

Zachariah Prophecy: Two Wars Against Israel

This will be part 1 in a new series I am beginning on the great End Times prophecies of Zachariah. And they are primarily prophecies directed towards the End Times Nation of Israel but, as such, they also affect all of us and they verify what I have been saying recently here on YouTube, that events in the Middle East are leading up to the Daniel 9 War and not the Ezekiel 38 War.

And this is extremely important because the Daniel 9 War describes God's judgment on the End Times Nation of Israel. And the reason is because they have abandoned the Laws of Moses. I believe one of the reasons the people of Israel, and in fact all of the Christian West, have been led astray is because of very poor translations of the prophecies of Zachariah in his chapters 12, 13 and 14.

Now most Bible scholars, both Christian and Hebrew, understand these are End Times prophecies but they do not understand the nature of the prophecy. Zachariah is giving the entire End Times future of the Nation of Israel. First, he describes the Daniel 9 War, which is a judgment on Israel, and I call this 'Jerusalem Divided'. Secondly, Zachariah describes the Ezekiel 38 War and that is when 'Jerusalem is Rescued' by Our Lord at the time He returns for the Battle of Armageddon. And thirdly, Zachariah describes Jerusalem as a 'light to the world' and that is when they will once again be a beacon to all the nations during the Millennium.

On this series of programs I'm going to explain each of the last three chapters of Zachariah, verse by verse, that is if I get time before Our Lord's Second Coming or before the Rapture. First, however, on this program I want to give you an example of how bad translations are very well leading Israel and most of us astray. The only accurate translation I have found of these last three chapters of Zachariah is the Catholic Douay-Rheims translation. I believe the reason for that is because it is based on the Septuagint and that is the version which Our Lord and his apostles referenced in the New Testament.

So first let's take a look at verse number 2 of Zachariah's chapter number 12 as an example of why you really should follow the Douay-Rheims translation of this very important End Times Prophecy. And this is the Catholic translation: **'Behold I will make Jerusalem a lintel of surfeiting,'** now a 'lintel' is a threshold or a doorway, and 'surfeiting'

would be overindulgence or excessiveness, ***‘to all the people round about: and Judah also shall be in the siege against Jerusalem.’***

This verse corresponds to Daniel, chapter number 9, and it describes Jerusalem as a ‘lintel of surfeiting.’ That means a doorway to excess. And the second expression in this passage is that ‘Judah will also be in the siege against Jerusalem.’ Unfortunately every other translation I have ever seen of this passage subverts either the first or the second of these prophecies and very often both prophecies are perverted. This is very dangerous.

King James Bible: ***‘Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.’*** This is completely contradictory to the Douay-Rheims translation. So how many times have you heard the false prophets proclaim that Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling to the peoples round about her? This is completely opposite of the Douay Rheims true translation of Zachariah. No wonder people in Israel believe they will be safe. No wonder people like John Hagee preach that God is going to throw stones at Putin when he invades Israel as the Prince of Persia. Bad translations are leading to people not having knowledge. As the Bible says, ‘my people perish for a lack of knowledge’.

And how many times have you heard the false prophets say that the peoples will come against both Judah and Jerusalem? That is not what Zachariah says. Zachariah says that Juda will also be in the siege against Jerusalem. What Zachariah is talking about is the same as Daniel 9. He is talking about Jerusalem Divided.

New International Version: ***‘I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.’*** The NIV says that Jerusalem will send the peoples around about reeling. Oh no. It is Jerusalem that is going to do the reeling.

New Living Translation: ***‘I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah.’*** Jerusalem will be an intoxicating drink that makes the people around about her stagger? Oh no, it is Jerusalem that is going to stagger in these End Times.

New American Standard Bible: ***'Behold I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.'*** These are the same errors that we find in the King James Version.

Holman Christian Standard Bible: ***'Look, I will make Jerusalem a cup that causes staggering for the peoples who surround the city. The siege against Jerusalem will also involve Judah.'*** Now 'involve' is a little better word because that would include Judah being against Jerusalem which is correct. The problem with all these translations is they are not based on the Septuagint; they are based on later Hebrew translations of the Old Testament in which the translators attempted to impose their own viewpoint on the actual words of Zachariah. They could not bring it upon themselves to write anything negative about Israel if they could possibly help it, and consequently, the people of Israel today and most of us in the Christian West have been led astray. You must read the exact words of Zachariah to understand his warning to the modern Nation of Israel.

NET Bible: ***'I am about to make Jerusalem a cup that brings dizziness to all the surrounding nations; indeed, Judah will also be included when Jerusalem is besieged.'*** So here we add 'dizziness' to the false translation but I am here to tell you that it is Jerusalem that will get dizzy and will stagger and reel.

GOD'S WORD Translation: ***'I'm going to make Jerusalem like a cup [of wine] that makes all the surrounding people stagger. They will attack Judah along with Jerusalem.'*** So this GOD'S WORD Translation is also in error. Is there anybody that gets it right besides the Catholic Douay Rheims translation?

Jubilee Bible 2000: ***'Behold, I place Jerusalem as a cup of poison unto all the peoples round about and also unto those of Judah who shall be in the siege against Jerusalem.'*** This 'cup of poison' translation is pretty ludicrous in this Jubilee Bible 2000 edition but at least they did get it right that Judah will be in the siege against Jerusalem. Zachariah is giving a prophecy of Jerusalem Divided.

Darby Bible Translation: ***'Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of bewilderment unto all the peoples round about, and also against Judah shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem.'*** So now we have

a 'cup of bewilderment' to go along with the 'cup of wine,' the 'cup of staggering,' the 'cup of intoxication,' the 'cup of reeling' the 'cup of poison,' the 'cup of dizziness,' and the original 'cup of trembling' which we found in the King James Version. It's no wonder the people of Israel and the Christian West are confused.

And the Jewish translations are no better, Complete Jewish Bible: ***'I will make Yerushalayim a cup that will stagger the surrounding peoples. Even Y'hudah will be caught up in the siege against Yerushalayim.'*** It is at least heartening to note that this Complete Jewish Bible understands that Judah will be caught up in the siege against Jerusalem.

Unfortunately, the Orthodox Jewish Bible goes back to the same as the King James and both aspects of the prophecy of Zachariah have been perverted. Orthodox Jewish Bible: ***'Hinei, of reeling unto kol ha'amim (all the peoples) round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Yehudah and against Yerushalayim.'***

Now in part 2 in this series on these amazing and very critical End Times prophecies of Zachariah, as found in his chapters 12, 13 and 14, I am going to show how he used common Hebrew literary devices such as pairs and chiasms in very much the same way as Daniel did so as to seal up his prophecy. And you have to unseal the prophecy by rearranging the chapters and the verses very much as we have to do with Daniel and then you can understand that Zachariah is giving three End Times prophecies to Israel about Jerusalem.

And as I said before, I will show 'Jerusalem Divided' as described in the Daniel 9 War, 'Jerusalem Rescued' as described in Ezekiel 38 War, and Jerusalem once again as 'a light to the nations' during the Millennium. And please don't forget to visit my new thirdeaglemedia.com website where I have unsealed all the great prophecies of Daniel, and we will find that Zachariah refers to them many times. These prophecies are critical especially for the Nation of Israel. Now Daniel's prophecies are to all the nations of the world as well as Israel but Zachariah is prophesying 95 percent of his chapters 12, 13 and 14 to all of you in the modern End Times Nation of Israel. And I hope you pay attention to these warnings because so far, you have been led astray by poor translations. I am going to tell you the truth even though it may be a bitter pill to swallow.