We're entering our final week of study in Zechariah—and what a week it will be. God has saved the best for last. These closing chapters are for those who have persevered to the end!

Zechariah 14:5 says, "The Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!" If you belong to Christ, that includes you. These promises are your future. The hope in these chapters should light a fire under us. God has wonderful things in store, and that reality should shake us out of complacency and move us to live like people who are excited about what lies ahead. At the same time, we're surrounded by people who don't yet know this hope. They need to see—through our words and our lives—that there is more to this life than . . . well . . . this life. Eternity is on the horizon. Where will you spend eternity? And what about the people around you?

As we conclude our study of Zechariah, let's study well, seek God's guidance, and expect to be richly blessed as we look toward the soon return of our King.

DAY ONE

1. This last *"burden of the word of the Lord"* concerns Israel, and it stretches across the final three chapters. That means we need to see Zechariah 12-14 as one sweeping message. So your task is to prayerfully read straight through Zechariah 12-14. As you read, I want you to mark just one phrase: "*in that day*." Mark it so it will really jump off the page.

2. Now that you have read the chapters and marked "*in that day*," what do you think the burden of the Lord concerning Israel is?

3. You've now seen these chapters as a whole; now we're going to slow down and walk though them one by one. So for the remainder of your time, you'll focus on Zechariah 12. Mark the following words as you have through your study. Make sure to catch the following words:

   a. *the Lord*
   b. *Jerusalem*
   c. *peoples (nations)*
   d. *Judah*

4. In the margins of your Observation Worksheets for Zechariah 12, briefly note what is going to happen next to each occurrence of "*in that day*." Remember that your focus is just chapter 12.

DAY TWO

1. Today, after your time in prayer, read through Zechariah 12 once again. Now, you're going to begin examining Zechariah 12 verse by verse.

2. Start with verses 1-2 and answer the following questions.

    a. That is quite a statement about what God has done! Keeping this burden in mind, and looking at verse 1, why do you think God describes Himself this way?

    b. Do you believe—really believe—what God says about Himself, so that you actually live like you believe it? Explain your answer.

    c. What is God going to do, and can He really do that? Before you answer, carefully and thoughtfully read Jeremiah 32:17-44. These are powerful verses, so give them your full attention.

3. As you read Zechariah 12:3, you should have noticed and recorded that all the nations will be gathered against Jerusalem. Read Joel 3:1-14 and see if there are any parallels between these passages. Record your insights. You may also want to write these cross references next to the verse on your Observation Worksheet which they parallel. Be sure to note any additional insights you gain as you study this passage in Joel.

4. As you observed Zechariah 12:4-9, you saw how God was going to defend His people. These truths should be recorded in the side margins of your Observation Worksheets. If you missed any, take time now to go back and write them in. Everything God says He will do for His people is tied to *"that day"*.

5. Now turn your attention to Zechariah 12:10-14 to answer the following questions.

   a. What is going to happen to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

   b. Why is it going to happen?

   c. Go back and mark each occurrence of *mourn* or *weep* in verses 10-14. Why are they mourning and weeping?

   d. Have you ever deeply mourned over your sin?

6. Let's take a look at a couple of cross references that may add more insight to Zechariah 12:10. Record what you observe and how it helps you understand this verse more clearly..
   a. John 19:31-37

   b. Matthew 24:29-31

   c. Revelation 1:7

   d. Matthew 5:4 (just throwing that one in as an encouragement)

DAY THREE

1. Today we enter into Zechariah 13. Keep in mind the "whole" of the burden concerning Israel. If you need to, read chapters 12-14 again as a reminder and to keep the context in view. It's important to remember that this is all one burden.

2. Read Zechariah 13 and mark your key words. If you see others that are obvious, feel free to add those to your markings as well.

3. Just as you did in chapter 12, briefly summarize what will happen "*in that day*."

4. Observing Zechariah 13:1:
   a. What will happen in that day?

   b. Do you see any connection with Zechariah 12:10-14? Give your reasons.

   c. Read Ezekiel 36:16-36. Watch how these events unfold and see if you notice any similarities with what you have read in Zechariah 13:1. Record your observations

   d. Now compare all this with Ezekiel 39:27-29. Are these tied together? Why or why not.

5. Let's observe the next few verses, Zechariah 13:2-6. In that day, idols, prophets, and the unclean spirit will all be dealt with. Read Jeremiah 23:31-32. Do these seem to relate to what you see in Zechariah 13:2-6? If so how?

6. Keeping in mind all that you have observed, how would you respond if someone teaches that Zechariah 13:6 is a reference to Christ and His wounds on Calvary. Is there any validity to that statement? Explain.

7. Zechariah 13:7-9 has some amazing prophecies. As we read this passage and the cross-references, remember that sometimes Christ's first and second comings are mentioned together without an obvious gap between them. Read thoughtfully and prayerfully, and try to "tease" the two apart, always keeping the verses in context and remembering that Scripture never contradicts Scripture.

   a. Matthew 26:20-32 - note the setting in which Zechariah 13:7 is used

   b. Mark 14:22-27 (parallel passage to Matthew - read only if you have time)

   c. Jeremiah 31:31-33 (Hebrews clearly indicates that Christians are part of the New Covenant; however, note who this prophecy addresses and any similarities with Zechariah 13:9)

   d. Romans 11:25-27

8. When will "all Israel" be saved and what do you think that means according to Zechariah 13:9?

DAY FOUR

1. We have come to the final chapter of Zechariah. This is the conclusion of what began in chapter 12—and what a fabulous conclusion it is. Observe Zechariah 14 and mark it as you normally do. In addition, be sure to mark a couple of other key words you'll notice repeated in this chapter.
   a. *battle*
   b. *King*
   c. *plague*
   d. *Feast of Booths*

2. Continue listing what will happen "*in that day*" in the margins of your Observation Worksheets for Zechariah 14, just as you've been doing. Keep each note brief so you can easily see, at a glance, the flow of events God has promised for that day.

DAY FIVE

1. Compare Zachariah 14:1-3 with Zechariah 12:2-3. How do they compare with one another and what do you learn about this battle.

2. Now let's turn to Revelation and see whether it gives you any additional insight into this final battle. As you read and observe, be sure to keep asking the 5 W's and H questions—to help you carefully compare what you see there with what you've studied in Zechariah 14.
   a. Revelation 15:1, 7-8; 16:12-16

   b. Revelation 17:14

   c. Revelation 19:11-21

3. According to Zechariah 14:4, "His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives . . . and the Mount of Olives will be split."
   a. Compare this to Acts 1:11. What do you learn?

   b. According to Zechariah 14, what will happen to the Mount of Olives and why? Be thorough in your answer. There is more space on the next page.

4. Zechariah 14:8 mentions the “living waters.” Read Ezekiel 47:1, 8-12. Where does the water come from and what does it do? The “house” is a reference to what?

5. What did you learn from marking “plague”?

6. Why is it so important to celebrate the Feast of Booths? Notice that this is the only feast the nations are specifically called to attend. Why this one and none of the others? Think this through carefully as you look at the chart of the "Feasts of Israel" on the next page. Study each column well. The last feast listed is the Feast of Booths or the Feast of Tabernacles—they are one and the same. Now read the following two portions of Scripture, note what they say, and **then come back and answer the opening question.**

   a. Leviticus 23:33-43

   b. John 7:1-2, 37-39 (note what Jesus did)

7. Check your themes for Zechariah 12-14 on your Zechariah at a Glance chart.

8. Check your commentaries if you have time.

Well done! You made it through an incredible journey. May these truths bolster your faith and help you stand firm in the midst of any obstacles you may face, because the Lord of Hosts has your back. Can you really ask for any more than that?

Seven Jewish Feasts

Appointed Feasts (Convocations) of Leviticus 23

Col 2:17 - ". . . things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ."

	Spring Feasts					Fall Feasts			
	1st Month (Nisan)				3rd Month(Sivan)	7th Month (Tishri)			
	Festival of Passover				Festival of Pentecost	Festival of Tabernacles			
Slaves in Egypt 	Passover	Unleavened Bread	Firstfruits	Counting the Omer Counting begins the day after firstfruits 50 days brings you to Pentecost	Pentecost Feast of Weeks	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Tabernacles or Booths	Interlude Between Festivals
	Kill lamb, put blood on doorpost (Ex. 12:6-7) 	Purge all leaven (symbol of sin) 	Wave offering of sheaf (Promise of harvest to come) 		Wave offering of two loaves of leavened bread 	Trumpet blown - a holy convocation (gathering) 	Atonement made to cleanse (Lev 16:30) 	Harvest celebration and memorial of booths in wilderness (Ez 43:7; Micah 4:1-3)	
	1st month 14th day (Lev. 23:5)	1st month, 15th day for 7 days (Lev. 23:6-8)	Day after Sabbath (Lev. 23:9-14)	50 days brings you to Pentecost	50 days after firstfruits (Lev. 23:15-21)	7th month 1st day (Lev 23:23-25)	7th month 10th day (Lev. 23:26-32)	7th month 15th day for 7 days - 8th day Holy Convocation (Lev 23:33-44)	
	New Testament Fulfillment of Feasts					New Testament Fulfillment of Feasts			
Whosoever commits sin is a slave to sin	**Crucifixion**	**Burial**	**Resurrection**	Going away so the Comforter can come John 16:7 Acts 1:9-12 	**Holy Spirit**	**Gathering**	**2nd Coming**	**Millennium**	Church Age
	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed (I Cor 5:7) 	Clean out old leaven - die to self (I Cor 5:7-8; Jn 6:47-52)	Christ has been raised - firstfruits (I Cor 15:20-23; James 1:18) 		Promise of the Spirit, Jew and Gentile - one body (Acts 2:1-47; I Cor 12:13; Eph 2:11-22) 	Regathering of Israel preparing for final day of atonement (Jer 32:37-41; Ez 36:24) Gathering of the church? - Caught together with Him in clouds (I Thes 4:13-18; I Cor 15:51-52)	Israel will repent and look to the Messiah in one day (Ez 36:25-27 Zech 12:10; 13:1; Ro 11:25-27; Heb 9, 10)	1,000 year reign - God tabernacles with man- Families of earth will come to Jerusalem to celebrate (Is 65:17-19: Ez 36:28; Zech 14:16-19; Rev 20:1-6)	New Heaven New Earth New Jerusalem John 14:1-6; Rev 21, 22

Fulfilled at Christ's First Coming
Priestly role - Suffering Servant

To be Fulfilled at Christ's 2nd Coming
Kingly role - Coming King