

The 12: Zechariah Part 2

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

God's people can read apocalyptic Scripture to find hope for our time

Zechariah's prophecy was to embolden the people to live for the day.

- *What has been your experience in reading or being taught about apocalyptic literature or end times prophecy?
- *What holds you back from OR gives you confidence to study this for yourself?

The purpose of end times prophecy is not to figure everything out

It is to give us as God's people hope that Jesus is, in fact, Lord of Lords.

- *Why do you think believers get caught up in trying to find all the answers about apocalyptic writings?
- *What more important things can we hold onto when reading these parts of the Bible?

Details about the end times are less important than the character of God who exists outside of time

Read and discuss Zechariah 12:1-5(NIV)

12 A prophecy: The word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the human spirit within a person, declares: ² "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. ³ On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable

rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. ⁴ On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the Lord. "I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. ⁵ Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God.'

- *What do you see about the character of God in these verses and all of Zechariah?
- *What can we learn from these texts about the relationship between God and His people?
- *What hope for our time can you find in end time prophecies?

End times prophecy teaches us that what we do now matters

The things we do that align with the future reign of God matter most and last eternally.

- *What does it look like to act as if the end times are now?
- *Where do you sense God is asking you to resist the old order of things and build the new?
- *How might you dare to dream of the new heaven and new earth?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)
Song for reflection

[Hope Number 9](#) by Bea Garding Schubert

[Reign Above It All](#) by Bethel Music and Paul McClure