughts, or what or how to do anything, or how to correct anything, they are confused, and will they make the wrong moves. And what better way, can this be explained, then when they turn on each other, those who are supposed to be on their own side opposing them; this is the great confusion. YAHWEH brings this about by bringing out the truth, by establishing HIS Kingdom, by raising up a people of knowledge who are confident and trusting in YAHWEH, the world will see the best of the earth forsake them, and abandon them, and they will begin to feel very, very distressed when they see these people leaving and then start an organization which is far superior to theirs. They will hope, because of being selfish, to be able to retain their former prestige, and will want to regain it (though they don't know how to go about this), and since they will be divided on just how to do this, they will reason to wipe each other out and see who can gain the upper hand. The united states will reason that it is their way that should be established, while russia says it is her way, and they will think that the only way to come out is by conquering the other, in so doing they annihilate themselves. And added to the confusion are people living in this country who will favor communism, and there will be russians who favor the american system, this is where they will actually turn on each other. At this time the world will be no place to be seen in, let alone trying to live here. And anyone who doesn't take YAHWEH'S instructions to leave will not make it, will be about as safe as Noah if he didn't enter the ark.

Verse 14:

And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

Goodspeed Translation brings out:

(Even Judah shall fight against Jerusalem) And the wealth of all the nations around shall be gathered together, gold, silver, and clothing in great abundance.

This means they will bring together all their resources and do their utmost to fight and win. Now Judah fighting against Jerusalem, Judah symbolizes YAHWEH'S People. Jerusalem symbolizes YAHWEH'S ruling organization. This means that some of YAHWEH'S People will be fighting YAHWEH'S ruling organization. This seems kind of odd, yet we know there are 2 witnesses that make up Israel and that the first witness doesn't recognize the prophets and opposes the second witness for a time. In this way they will actually be fighting Jerusalem, because YAHWEH'S will is that the prophets are going to take over the earth, and that all humanity is to be in submission to the prophets. But the first witness will not do this for a while, and when they are opposing the earthly class, they will be opposing Jerusalem, so there will even be confusion among YAHWEH'S People.

Verse 15:

And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

Some translations (*Moffatt's*) put this verse right after verse 12 where the plague afflicts mankind. This shows that the same plague that afflict mankind, will also afflict the animals, because they are also flesh and blood. And if man can't survive radioactivity, then neither will the animals.

Verse 16:

And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

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Those that are left, this refers to those who have become submissive and obedient, and therefore have survived. These are the regular ones, or the stranger class. Keeping the feast of the tabernacles, or the feast of booths, as some translations say, indicates obedience to YAHWEH, they will do as HE tells them. So those who survive will become submissive and obedient. Obedience is what YAHWEH requires, when you obey HIM, you honor HIM because you are selecting HIM as the Supreme One, the Ruler. But when you disobey HIM, you dishonor HIM, and you hold HIM in reproach.

Verse 17:

And it shall be, [that] whoso will not come up of [all] the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Rain refers to a heavenly blessing. This means those who do not obey will not receive YAHWEH'S heavenly blessing. Rain symbolizes HIS Holy Spirit which comes from the heavens and causes the earth to yield here increase; meaning that it causes people to flourish by growing in knowledge and faith and understanding. But here the rain, the Holy Spirit or blessing, is withheld from them, and for this reason; they would not prosper or flourish, these are the disobedient ones. Those who obey will grow in knowledge and understanding, they will amaze themselves in how rapidly they grow in knowledge, understanding and faith. They can compare themselves to those who don't pay attention, who are at a standstill all the time. But those who try to hear and honor YAHWEH because they want to be as accurate as they can possibly be, will make great strides because YAHWEH will truly bless them.

Verse 18:

And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that [have] no [rain]; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

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Verse 19:

This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

This means those who do not recognize YAHWEH, or become submissive to HIM.

Verse 20:

In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

In other words, it will be like a big advertisement to YAHWEH, wherever you go, on the bells of the horses, or even on the cooking utensils, it is as though you see "Holiness unto YAHWEH." It shows that when things are advertised, everyone is able to see and recognize and come in contact with what is advertised. This means that everyone will be full of the knowledge of YAHWEH and we will know that YAHWEH has truly blessed them and that all honor and praise goes to HIM, just as though it is put before their eyes all the time, they will never forget it.

Verse 21:

Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Everything will honor YAHWEH. The canaanite symbolizes a tradesman or merchant. This means there will be no more commerce or trade in YAHWEH'S Organization, because trade is nothing more than legalized thievery. In other words, you try to take what your neighbor has and he tries to get as much as he can out of you, and in so doing there is no love lost between you because you are just trying to outdo one another and this produces ill feelings, not a natural way for man to live. Man should cooperate with man and not try to take the other's possessions. But this system is such that if you don't take what the other person has, you won't survive, and regardless of how much you have, in this competitive system, you are never secure. So big companies, like the auto manufacturers, can never have enough. The oil and steel companies too, we say they are piggish (which they are), but you really can't blame them, because the system is such that regardless of how much you have, you can have it today and lose it tomorrow. This year Chrysler lost 140 million dollars. Showing that if it did not have the resources, it would have gone under. So they can not be too secure because this system provides no security whatsoever. Now before we condemn the big businessman, we must condemn the system, when the system is exposed, and YAHWEH'S pure and perfect system is made clear to the peoples of the earth, those who persist in wanting this selfish system will prove themselves to be selfish and evil. But until the system is exposed, you can't blame people for trying to get as much as they could. Now myself, I was able to survive losing \$75,000, I just survived. Now if I didn't have any extra, and they stole the \$75,000, I would be out on the street. In other words, in the system you have got to get all you can because you don't know who is going to strike you a low blow, it is every man for himself. Now what YAHWEH will condemn first is this system, then HE will condemn those who insist on having this system later on.

(Study goes on to Ezekiel Forty Three)