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Zechariah
Lesson 10
Ch 13-14

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Will God really finish what He started?

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A Brief Commentary on Zechariah,
by Harry Bultema, (1920), p 16-17

- Ch 1: Christ as the Angel of the Lord
- Ch 2: Christ as the One dwelling in the midst of Israel
- Ch 3: Christ as the High Priest, the "Branch" and the foundation stone "with seven eyes"
- Ch 4: Christ as the Cornerstone

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- Ch 6: Christ as the Priest & King
- Ch 8: Christ as Israel's King
- Ch 9: Christ as the Prince of Peace, arriving on a donkey
- Ch 10: Christ as the Great Shepherd for His returning people
- Ch 11: Christ as the Rejected Shepherd, betrayed by 30 pieces of silver
- Ch 12: Christ as the Returning Messiah, mourned for as an only son by those who pierced Him.

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- **Ch 13: Christ as the Shepherd struck by the sword, and His sheep scattered**
- **Ch 14: Christ as the One Reigning as King over the entire earth!**
- **The Rejected Shepherd becomes the Revealed Savior**

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**God Always Finishes
What He Starts**

- **The Cleansing Fountain (Ch 13:1-6)**
- **The Refining Fire (Ch 13:7-9)**
- **The Reigning King (Ch 14:1-21)**

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**God Cleanses and
Removes What Corrupted
His People:**

- ▶ Idols disappear (13:2)
- ▶ False prophets fall silent (13:2-4)
- ▶ Deception collapses (13:4)
- ▶ False prophets abandon their disguises (13:4)
- ▶ Pride is replaced with humility (13:5)

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The Refining Fire 13:7-9

- 13:7 ~ Strike the Shepherd
 - Shifts from *cleansing* to the *cost of cleansing*
 - Matthew 26:31 Jesus quoted this verse
- 13:8-9 ~ The Remnant Refined
 - 2 parts cut off, 1 part faithful
 - God preserves them not because of their strength, but because of their faithfulness
 - Purpose is refinement
 - Renewed covenantal relationship

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**Refinement is not punishment—
it is preparation.**

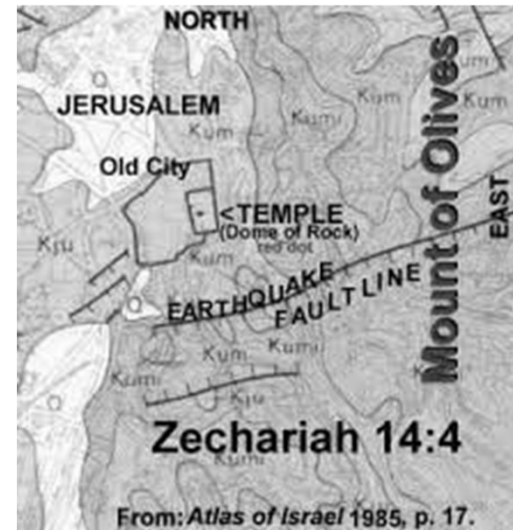
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Feasts of Booths or Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot

- Light ceremony:
 - Priests lit four massive golden lampstands
 - Light flooded the area and reminded Israel of the pillar of fire that guided them in the wilderness, looked ahead to the promised day when God's glory would shine again over His people.
 - John 8:12 *"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*
 - Zechariah 14:7 *"...at evening time there will be light."*

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Feasts of Booths or Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot

- Water-pouring ceremony:
 - Isaiah 12:3 *"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."*
 - Remembered God giving water from the rock in the wilderness, looked ahead to His promise to pour out His Spirit in the last days.
 - John 7:37-38: *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink...He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"*
 - Zechariah 14:8 *"On that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem."*

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***And the Lord will be king over
all the earth; in that day the
Lord will be the only one, and
His name the only one.
Zechariah 14:9***

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Feasts of Booths

- ▶ Leviticus 23:33-44, Deut 16:13-17, Numbers 29, Nehemiah 8
- ▶ Live in temporary shelters made of branches for 7 days at the end of harvest
- ▶ Remind them that God caused Israel to live in temporary dwellings after He brought them out of Egypt.
- ▶ Remember His presence, protection, provision during wilderness.
- ▶ Symbolized joy, rest, and dependence on God
- ▶ Looked ahead to a time when God would once again dwell with His people and bring worldwide blessing.

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**The Feasts of Booths was not
only about remembering the
past, but anticipating the day
when God's presence, joy, and
blessing would fill all the
nations.**

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Why would nations refuse?

- ▶ Pride
- ▶ Rebellion
- ▶ Resistance to God's kingship
- ▶ Refusal to acknowledge God as provider
- ▶ National arrogance
- ▶ Prophetic sign

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Holy Horse Bells!
Zechariah 14:20

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God Always Finishes What He Starts

- He cleanses what is stained.
- He refines what is rough.
- He reigns over what was broken.

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**God always finishes what
He starts**

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**Will you, will I,
choose to let Him...**

- Wash what is stained
- Burn away what is false
- Reign over what was withheld
- *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philipians 1:6*

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