

Zechariah 14:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

Analysis

All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem (יְרוּשָׁלַם) —savav (turn/change) and aravah (plain/desert flatland) indicate topographical transformation. Geba (northern Judah, 6 miles north of Jerusalem) to Rimmon (southern Judah, 35 miles south) marks Judah's extent. This entire region will become flat plain. **And it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place**—while surrounding land flattens, Jerusalem will be rum (elevated), physically and spiritually exalted as world's worship center.

This fulfills Isaiah 2:2: **"The mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills."** Micah 4:1 parallels this prophecy. The geographical language describes millennial kingdom conditions when Christ reigns from Jerusalem. Some see literal topographical changes at Christ's return (verse 4 describes Mount of Olives splitting); others see symbolic exaltation of Jerusalem as worship center. Either way, the prophecy emphasizes Jerusalem's centrality in Messiah's kingdom.

Historical Context

Written during humble post-exilic period when Jerusalem lay partially ruined, this prophecy assured future glory. Zechariah anticipates not just restoration to former status but unprecedented exaltation when Messiah establishes His throne in Jerusalem. This awaits fulfillment at Christ's second coming and millennial reign.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does Jerusalem's physical exaltation teach about God's purposes for the city and nation of Israel?
2. How does understanding future restoration affect your reading of current Middle East conflicts?
3. In what sense is Christ's kingdom already 'exalted' spiritually while awaiting physical fulfillment?

Interlinear Text

יָגֵב	לְרִמּוֹן	מִגֵּבָה	כְּעֶרְבָה	הָאֶרֶץ	כָּל	יִשְׂרָאֵל
shall be turned	to Rimmon	from Geba	as a plain	All the land	H3605	H5437
H5045	H7417	H1387	H6160	H776		
שֶׁעַר	תְּחִתִּי	וְיִשְׁבָּה	וְרָאָמָה	יְרוּשָׁלַם		
gate	H8478	and inhabited	and it shall be lifted up	of Jerusalem	H3389	
H8179		H3427	H7213			
עַד	הָרִאשׁוֹן	שֶׁעַר	מָקוֹם	עַד	בְּנֵימִן	
H5704	of the first	gate	unto the place	H5704	in her place from Benjamin's	
	H7223	H8179	H4725		H1144	
יִקְבִּי	עַד	חֲנַנְיָא	וּמִגְדָּל	הַפִּנִּי	שֶׁעַר	
winepresses	H5704	of Hananeel	and from the tower	unto the corner	gate	
H3342		H2606	H4026	H6434	H8179	
						הַמֶּלֶךְ:
						unto the king's
						H4428

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 12:6 (References Jerusalem): In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

Joshua 15:32 (Parallel theme): And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:

Jeremiah 37:13 (Parallel theme): And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 30:18 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwellingplaces; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

1 Kings 15:22 (Kingdom): Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

Jeremiah 38:7 (Kingdom): Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

Nehemiah 3:1 (Parallel theme): Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.

Zechariah 2:4 (References Jerusalem): And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

Judges 20:47 (Parallel theme): But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

Judges 20:45 (Parallel theme): And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.