

Zechariah 14b – verses 8-21

8 Living water is flowing water, as opposed to stagnant dead water. Jeremiah 2:13,17 - The Lord is the fountain of living water. The Old Testament doesn't separate the spiritual and physical. This is most likely physical but represents the life that flows from the throne of God. Half flows to the Dead Sea and the other half to the Mediterranean, which are the east and west boundaries of Israel. That is physically possible from that location. (Ezekiel 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; Psalm 46:4) The New Testament application is in John 7:38; 4:14

9 See Deuteronomy 6:4 - but with the emphasis on the whole world. (Deuteronomy 4:39; Isaiah 45:5; Matthew 6:7-10)

10 Geba six miles north of Jerusalem, the northern boundary of Judah/ sounds like Gibah -a hill to Beersheba in the south. Rimmon the sw border of Judah. Arabah is the desert regions, in other words the surrounding will be lowered which elevates Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:2)

11 Finally, lasting security. No fear! (Revelation 22:3; Zechariah 2:5)

12 Back to those who came against Jerusalem (against the LORD) (Psalm 2:5; Deuteronomy 28:22)

13 (Judges 7:22; Haggai 2:22) God uses plague to call His people to repentance, to destroy those under His curse, and to purge the land of idolatry.

14 Those who were plundered now do the plundering. (Haggai 2:7)

15-16 Compare with Zechariah 8:20-23. Gentile survivors become converts. The Feast of Tabernacles is carried on in the Millennial age but perhaps with new emphasis on the reality the shadow represented. It was originally redemption from Egypt and the journey to the Promised Land. Now it must represent redemption from sin and God seeing us through the wilderness of this life. This feast always included Gentiles/aliens. Deuteronomy 16:14 "go up"- pilgrimage is the language of the Jews going to the feasts of the Lord but now applied to Gentiles.

17 This feast celebrated the last harvest of the year. If they refused to show gratitude, God will withhold His blessings of rain (spiritual blessings?). (Psalm 65:9-13)

18-19 Egypt used irrigation not rain but is mentioned to show none will escape judgment because of their situation. The Feast of Tab. was related to the Exodus and the word plague reminds us of Egypt's past stubbornness.

20 The common will be holy, that which was for war will now serve the Prince of peace. That is how God intended the world to be, all things holy, until sin brought the separation of sin. The Christian is to experience that even now, as all of life, even the everyday duties, is to be dedicated to the Lord. (1Corinthians 10:31)

21 Canaanite can mean the idolaters or false worship OR it can mean "merchant" implying greed and using religion for personal financial gain being a thing of the past- or both. It maybe referring to foreign merchants who polluted the worship of YHWH. Another way to put it would be worship without the corrupting influences of greed. What a day that will be when the Lord is King over all the earth! This is the fulfillment of Daniel 2:44-45