

Revelation 19—part 4 Verses 11-16 Continued From sermon 1.27.19

Read Revelation 19:11-16

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: <u>Jesus' title of "Faithful and True" means so much</u>. It teaches us that He Fulfills all the Promises of Scripture. Besides promising to return, He's promised to restore Israel, Glorify the Church, and rebuild Creation.

Homework: Zechariah 14 [everyone turn to passage]

Read Zechariah 14. Find and discuss both the similar and the additional details it provides regarding the Lord's Return.

- 14:1-5—Another Promise that He will return. Before He does, the nations ravage Jerusalem. God will preserve a remnant. Jesus will set down on the Mount of Olives and it will split in two. The saints are coming back with Him.
- 14:6-11—<u>Jesus pierces the global darkness at His return. Fresh water will flow out of Jerusalem.</u>

 One stream going to the Mediterranean and one to the Dead Sea. Jesus will rule from Jerusalem.

 The city and area will be raised up.
- 14:12-15—Jesus will utterly destroy those who fight against Him that day. They melt where they stand. Israel will gain all the plunder of the victory.
- 14:16-21—From that day on, the nations will come to Jerusalem to worship and make offerings to Christ. If they don't, blessings are withheld and swift plagues will be on them.

Even though very few in Christianity believe it, why must God keep His Promise/Covenant with Israel? <u>Like the New Covenant</u>, it is a unilateral, binding, unconditional promise. It was never <u>based on obedience or behavior</u>. <u>Also, God cannot lie or break a promise</u>. See *Genesis 17:1-8 & Romans 11:25-29 & Hebrews 6:13-18*. Discuss the logic that, if God can break His Covenant with Israel, we have no assurance in our salvation.

One fulfilled Promise taught on Sunday was that creation will be restored (temporarily) in the Millennial Kingdom. Isaiah 11 contains some of that promise. Read through the chapter. Break it down in its teaching details the same way we did in Zechariah 14.

Isaiah 11:1-5—<u>Jesus is out of David's kingly line. He will judge righteously. He will strike the earth with His mouth and destroy with His Words.</u>

Isaiah 11:6-8—<u>Wildlife will become tame, as in the Garden of Eden. Carnivores become vegan!</u>
Isaiah 11:9-16—<u>Jesus will protect Israel from that day on. He will gather His Israeli elect from all over the world. The nation will never again be divided. He will remove the enemies that currently surround her.</u>

| Now, listen closely as <i>Isaiah 35</i> is read. Discuss: | |
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What do you look forward to most in a restored world, ruled by Christ? <u>Various personal answers</u>. No more death, sickness, separation for the saints. New bodies not tempted to sin. Righteousness reigns—no more injustice, people getting away with crime, corruption, evil. Intimate, physical fellowship with Christ. No more war. The beauty and grandeur of the world the way it was designed in Genesis.