Introduction

“It would be hard to find a more complete treatment of the events of the end times in all Scripture.” James M. Boice

Charles Feinberg said, “The actual events, world-embracing in character, which are presented include:

- The world confederacy against Jerusalem,
- The victory of God’s people empowered by the Lord;
- The conviction of Israel nationally by the Spirit of God,
- The presentation of Christ as their rejected Messiah,
- The cleansing of the hearts of the nation;
- The purging of the land from idolatry and false prophets;
- The siege of Jerusalem,
- The appearance of the Messiah to rescue his people;
- The establishment of the Messianic kingdom
- The punishment of the nations for their assault on Israel;
- The complete restoration of the people of God to a holy nation.

I. The God who speaks. Zechariah 12

This word comes from the God who made the heavens and the earth.

Jesus also spoke with absolute authority when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

God tells us what he is going to do “on that day”.

- All the nations of the earth will come up against Judah and Jerusalem.
- I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling.
- I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock.

God will intervene to protect Israel in two ways.

- Physical deliverance – verses 4-9
- Spiritual deliverance – verses 10-14
“All Israel will be saved.” Romans 11:26

“They will look upon me, the one they have pierced.”

“The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.” John 19:32-35

II. The Fountain that cleanses. Zechariah 13

This fountain is for everyone – for all who believe in Jesus Christ.

It will cleanse them from all sin and impurity.

The source of this fountain is God himself.

It is the Good Shepherd that is slain. Verses 7-9

- “My shepherd”
- “The man who is close to me” – literally means, “my fellow” in the sense of my close relation or blood associate.
- “He can only be one who participates in the divine nature or is essentially divine.” C.F. Keil

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Flowing from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

William Cowper

III. The Lord who reigns. Zechariah 14

The final battle. Verses 1-15

- The siege of Jerusalem. Verse 2
• The Lord will return to the Mount of Olives, the same place where he ascended into heaven. Acts 1:11-12

There will be great topographical changes:

• The Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west. Verse 4
• It will be a day like no other. There will be no light. Verses 6-7
• Living water will flow from the city of Jerusalem. Verse 8

Ezekiel spoke about a river flowing from the Temple. Ezekiel 47:1-12

The Lord will be king over all the earth. Verses 16-19

On that day, everything will be “Holy to the Lord”. Verses 20-21

Conclusion

Before WWII and the creation of the modern state of Israel, many commentators didn’t even think these things were possible.

Martin Luther, “I give up. I’m not sure what the prophet is talking about.”

But just as the events of his first coming were fulfilled so literally, so will these events come to be fulfilled.

What should our response be?

• Worship Him
• Walk with Him
• Witness for Him