

## **Message Meditation**

March 16, 2015

Text: Zechariah

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1. Humanity is fascinated with the end-of-the-world and beyond because God has burned eternity into our hearts. We intuitively know this life is not all there is. There is an eternal future and we are all moving into it, ready-or-not. Apart from a revelation from God, humanity continues to make up stories on how the world *won't* end as the human race will be victorious over the evil that threatens it.
2. The book of Zechariah tells us that there is a great future ahead for God and for God's people.
  - a. The people of Zechariah's day would have been encouraged with God's promises of mercy, peace, prosperity, protection, safety, security and salvation for them as a people/nation.
  - b. Today we are encouraged with the promises that have been fulfilled: Jesus, the King, has come. He came humbly, riding on a donkey, and offering terms of peace. He, the pierced King, made an end of sin on a single day.
  - c. Today we are confident in the promises that will be fulfilled, based on the promises that have been fulfilled. We are confident that the pierced King Who humbly came and made an end of sin will return a victorious Champion, as God promised through Zechariah. He will rule from sea to sea – over all the earth. His reign will be glorious and righteous.
3. At the end of the world the promised King wins!  
Jesus wins and everyone with Him wins! The mighty, victorious Savior at the end of the world has already come offering peace to all who would believe in Him and receive Him as their King. He is coming again to establish His reign and reveal His glory. This is glorious good news for those who have placed their faith in Him.
4. There is a great future ahead for Jesus, and for those who are united with Him by faith.

### **Message Application:**

1. What do you know concerning the end of the world?  
What is clear to you concerning the end of the world?  
What is not clear to you concerning the end of the world?  
How is your life altered by what you do know?
2. Does God rule over the nations today? How will God's rule over the nations change when Jesus returns?
3. How does living forever in a new heaven and a new earth influence your bucket list today?
4. Does the reality of living forever make a practical difference in your life and witness?