

Zechariah 14:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts—extends beyond temple to every household pot. All cooking vessels throughout Jerusalem and Judah are holy, available for sacrificial use. **And all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein**—worshippers can use any pot for boiling sacrificial meat; all vessels are equally sanctified. **And in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts** (וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה כְנַעֲנִי עוֹד בְּבֵית־יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא).

Kena'ani (Canaanite) can mean ethnic Canaanite or 'merchant/trader' (word overlap in Hebrew). Either reading works:

1. No idolaters polluting temple worship—absolute holiness maintained
2. No commercial exploitation in God's house—echoing Jesus cleansing temple (John 2:16: "**Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise**").

Likely both meanings intended: no unbelievers defiling worship, no mercenary attitudes corrupting devotion. This is worship purity achieved—the consummation Zechariah's prophecy aimed toward throughout 14 chapters.

Historical Context

Zechariah's prophecy began with call to return and rebuild temple (chapters 1-8), progressed through Messiah's rejection and future sufferings (chapters 9-13), and culminates here with purified worship in Messiah's kingdom (chapter 14). The final verse encapsulates the goal: holiness permeating all life, worship free from corruption, Yahweh reigning from Jerusalem. This awaits Christ's return and millennial kingdom, ultimately fulfilled in New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22).

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does universal holiness (every pot sacred) teach about God's goal to consecrate all creation to His glory?
2. How does 'no more Canaanite/merchant' challenge commercialization and exploitation in modern worship contexts?
3. In what way does this final verse summarize Zechariah's entire prophetic vision and God's redemptive purposes?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה H1961	כָּל H3605	סֵר H5518	בִּירוּשָׁלַם H3389	וּבִיהוּדָה H3063	קִדְשׁ H6944
	Yea every pot		in Jerusalem	and in Judah	shall be holiness
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of the LORD	of hosts	shall come		and all they that sacrifice	and take
וְהָיָה H1992	וּבְשָׁל H1310	בָּהֶם H0	וְלֹא H3808	וְהָיָה H1961	
	of them and seethe				
	כְּנֻעַן H3669	עוֹד H5750	בְּבֵית H1004	וְהָיָה H3068	צָבָא H6635
	there shall be no more the Canaanite		in the house	of the LORD	of hosts
וּבֵי H3117	וְהָיָה H1931				
therein and in that day					

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 44:9 (References Lord): Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (Parallel theme): Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Joel 3:17 (Holy): So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Revelation 21:27 (Parallel theme): And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:15 (Parallel theme): For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Nehemiah 8:10 (Holy): Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Hebrews 3:6 (Parallel theme): But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Isaiah 4:3 (Holy): And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

Isaiah 35:8 (Holy): And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Zechariah 14:20 (Holy): In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.