

THE PROPHECY OF THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD AND THE MESSIAH'S KINGDOM ZECHARIAH 14:01–11

Introduction

The final chapter of the great book of *Zechariah* predicts several more astonishing prophecies — prophecies that continue to speak of the end times and the *Day of the LORD*. Parts of this chapter parallel chapters 12 and 13 — and shed further light on their predictions. Here Zechariah describes in more detail six key events to take place in the periods known as the Great Tribulation and the *Day of the LORD*. As noted in the prior discussion of chapter 13, the Day of the LORD refers to the time when Christ returns to earth in visible power and glory to establish God's kingdom throughout the world.

It is this physical, visible kingdom on earth that is the awe-inspiring subject of Zechariah's prophecies in chapter 14. The prophet begins with nations attacking Jerusalem during the Great Tribulation. He then describes these nations' final destruction at Christ's Second Coming. *The Day of the LORD* will see Christ fully manifested, plainly revealed to everyone in all His glory and majesty. His power will be manifested physically and supernaturally — it will be visible to all. His appearance will be accompanied by incredible natural and supernatural events. He will vanquish all enemies of God; He will cleanse the land of sin and idolatry; and He will establish righteousness and justice throughout the whole earth. When Christ returns, life will be restored to its original purpose, the purpose for which everything was created. Life will be holy, set apart to the LORD to bring glory to Him. People and nations will rightfully worship the true Creator, and those who do not will be punished. This is the wonderful message of the passage before us, *The Prophecy of the Coming Day of the LORD and the Messiah's Kingdom*, Zechariah 14:1-21.

- I. Event 1 — the attack of Jerusalem (vv. 14:1-2).
- II. Event 2 — the Messiah's intervention and visible appearance (vv. 14:3-7).
- III. Event 3 — the establishment of the Messiah's kingdom on earth (vv. 14:8-11).
- IV. Event 4 — the destruction of Israel's enemies (vv. 14:12-15).
- V. Event 5 — the universal worship of the Messiah, the King (vv. 14:16-19).
- VI. Event 6 — the setting apart of all life as holy to the LORD (vv. 14:20-21).

I. *Zechariah 14:01–02 Prophecies Concerning the Attack on Jerusalem*

The first event Zechariah described concerns Israel during the Great Tribulation. Jerusalem will be attacked as she has been many times before, but this will be the last time. A question may come to mind here: Did God not just promise to protect and

preserve Jerusalem? Yes, He did (see chs. 12-13). This prophecy, however, speaks of a temporary victory that the wicked nations of the earth will achieve just prior to Christ's return. Jerusalem will be preserved, but only after it is purged. Remember that God's plan for Israel included a purging or cleansing of the nation and ultimately of the whole world. He will begin with His people and the city of Jerusalem (see 1 Pe.4:17). As seen here and in many other passages, the nations will gather to attack the Holy City. Below are a few passages that also speak of this time — the time of the Great Tribulation (see also Mat 24:27-30; Rev 19:17-21; Joel 3:9-16):

Rev 9:13-18 *The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number. The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths.*

Rev 16:12-16 *The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed." Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.*

Keep in mind that this is all part of the LORD's plan for destroying these wicked nations — and for purging Israel of all sin and idolatry. Note the Scripture and outline:

1. The people of God will have their possessions plundered (v. 1). Their property and most cherished possessions will be divided among their attackers right in the midst of the city, in front of their very eyes. These attackers will be so confident and arrogant that they will not wait to divide the spoils of war. Nor will they take their spoil outside the city to a safe place to divide it amongst themselves. Instead, they will divide Jerusalem's treasures in the very midst of her inhabitants. This speaks to how proud and overconfident these enemy nations will be.
2. The nations will capture Jerusalem, picturing what it will be like at Armageddon (see Mat 24:25-31; Rev 9:12-19; 16:12-16; 19:17-21; Joel 3:9-16) (v. 2). Zechariah goes on to describe the extent of the carnage. Most importantly, he reminds us that the

LORD would be behind these nations' attack on the capital. The LORD would gather the nations together to fight against and capture the city. Note the terrible suffering that will take place:

- a. Houses will be ransacked and women raped (v. 2a). As with all war, there will be appalling atrocities. The people's houses will be looted and, far worse, their women raped. These nations will be so evil that they will not be satisfied to merely capture the city along with her treasures. They will seek to humiliate and degrade God's people. Their ravenous appetites will stop at nothing, and they will seek to satisfy their lusts in every way they can. This will be a brief but horrifying siege, one in which human wickedness and the forces of darkness will be on full display. The soldiers of these satanically inspired nations will defile and pollute God's Holy City. They will defile Jerusalem with their evil, filthy deeds — and seek to disgrace God's own beloved people. In doing so, they will quickly store up God's wrath against themselves.
- b. Half the city will be exiled (v. 2b). This is a different prophecy from that of chapter 13, where two-thirds of Israel would be struck down, referring to the whole nation. Here in 14:2, Zechariah is speaking only of Jerusalem. Half of the city's inhabitants will flee, and the other half will remain in the city. Verses 3-4 describe the escape route by which half the people will flee.

Thought 1. The evil of the human race has always been apparent. History in many ways is a long record of man's inhumanity to man. Even so, God's Word describes an evil in the last days that seems to gain momentum. As the end draws nearer, evil will escalate until the world is practically brimming over with ungodliness and wickedness. Listen to what God's Word says about wickedness, as is seen in the following Scriptures:

1 Tim 4:1 *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.*

2 Tim 3:1-5 *But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy; without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God — having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.*

2 Tim 3:13 *While evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

2 Pet 2:1 *But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them — bringing swift destruction on themselves.*

2 Pet 3:2-3, 7 *I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Saviour through your apostles. First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.... By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.*

Phil 3:19 *Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.*

1 John 2:18 *Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.*

Mat 24:3-14 *As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains [sorrows]. Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony unto all nations; and then the end will come."*

II. Zechariah 14:03–07 The Messiah's Intervention and Visible Appearance

The second event described by Zechariah is the LORD's intervention, His visible appearance to rescue God's people. In the midst of the nations' attack on Jerusalem, the Messiah will return in all His power and glory. His Second Coming will be accompanied by catastrophic events on earth and cosmic events in the heavens. On that day, the LORD's power will be on full display. And when Christ returns, He will not come alone. His holy ones — the angelic forces of heaven and saints (believers) — will come with Him. Note the Scripture and outline:

1. The LORD will appear and fight against the nations (v. 3). In verse 2, the LORD gathered the nations to attack Jerusalem. Here too, in verse 3, the LORD goes out to fight against those nations. Once more, we see that the LORD will be both behind the events of the end times and *active* in them.
2. The LORD will visibly stand on the Mount of Olives, the same location where He ascended into heaven after His resurrection (see Acts 1:9-12; Rev 19:11-16) (vv. 4-5). The magnitude of Christ's power now becomes evident.

- a. The Mount of Olives will be shaken by a great earthquake and split apart (see Rev 16:18-19; Isa 29:6) (v. 4b). Zechariah reveals that this cataclysmic earthquake will form a great valley running from east to west. Imagine, from a human perspective, the power it would take to break apart an entire mountain — the planning, the time, the equipment, the explosives, the man power. Yet with only a word, a single breath from the LORD, He will accomplish the same thing.
- b. The valley will be an escape route for the people of Jerusalem (v. 5a). Remember that half of the people will flee the city (v. 2). This mighty earthquake will form a valley that becomes their means of escape. Moreover, God's people will flee just as they fled in the day of King Uzziah. The prophet Amos mentioned this previous earthquake in the opening verse of his prophetic book (Amos 1:1). That earthquake was likely a judgment from God for the irreverence of King Uzziah. He had entered the temple and burned incense to the LORD (see 2 Chr 26:16). But this had been a sacrilege, a direct insult to the LORD, since according to temple law only priests were allowed to enter the inner chambers of the temple to offer incense. Therefore, King Uzziah had knowingly ignored God's law. Now Zechariah compares the people's future flight to their past flight in Uzziah's day. However, on the day of Christ's return, the earthquake will not be meant for judgment of God's people. Rather, it will be for the destruction of the nations and the deliverance of God's people. Christ Himself will create a way for the people to flee by splitting the Mount of Olives in two.
3. The LORD will then come with all His *holy ones* — His angels and believers (see Mat 25:31; 2 Th 1:7) (v. 5b). An amazing fact is revealed in the second part of verse 5: Christ is not coming alone at His Second Coming. His *holy ones* will come with Him. This likely refers to both angels and true believers, those saints who have died in times past and already entered the spiritual realm of heaven. Revelation 19 gives a similar account of Christ's return in power and glory with the armies of heaven:
Rev 19:11-14 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.
4. The LORD will cause cosmic changes: the sources of light will not function or shine (vv. 6-7). Christ's return will be accompanied not only by cataclysmic changes to the earth's surface but also by spectacular *cosmic* events.
 - a. The day of Christ's return will be unequalled — there will be no day or night, yet it will be light (v. 6 and 7b). There will be no light streaming from the usual sources. The sun, moon and stars will be hidden or darkened, still, it will be *day*. We are not told *how* this will occur, but it will obviously be the *light* of Christ's glory that will

outshine these celestial bodies. Mathew 24 seems to indicate that literal, physical changes will occur to the celestial bodies:

Mat 24:29 *“Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”*

The books of Joel and Isaiah also describe the cosmic events of this day (see also Rev 6:12; Eze 32:7-8):

Isa 13:10 *The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.*

Joel 3:15 *The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.*

- b. The day of Christ's return will be understood or *known*, only by the LORD (v. 7a). These words could be referring to the fact that only the LORD knows the day of Christ's return, as was declared by Jesus Himself: *“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”* (Mat 24:36). Or, these words may mean that only the LORD understands how and why these cosmic events will take place. Both interpretations underscore the wisdom and sovereignty of God, for it is the LORD alone who rules over heaven and earth — including day and night, light and darkness. He alone understands the workings of His awesome creation. And He alone will cause the cataclysmic events that will surround the return of Christ.

Thought 1. Believers today can rest assured in the promise of Christ's return. On that day, all the evil and wickedness of this world and all human suffering will be abolished. Christ will defeat every enemy of His people and the Church, and believers will live securely forever more. Until that day, we have the power of Christ living within us. Christ has already defeated sin and death, and the power of His resurrection is at work in our lives today. Though we still battle against our corrupt human nature, Christ is working within us and through us to achieve victory. Still, there is an even greater victory to come — a final and ultimate victory, a day when all sin and evil will be conquered and every enemy of God will be vanquished.

The day of Christ's return will be spectacular. Though Christ is coming ultimately to bring salvation and to establish His kingdom on earth, He is also coming to bring judgment — to purge and cleanse the world of all evil and wickedness. Listen to the descriptions of God's Holy Word concerning Christ's return:

Mark 13:26 *“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”*

1 Th 4:16 *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*

2 Th 1:7-8 *And give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.*

2 Pet 3:10 *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.*

Rev 1:7 *Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*

Isa 13:9 *See, the day of the LORD is coming — a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger — to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.*

Isa 26:21 *See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.*

Isa 29:6 *The LORD Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with wind storm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire.*

Dan 7:13 *“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a Son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.”*

Amos 5:18 *Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light.*

Amos 5:20 *Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light — pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?*

Amos 8:9 *“In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.”*

Mal 4:1-3 *“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.*

Thought 2. In the last days of human history, the LORD promises to return to earth for the purpose of helping His dear people, the true believers of the world. This fact reminds us of three essential truths:

⇒ First, no matter how desperate a situation may seem, the LORD is available, ready and waiting to help us, to deliver us. All we must do is call out to Him.

- => Second, the battle is the LORD's to fight. We do not have to face anything on our own. God is willing to fight every battle for us. All we must do is get out of the way and trust Him. This applies to every area of our lives — our fight against sin and the flesh, our fight against people who persecute us, our resistance to the corrupting influences of this world, and our battles against enemies of the church.
- => Third, Christ is God's weapon against all the forces of darkness, against all of God's enemies. It is Christ who offered His life as a ransom for many — thereby redeeming God's people from Satan and the powers of darkness. It is Christ to whom the promise was given, "Sit down at my right hand until I make all your enemies your footstool." Christ has been given all authority to judge and punish the nations, and He will do so when He returns in power and glory, just as these verses describe.

III. *Zechariah 14:08–11 Prophecies Concerning the Establishment of the Messiah's Kingdom on Earth*

The third event described by Zechariah is the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth. Jerusalem will be the seat of Christ's throne and government. From the Holy City of Jerusalem will flow living water — salvation, righteousness, and justice to all the nations of the world. Worship of the LORD will be instituted throughout the whole earth, and the LORD's Name will be the only Name worshipped. Even the surface features of the land will be changed. Jerusalem will be physically raised up above the surrounding plains. She will become the capital of the world, never again to be attacked or destroyed. The city and her people will be at peace forever more. Note the Scripture and outline:

1. The Messiah will provide a spring (river) of living water that will flow out from Jerusalem (v. 8). As with many passages of Scripture, this verse has both a literal and a figurative meaning. First, there will likely be a real stream or river that surges out of Jerusalem and waters the land. This river will nourish the fields and vineyards of Israel, making her a fertile and prosperous region. Far richer than this material prosperity, however, will be the salvation, righteousness and justice that flow forth from Jerusalem to the utter ends of the earth. In other words, there will be a physical manifestation of Israel's spiritual wealth. The salvation and cleansing power of Christ as well as His justice and righteousness will be visible in, and symbolized by, the stream of living water that flows forth from Jerusalem. The prophets Isaiah and Amos spoke similar words about Israel's abundant fruitfulness:

Isa 27:6 *In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.*

Amos 13:14 *"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. "They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit."*

The beauty and fullness of this picture — the stream of living water — can scarcely be exhausted. Consider some of the blessings of the LORD that will flow from His Holy City Jerusalem, blessings of both material and spiritual prosperity:

- physical health
- spiritual health
- emotional health
- justice
- forgiveness and grace
- love, peace and joy
- salvation
- reconciliation
- mercy and faithfulness
- truth, righteousness and purity

In *Zechariah* these waters are said to flow to the former sea (eastern sea, Dead Sea) and to the hinder sea (western sea, Mediterranean Sea). This pictures the renewed fertility and fruitfulness of the whole region and also the spiritual riches that will flow from Israel to all the world. This river is said also to flow year-round. In other words, its waters will never cease. Unlike the rivers of Israel now, most of which dry up during the summer months, this river will never dry up. It will flow and give life forever.

2. The Messiah will rule over the whole earth from Jerusalem (v. 9). Since the beginning of the world, the human race has ruled the earth and brought it near destruction. People have chiefly brought violence, war, degradation, corruption and depravity to God's beautiful creation. They have chosen leaders and rulers, kings and queens who more often than not exploit and oppress others and abuse the precious resources of the earth. However, all of this will change when the true King returns. The Savior, Jesus Christ, will rule over the earth and establish truth and justice. His righteousness will be poured out upon the world, and His Name will be the only Name worshipped. There will be only one LORD and one Ruler — Jesus Christ, the King of kings and LORD of LORDS. What a glorious day that will be!
3. The Messiah will change the surface features of the land, v. 10 (see vv. 4-5). At Christ's return there will be earthquakes and cosmic events that darken the sun, moon and stars. There will be a new river of life flowing out of Jerusalem. Now comes the promise that Jerusalem, the Holy City itself, will literally be raised to prominence.
 - a. The whole land surrounding Jerusalem, from her northern to her southern borders, will be levelled and become a great plain (like Arabah). This will make the Holy City more prominent than all the land around her.
 - b. The capital of Jerusalem will be raised to form a high mountain above the surrounding plain (see 8:3; Isa 2:2; Mica 4:1-3). The gates of the city mentioned in this verse simply indicate that the whole city will be raised. Imagine the powerful geological forces at work — the power of God — to change the face of the land! On that day, no one will be able to dispute that the LORD reigns on earth and that Jerusalem is His chosen and Holy City. Jerusalem has been set apart by the LORD since the beginning of time; yet she has not always been prominent. In Christ's

coming kingdom, the city will at last receive her deserved recognition as the City of God. Every nation and person on earth will know that Jerusalem is the capital of the world, and that Christ, the true King, rules there. The city's spiritual prominence will be visibly pictured by her physical prominence. She will literally be raised up by the LORD Himself.

4. The Messiah will populate and bring peace to Jerusalem: never again will she be destroyed (v. 11). This verse summarizes the blessings that Christ will bring to Jerusalem and then to the whole world. The Holy City will forever be inhabited and never again be destroyed. Christ will bring lasting peace to earth; therefore, Jerusalem will be eternally secure. Remember that all this is made possible because Christ offered His life as a "ransom for many." He secured peace with God on behalf of the whole human race. This peace was not blindly or haphazardly won. It was God's plan from the beginning, and it was won with the precious blood of Christ. Christ is the Lamb of God, the perfect, unblemished Lamb that was slain for the forgiveness of sin — the sins of the whole world. It is because of His loving sacrifice that peace has been won, and His peace will extend not only to Jerusalem but also throughout the whole world and throughout all time. Christ's peace will be everlasting.

Thought 1. A parallel can be found in this passage for believers living today. God has designated a *capital city* even today — a special place for His presence to dwell. It is also a place from which His righteousness and saving power flow forth, from which His grace and love are extended to people all over the world. This place is in the *hearts* of true believers. God's Holy Spirit dwells in the heart and soul of every true believer, and His Spirit pours forth love through the lives of those who trust Him. Every man, woman and child of God today can share the streams of living water that Jesus promised us (John 7:37-38). His Spirit abides in us as long as we abide in Him (John 15). We need to keep sharing His wonderful love and grace with the world until He returns in glory. As we do so, we look forward to the day when Christ's kingdom will be established not only in our hearts but also in the life of His church.

God's Word makes many wonderful promises about Jerusalem. This Holy City — set apart for the purposes of God — will be the centre of the world in Christ's coming kingdom. All true believers are promised entrance into this Holy City — the eternal city of God. God's Word gives us many wonderful promises concerning Jerusalem:

Micah 4:1-4 *In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears*

into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more. Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken.

Gal 4:26 *But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.*

Heb 11:10 *For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*

Heb 11:16 *Instead, they were longing for a better country — a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

Heb 12:22 *But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly.*

Heb 13:14 *For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

Rev 3:12 *Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.*

Rev 21:2 *I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

Rev 21:10 *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.*

Rev 22:19 *And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.*

Isa 65:18 *But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.*

Jer 17:25 *Then kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this city with their officials. They and their officials will come riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by the men of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, and this city will be inhabited forever.*

Joel 3:20 *Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem through all generations. ■*