

Major Event: RESTORATION

Lesson 4: The Day of the LORD

Scriptures: Zechariah 14

Central Text: Zechariah 14:2a, 3, 5b, 7, 9a (NIV)

2a I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it...3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle...5b Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with Him...7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime -a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light. ..9a The LORD will be king over the whole earth.

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

1. Haggai and Zechariah were two prophets who prophesied to the remnant Jews during the rebuilding of the altar and temple of God in Jerusalem. (Ezra 5:1)
2. The Word of the LORD through Haggai and Zechariah to the remnant Jews focused on two themes: (a) turn to God and stop your disobedience, (b) there will be a future restoration of Israel during a time called "The day of the LORD". (Daniel 12, Ezekiel 36-39, Haggai 2:20-22, Zechariah 14)
3. During the day of the LORD, all the nations of the earth will attack Jerusalem. Then the LORD will defeat them, and He will be king of the whole world.

This is the end of Daniel's "Seventieth Week" (the Tribulation) from Daniel 9:24 and 12:1, and the beginning of the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

Of God: God ALWAYS keeps His word even though many of the remnant Jews continually disobeyed Him, God encouraged the remnant with prophecies of who would be victorious over all the nations and reign for eternity with His holy ones.

Of man: The choice of desires of the flesh or obedience to God

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Dan. 12, Ezek. 36-39, Hag. 2:20-22

Notes: Haggai and Zechariah were with the first group of Jews returning to Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. With this remnant, Zerubbabel was the governor and Jeshua (Joshua) was the high priest (see RESTORATION -Lesson 2). These four men ministered to the remnant Jews while they rebuilt the altar and the temple in Jerusalem (roughly 538 -516 B.C.). Obedience to God during that time meant following the law of Moses and pouring their efforts into rebuilding the altar and temple of God. Many of the remnant were continually disobedient to God by breaking the law of Moses and by rebuilding their own houses before the house of God was finished (see RESTORATION -Lesson 3).