

## “Haggai & Zechariah” (Route 66)

All right, let's turn in our Bibles, this morning, to the Books of Haggai AND Zechariah... These are TWO SMALL BOOKS, but we have a LOT OF GROUND to cover... So, let's DIVE RIGHT IN...

And, FOR CONTEXT... In the Book of Ezra (where we were LAST week)... The 70 years of captivity at Babylon have BEEN completed... And the Jews have returned to their own land to re-build their temple...

A FIRST WAVE of exiles return under the leadership of Zerubbabel—a GOVERNOR—and Jeshua, a HIGH PRIEST... There's about 50 THOUSAND of them... And—at FIRST—things are going GREAT...

They build an altar to the Lord, they offer burnt offerings... They keep the Feast of Tabernacles... They hire MASONS and CARPENTERS... And—in Chapter 3, Verse 8—we read: “...in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem... [they] began...the work of the house of the LORD.”

But—in Chapter 4—OPPOSITION ARISES... The enemies in the land try to JOIN them... They “discourage [them]... They troubled them in building, and hired counselors against them...” – They even write “an accusation against [them]” and sent it to King Artaxerxes...

And—by the END of Chapter 4—“the work of the house of God... ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of [King]... Darius...”

Then—**FIFTEEN YEARS WILL GO BY**—until we read, in Ezra Chapter 5, Verse 1: “**Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah... prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them.**”

THIS IS THE CONTEXT of Haggai and Zechariah... A work that had BEGUN with ENTHUSIASM, and INTEREST, and FERVOR, and SUPPORT, and CELEBRATION, has GROUND TO A HALT... and sat DERELECT for 15 YEARS...

We can IMAGINE the MENTAL, and EMOTIONAL—and SPIRITUAL STATE—of Zerubbabel & Jeshua and the people... Walter Adeney writes: “[These] two prophets who... proclaim their message... appear at a time of deep depression... mired in discouragement and derailed by a lack of focus... They were not borne on... a wave [of] religious revival...”

And, Haggai's message is largely to WORK... But Zechariah's message is to WORSHIP...

David Guzik writes: “*Haggai's prophecy [is] more [a] direct encouragement to [resume] the work of... the temple; Zechariah's prophecy was... directed to the spiritual condition of the... exiles. If all we had was Haggai to go by, we might conclude that... God was [more] interested in... the temple. [But] Zechariah... shows how God is interested in lives, not only buildings.*”

Now, we won't have time to look at EVERYTHING they have to say, but... Haggai's message is pretty HARD-HITTING... He writes to address **TWO MAIN THINGS: WRONG PRIORITIES**, and a **WRONG FOCUS**... He writes—in Chapter 1, Verse 2:

**"Thus [says] the LORD of hosts... 'This people'**—meaning the JEWS... [It's NEVER a good sign when God says "this people," instead of "My people..."]... **"This people,"** say to themselves: **"The time has not come... that the LORD's house should be built."**””

God TELLS HIS PEOPLE, in this book, to *"Consider their ways."* – TWICE He says it... And, I want us to DO JUST THAT... to *"think carefully about"* the message of this Book...

The Book of Haggai is all about GOD BUILDING the Temple... In the New Testament, Jesus says: **"I will build My church..."** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians say that INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS AND the COLLECTIVE ASSEMBLY of the church are the **"temple of God..."**

Ephesians 2 says we are **"no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens... members of the household of God,"** with **"Jesus Christ [as] the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord..."**

Now, the WAY God BUILDS HIS TEMPLE in the day of Haggai is through PEOPLE DOING THE WORK... God COULD have caused the ROCKS and MORTAR to SUPERNATURALLY ASSEMBLE... But, He's more PRACTICAL than that... He uses **PEOPLE...**

And—in the New Testament—Ephesians 4 says Jesus gives LEADERS to the church **"for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..."**

God's BUILDING A TEMPLE, but He uses PEOPLE to do the WORK... Jesus is BUIDLING THE CHURCH... But He uses PEOPLE to do the WORK...

Now... THE people in Haggai's day said, *"Well... it's not really the right TIME for me to be involved in... God's work."* – So, God asks—in Verse 4—*"What's it TIME for???"*

He says: **"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses,"** while My temple **"lies in ruins?"** – Again, He says: **"Consider your ways!"** – *"Think about this."*

He says—in Verse 6— **"You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm..."** – Listen to THIS: **"He who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes."**

He says—in Verse 9— **"You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away."** – Verse 10: **"...the heavens... withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit."** – He says: **"I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."**

Now, this MAY not mean a WHOLE LOT to us, but—in an agrarian society—GOD saying: “*I DELIBERATELY AFFECTED your ECONOMY...*” – “*I brought FINANCIAL HARDSHIP on your land to GET YOUR ATTENTION.*” – “**Why?**” – Back in Verse 9, God says:

**“Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.”** – The PEOPLE were MORE INVESTED in their OWN COMFORT... than the WORK OF GOD...

When something goes wrong with our economy... What we have gotten VERY GOOD at doing—as Christians—in 2025? – We BLAME THE GOVERNMENT, don’t we? – “*It’s the TAXES... it’s the OTHER political party!*”

But, what if God’s message to the church—today—was the SAME as His Word to the people in Haggai’s day? – What if the financial hardship in our country is the direct result of GOD’S PEOPLE being MORE INVESTED INTO their own “stuff” than the work of God?

This is why Haggai’s message is sometimes compared to an ALARM CLOCK... It’s UNWELCOME, but NECESSARY... Look what God tells them to do...

In Verse 8, He says: “**Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified...**” – In Chapter 2, Verse 4, He says: “...be strong... and WORK; [because] I am with you...”

God doesn’t say have PRAYER MEETINGS for the temple, or MEET TO DISCUSS the temple... He doesn’t tell them to REPENT... says: “*Go up into the mountains, and chop down trees, and WORK.*”

I am AMAZED at the number of Christians who SAY they want to be involved in ministry, but BALK at the TINIEST SUGGESTION of actual “work.” – That’s why it’s called “**the work of the ministry.**”

Building God’s temple—the CHURCH, God’s house, God’s PEOPLE, DISCIPLESHP—takes TIME, and EFFORT, and SACRIFICE, and MONEY, and PRIORITY, and PLANNING... It doesn’t just “happen.”

The EQUATION IS SIMPLE for the people in Haggai’s day... They had to **GIVE UP time** working on their OWN house, so they can **SPEND TIME** working on God’s House...

David Guzik writes: “*It’s easy to see how this happened, [and we can hear the people’s excuses]: “We can’t get much done at the temple, and I’m tired of living in a wreck. Time to start the remodel.” – “God wants me to give attention at home – home comes first.” – “I would fund more [temple] construction, but all my money is tied up in my home renovation.” – “I’m not living extravagantly – look at the other houses in my neighborhood!” – “Someone should get to work on the temple. I hope someone steps up to the job.” – “The temple hasn’t been open for more than 50 years – a little while longer won’t matter.” – “The altar is there... at least we can sacrifice to the LORD. We’re getting by.” – “The excuses sound familiar – but God saw through them... and He sees through them today. They were content to let the cause of [God] suffer*

*rather than give up their comfort. Instead, they should have felt no rest until the work of God was as prosperous—or more!—than their personal lives. They should have been as willing to sacrifice for the work of God as they were for personal comfort and luxury.”*

Now, I'll point-out something ELSE from Ezra Chapter 3 (we mentioned this BRIEFLY LAST week)... Verses 10—13 say that: **“When the builders laid the foundation of the temple... the priests... and the Levites... [began] to praise the LORD... [and] all the people shouted with a great shout... because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.”**

**“BUT,”** Verse 12 says: **“Many of the priests and Levites... old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid...”** – SO that, **“the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy... from the noise of... weeping.”**

See, SOME OF THE PEOPLE were **DISAPPOINTED**... They were **NOT IMPRESSED** with this “new” temple, because they COMPARED IT to the FIRST TEMPLE... And—through the prophet HAGGAI—**GOD CALLS THEM ON IT...**

In Haggai Chapter 2, God says: **“Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not... as nothing [in your eyes]?”** – But THEN, God says: **“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former... And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.”**

See, almost every single one of us has a TENDENCY to THINK, and ACT, and SPEAK like... the “**Good Old Days**” are ALWAYS BEHIND us... But the Bible says this is **WRONG**

Ecclesiastes 7:10 says: **“Do not [ask], ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ – For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.”** – This is God’s POLITE way of saying: **“You have NO IDEA what you’re talking about.”**

And, God says to the people: **“You’re looking BACKWARDS!”** – **“You’re looking in the WRONG DIRECTION, and YOU'RE GONNA MISS what I’m wanting to do!”** – **“You think Solomon’s Temple was greater than THIS? The glory of THIS temple will be GREATER than the first.”**

And because of Herod’s REMODELING of this temple, it **DID** become GREATER than Solomon’s... But—MORE IMPORTANLY—**JESUS** visits this second temple... David Guzik writes: **“That alone made it greater.”**

Guys, don’t always look BACKWARDS... I know people who TALK about what God did TEN YEARS AGO... we need to see what God is doing NOW, and what God is **GOING TO DO...**

And so—through the prophesying of Haggai—we read that: **“Zerubbabel... and Joshua... with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God... the people feared the presence of the LORD.... So, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel... and... Joshua... and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God...”** – Now, the Book of ZECHARIAH...

Is FILLED with all kinds of “good stuff.” – It’s what an old chef-friend of mine would call a “full mouth.” – Unfortunately—we don’t have time to talk about EVERYTHING this morning...

But—for instance—in Chapter 9, we read: “**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.**”

That might sound familiar to you... This was FULFILLED on Palm Sunday—the day of the Triumphal Entry...

In Chapter 3, we get a glimpse into Spiritual Warfare... “**Joshua the high priest... stand(s) before the Angel of the LORD...**” He’s clothed “[in] filthy garments...” – And the Lord is going to “remove [his] iniquity... and... clothe [him] with rich robes.”

But “**Satan stand(s) at his right hand to oppose**” this. – This is what Satan does in YOUR LIFE and MINE... He OPPOSES God’s REDEMPTIVE WORK in our lives...

Zechariah’s vision of the “**four chariots... coming from between two mountains...**” in Chapter 6 are “*essentially... the same as the four horsemen of Revelation 6...*” – William Luck writes: “*In the usual Scriptural symbolism red speaks of war, black [speaks] of famine & death... white of victory... and grizzled... of pestilence.*”

Chapter 6 ALSO sees a “**Man whose name is the BRANCH!**” – Passages like Isaiah 4 and 11... Jeremiah 23 and 33 identify this TERM with the **MESSIAH**...

James Montgomery Boice points-out that: “*In the Hebrew text [this] prophecy begins ‘Behold the Man,’ the [same] words Pilate used to present... Christ to the people of Jerusalem... ”*

Zechariah says this ‘**Branch**’ “**...shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and... sit and rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne...**”

Now, if we KNOW our Old Testament... it was SPECIFICALLY FORBIDDEN for a person to occupy both the offices of KING & PRIEST... And yet, here, this ‘**Branch**’—the Messiah—occupies BOTH... And, of course, the temple that JESUS builds is the CHURCH...

Chapter FOUR presents one of the “main” prophecies of Zechariah... and there’s TWO PARTS we’ll look at this morning... The Chapter BEGINS with Zechariah writing:

“**I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.**” – He writes: “**Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.**”

Down in Verse 11—he asks: “**What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?**” – In Verse 12: “**And... What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?**”

An angel RESPONDS to him—in Verse 14—and says: “**These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.**” – Now—in its IMMEDIATE APPLICATION...

The “**two olive trees and... lampstands**” represent ZERUBBABEL and JESHUA, who were RAISED-UP BY GOD for the WORK of re-building the temple...

But—in Revelation Chapter 11, during the Great Tribulation—God describes the ministry of ‘**The Two Witnesses**,’ who He RAISES-UP TO PROPHESY for “**one thousand two hundred and sixty days...**” – God says...

“...if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies... [They] have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls... and power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues...”

And Revelation 11:4 SPECIFICALLY says of these Two Witnesses: “**These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.**” – That IMAGERY is lifted DIRECTLY from Zechariah Chapter 4...

The OTHER part of Zechariah 4 is STRONGLY CONNECTED with Haggai’s message... Haggai had said: “...be strong, Zerubbabel... and be strong, Joshua... and... all you people of the land... and work...” And then, He says, because: “My Spirit remains among you...”

Well—in Zechariah 4, Verse 6—we read: “**This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.**”

This is a WELL-KNOWN passage of Scripture, and—IN it—God ASSURES Zerubbabel that the work of re-building the temple will NOT be the result of **MAN’S EFFORT**, or **MAN’S INGENUITY**... It will be a WORK of **GOD’S SPIRIT**...

**HOWEVER**... we’re REMINDED... AGAIN... that just because something is a “*work of God’s Spirit*,” that does NOT mean that **WE do NOTHING**... God said through Haggai to “**work BECAUSE... My Spirit remains among you...**”

And then, think how **ENCOURAGING** THIS MESSAGE would have been to Zerubbabel... In Verse 9, Zechariah says: “**The hands of Zerubbabel have LAID THE FOUNDATION of the temple... and HIS HANDS SHALL ALSO FINISH IT...**” – In Verse 7, He says Zerubbabel...

“...shall bring forth the capstone [of the temple] with shouts of “**Grace, grace to it!**”” – Now, REMEMBER HOW LONG the WORK on the temple had been PAUSED...

How many mornings do you think Zerubbabel OPENED HIS BLINDS and SIPPED HIS MORNING COFFEE, and looked-out over the UNFINISHED FOUNDATION of the temple... all OVERGROWN with WEEDS and MOSS... and FELT LIKE AN UTTER FAILURE...

Wondering WHAT had HE done WRONG? – How did he MISS God’s will? – And NOW be told: “*You’re going to FINISH the work, Zerubbabel!*” I can’t TELL you how ENCOURAGING

of a message that would be... as a LEADER... Because those times of struggle are VERY **REAL**...

And you go through seasons where a once BUSTLING, THRIVING, PROSPEROUS work... just sort of seems to STAGNATE... and STALL-OUT...

God asks: “**Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!**” – This seems like a **PERSONIFICATION** to the OPPOSITION that Zerubbabel faced...

God doesn’t say “*WHAT are you, O great mountain,*” or “*WHY are you, O great mountain...*” – But: “**WHO are you, O great mountain?**”

Maybe it was Bishlam, or Mithredath, Tabel... or Rehum the commander, or Shimshai the scribe... ALL of whom are mentioned in Ezra as OPPOSING the construction of the temple...

Sometimes—when it comes to God’s work—some of the STRONGEST OPPOSITION we will face is PEOPLE... But God says: “**Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel [you’re going to become] a plain!**” – “*You’re going to be LEVELED-OUT and LAID FLAT.*”

And then, God ADDS-ON this final note... Which I think is SO IMPORTANT for us to hear... He says: “**Who has despised the day of small things? – For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.**”

Guys, the SIZE of a work does not determine its IMPORTANCE—or VALUE... We ALWAYS have a tendency to THINK: “*MORE PEOPLE MUST MEAN GREATER LEGITIMACY.*”

To the contrary... We could point to SEVERAL... UBER-POPULAR MINISTRIES... in the world today—or down through the years—which have CLEARLY taught FALSE DOCTRINE...

That’s not to say that ALL BIG CHURCHES or MINISTRIES AREN’T VALID... Some ARE... BUT, just because something IS POPULAR does not mean it is BLESSED of God...

SOME of Jesus’ MOST INCREDIBLE STUFF not ONLY happened with a SMALL GROUP OF TWELVE... but with an even SMALLER GROUP of THREE!

God says: “**Don’t despise the day of small things.**” – That word ‘despise’ means to UNDER-VALUE... “*Do not UNDER-VALUE a work... just because it’s SMALL.*”

Now, we’ll going to CLOSE by talking about something that **SHOULDN’T** be controversial—but certainly has BECOME controversial within the recent years (but—in a LOT of ways—these Verses ALLUDE to that)... And THAT is the Nation of Israel...

In Zechariah 12, Verse 2, the Lord says: “**Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.**” – Verse 13 says: “**...it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all**

**peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”**

THESE VERSES are **BEING FULFILLED**—or, at LEAST, we are ‘GEARING UP’ for their fulfillment—RIGHT BEFORE OUR VERY EYES...

It makes NO LOGICAL SENSE that the focus of the ENTIRE WORLD would be an 8,000 square foot DESERT... in the Middle East... And yet, it DOMINATES our headlines...

The ONLY EXPLANATION is that THIS LAND has been at the CENTER of God’s plan from the beginning, and that God has SAID—prophetically—it would be the center of the **WORLD’S attention** in the last days... And, there’s TWO THINGS mentioned here:

To the people “**surrounding**” Jerusalem, God says it “[will be] a cup of drunkenness...” – And then “**for ALL peoples**,” God will “**make** Jerusalem a very heavy stone...”

These are NOT POSITIVE SENTIMENTS, by the way... According to recent statistics: “*Global antisemitism has surged dramatically in the last two years, with reports indicating an increase of over 340%... In the United States, antisemitism... soared by 140% in 2023 alone.*”

I’m not given to QUOTING him, but even an outspoken anti-religious voice like Sam Harris says: “*We literally have people doubting whether the holocaust was... a thing in the context of the greatest explosion of antisemitism... in our lifetime... [there is] massive moral confusion being spread in our society around that... It is a disaster.*”

By the way: historically “right wing Republican” voters may be surprised at some of the VOICES who are LEADING THE CHARGE in this direction... Dave Hunt once wrote:

“*Who could have imagined when the Old Testament was written that all the nations of the world would be involved in deciding the fate of Israel? And this involvement of all nations in dividing Israel has occurred exactly as prophesied and is still in the process of being implemented.*”

But here GOD PROMISES to MIRACULOUSLY DEFEND JERUSALEM... He says—in Verse 3—that “**all who would heave it away will... be cut in pieces...**” – He says: “**I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness... they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left...**”

Verse 8 says: “**In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; [and] the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**”

Now, we READ what these passages SAY... But, trying to determine an EXACT TIMELINE becomes TRICKY... If I HAD to speculate... I would suggest that THESE VERSES coincide with the ‘Gog & Magog’ War in Ezekiel 38 & 39...

Where a confederation of NATIONS SURROUND ISRAEL... And – at the HEIGHT OF THAT BATTLE – God SUPERNATURALLY INTERVENES, resulting in ISRAEL FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGING Who God is, and the Lord being exalted throughout the whole earth...

WHY do I SUGGEST that? – Because—starting in Verse 10, of Chapter 12—God says: “**I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; [and] then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.**”

These Verses CLEARLY SPEAK of the Jews ACKNOWLEDGING Jesus as Messiah... Which Romans 11 corroborates. Paul says, for NOW, that “**...blindness... has happened to Israel... UNTIL the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**” And THEN “**all Israel will be saved**”

I believe this happens in CONJUNCTION with the RAPTURE of the CHURCH. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4 says: “**...the Lord... will descend from heaven with a shout...[and] we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together... in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.**”

I believe our being “**caught up together... to meet the Lord in the air**” happens at the SAME TIME as the Jews “**looking on [Him] who they pierced,**” the “**Spirit of grace & supplication**” poured-out “**on the house of David and... Jerusalem,**” and “**all Israel [is] saved.**”

I believe this happens BEFORE—or at the BEGINNING of—the Great Tribulation, a FINAL 7-YEAR PERIOD on the earth... Because the Book of Revelation describes a REVIVAL that happens with Israel during that time, but ALSO a time of TREMENDOUS PERSECUTION

And in the VERY NEXT CHAPTER... Zechariah 13... God says: “**In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and... Jerusalem, for sin and... uncleanness.**” – That’s SALVATION... But ALSO—in Chapter 13, Verse 8—God says:

“**It shall come to pass in all the land... That two-thirds... shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left... I will bring... one-third through the fire [and] refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”**

David Guzik writes: “[These verses] suggest that only 1/3 of Jewish people survive the great tribulation... No wonder [this is] called the time of Jacob’s trouble in Jeremiah 30:7, and why Jesus said [that] the tribulation will be the most horrific time in human history. This group—which includes the 144,000 of Revelation 7 & 14, but is not limited to [them]—make up the **core** of a restored Israel as Jesus establishes His... [reign] over the earth.”

In Zechariah 14, we see the Battle of Armageddon... Verse 1 says: “**...the day of the LORD is coming... For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem...**”

So, this is AFTER the Great Tribulation, to END that period... Revelation 16 sees “**the kings of the earth and... the whole world, [gathered]... to the battle of [the] great day of God Almighty... to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.**”

Verse 3 says: “**the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations...**” – We see that in Revelation 19... Verse 4 says: “**His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...**” – THAT’s Revelation Chapter 14...

We read: “**...the Mount of Olives [will] split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.**”

The END of Verse 5 says: “**Thus the LORD... will come, and all the saints with You.**” – That’s Revelation Chapter 19, and Jude 14...

Verse 6 says: “**It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—“The LORD is one,” and His name one.**”

HERE we come to a description of the MILLENIUM, which **FOLLOWS** the Battle of Armageddon. Zechariah 14:16 says: “**...everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles... it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the LORD... on them there will be no rain.**”

So, backing-up a little—if you’re a NOTE-TAKER (which I hope you are)... Off to the side of Zechariah Chapter 12, you might want to write-in “**Gog & Magog**” [which is Ezekiel 38 & 39], and the **RAPTURE of the Church...**

Beside Zechariah Chapter 13, you can write-in **The Great Tribulation...** And then, Chapter 14, you can write **Armageddon** and **the Millennium...** That’s what I believe, if I had to speculate... But I encourage you to go back and study through these things on your own...

There is SO MUCH we could look at from the Book of Zechariah... Again, we have *really* only scratched-the-surface, this morning...

So, MAKE SOME TIME and read through BOTH of these Books... I KNOW you will be blessed... And then, NEXT WEEK...

We truly come to one of my ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOKS of the BIBLE, the Book of Nehemiah... If you’ve never studied Nehemiah before, you are in for a treat...

And then—believe it or not, after that—we only have ONE BOOK of the Bible left to have completed the **ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT...** I’m super-excited about that! – And then, we’re on to the New Testament!

So, read the Book of Nehemiah for next week—it’s very LINEAR, very EASY TO READ—and then join us Sunday morning... That is where we are headed next, when Route 66 continues...