

# Connection Group Participant Guide

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## Zechariah 14

### Introduction

There is a day mentioned repeatedly in the Bible that we should be anticipating with eagerness. It is called “the day of the Lord.” It is a major theme of this chapter (14:1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 20, & 21). The day of the Lord is not a 24-hour day, but that future period of time when the Lord will bring judgment to the wicked and salvation to His faithful. The New Testament makes clear that the hallmark of this day will be the second coming of Jesus Christ to earth. He will destroy the nations that are on the verge of destroying Israel, and establish His millennial reign over all the earth from Jerusalem. Zechariah 14 refers to this coming “day of the Lord.”

On that day, at the end of the age, we will have (1) a huge battle, (2) much suffering, (3) Christ’s sudden return and (4) the routing of His enemies, and thereafter (5) the establishment of His Millennial Kingdom. That’s where the world is heading towards. We can divide the chapter into two parts: 1-15 describes the return of Christ and the defeat of His enemies; 16-21 portrays the establishment of Christ’s righteous kingdom over all the earth.

### Highlight

What will happen to the “rest [or remnant] of the people” (Zech. 14:2)? What will the Lord do regarding the nations that come against Jerusalem (Zech. 14:3)?

### Explain

What might the “living water” imply (v. 8, see Ps. 46:4; Jer. 2:13; Joel 3:18; John 7:38-39)?

### Apply

Read Revelation 21:22-22:4—what similarities do you see between this passage and Zechariah 14? What hope do these promises give you about our ultimate future and the Lord who will bring it to pass? How can you live today in light of that hope?

### Respond in Prayer

Read through Revelation 21:22-22:4 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

