### Zechariah

## Chapter 14

1‘{Look} The Day of the Lord has approached  
 When they’ll divide up the loot.  
 2For, to JeruSalem, I’m gathering nations,  
 And the city will thereafter be taken.  
  
 ‘All of its homes will be looted,  
 And all the women defiled.  
 Then, half of the city will be led away,  
 And the rest (those who are My people)  
 Won’t be destroyed from the [land].  
  
 3‘But then the Lord will return  
 And he will attack all those nations  
 In his battle, on the day of the war.  
  
 4‘And in that Day, his feet will then stand  
 On the Mount of Olives (to JeruSalem’s east).  
 Then in chaos, the Mount of Olives will split  
 In halves to the east and the west.  
 Half of the mount will lean towards the north,  
 And half will then lean towards the south.  
  
 5‘So, flee to the valley of My Mountain,  
 Which [runs] to the [Wadi] AzaEl.  
 You must flee as in the day of the earthquake  
 [That happened] in the days of UzziAh.  
  
 ‘For then, [your Lord] will arrive,  
 And bring all his Holy Ones with him.  
 6There’ll be no light in that Day…  
 There’ll be just coldness and ice.’  
  
7[And the Word continues:]  
  
 ‘But, this will all last just one day,  
 Which is only known by Jehovah.  
 There’ll be no daytime or night,  
 But light will arrive towards the evening.  
  
 8‘In that day, from JeruSalem,  
 Life-giving waters will flow…  
 Half will flow to the [Dead] Sea,  
 And the rest, in other direction…  
 This will happen in the springtime and summer.  
  
 9‘Then Jehovah will be the King of the earth;  
 And in that Day, there’ll be just one Lord,  
 And he will have just one name.  
  
 10‘Then around the land, there’ll be deserts…  
 From JeruSalem south to RemMon and Geba  
 (although RamAh will still remain in its place);  
 From the BenJamin Gate to the First Gate,  
 And the Corner Gate to the Tower of HananeEl,  
 To where the king’s wine vats are stored.  
  
 11‘Then JeruSalem will be a safe place,  
 And there won’t be any more danger.  
  
 12‘But, there’ll be a great downfall  
 When Jehovah strikes down the peoples  
 That against JeruSalem, marched.  
 Their flesh will melt as they stand on their feet;  
 Their eyes will flow from their sockets;  
 And their tongues will melt in their mouths.  
  
 13‘And in that Day, there’ll come  
 Astonishing things from Jehovah.  
 Each man will grab hold of his neighbor’s hand  
 (Yes they’ll join hand-to-hand with their neighbors),  
 14And there within JeruSalem,  
 Judah’s people will ready themselves  
 To collect the might of those living roundabout…  
 All of their silver and gold,  
 As well as huge numbers of clothing.  
  
 15‘I’ll bring the downfall of their horses and mules,  
 As well as their camels and burros.  
 Yes, to all the cattle that’s found in their camps,  
 It’ll be a day of great downfall.  
  
 16‘Then, all that remain from the nations  
 That marched against JeruSalem  
 Will ascend each year to bow to the King,  
 To the Almighty Jehovah,  
 And observe the feast of the Pitching of Tents.  
  
 17‘Then to all who won’t come [in that Day]  
 To bow before the Almighty  
 From all the tribes of the earth;  
 Bad things will then come upon them,  
 And they won’t receive any rain.  
  
 18‘So, if the tribe of Egypt won’t come;  
 The same downfall will happen to them  
 That the Lord will bring to the nations…  
 To those who wouldn’t observe  
 The feast of the Pitching of Tents.  
  
 19‘For, this will be Egypt’s sin,  
 As well as the sin of all nations  
 When they refuse to ascend  
 To observe the feast of the Pitching of Tents.  
  
 20‘In that Day, this is what will be [written]  
 Upon the bridles of their horses:  
  
 ‘Holy to Jehovah the Almighty.’  
  
 ‘And then the stew pots of Jehovah  
 Will be like the bowls in front of the Altar.  
 21And throughout Judah and JeruSalem,  
 They’ll treat the stew pots as holy  
 To the Almighty Jehovah.  
 And that’s where those who bring sacrifices  
 Will take them to cook all the meat.  
  
 ‘And in that Day, there’ll be no CanaAnites  
 To oppose Jehovah of Armies.’

# Malachi

Malachi is the record of a prophecy written after the Jews returned from Babylonian exile (during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah).  
  
It’s unclear exactly who the author was, since ‘Malachi’ is probably not someone’s name. The Hebrew name of the book is ‘Malaki,’ and just means ‘my messenger’ – and it doesn’t have the usual prefix or suffix of ‘jah’ found in most Jewish names. 1st century Jews believed that the author was actually Ezra. Whoever the author actually was, according to the Jewish tradition, he (or she) was the last prophet that God sent.   
  
This prophecy shows all the reasons why God had become displeased with His people and with their Priests – even at this early date.  
  
Indeed, after the coming of Jesus, the Judean cities were destroyed, the people were either killed or sold into captivity, and Temple-based Judaism led by the Priests was totally dissolved.  
  
The prophecy also contains references to the work of John the Immerser, the coming of the Messiah, the final destruction of JeruSalem, and the respect that even the people of the nations (the gentiles) had for God and His Name.  
  
  
Most of this book is poetry  
  
Something that only a Bible translator would notice is when words are in the form of Hebrew poetry. There’s a definite cadence that can be seen in the original language. Therefore, because this is the chosen style of God, we’ve tried to recreate it as it was originally intended: in poetic verse.  
  
  
Why use poetry?  
  
Poetry must conform to a certain rhythm and style. These act as memory aids, helping you to recall the words, making it easier for messages to be spread via the most common communication method of the time: song.