

- c. Summary: There is not a lot to be added. The end result is that Jerusalem (Judah) is at peace with her foes and if they are not at peace with her it is at their own risk.

The whole of the land is marked with holiness and everything, from the most simple to the most sublime, is identified with the Lord. Many of us call this an insight to the Millenium.

7. Summary notes on 12-14 (brief)

The content of this "burden of the oppressed" is built around God's dealings with Jerusalem. The role of Jerusalem is seen in her being a burden to her foes (12:1-8) and her mourning in 12:9-13:1. The cleansing of the city and the land follows in 13:2-9. The battle that precipitates much of this is sketched in 14:1-3 with the deliverance in 14:4-11 and the judgment of the enemies in 14:12-15. A holy state follows in 14:16-21.

It appears to present a picture of a great time of deliverance and permanence for the Jews as the people of God. Such a time has not been seen as yet in our history.

D. Summary of 9-14 (still brief)

The action of these chapters hinges around some developing plan of God for His people. I summarize it thus:

1. Jerusalem will face a powerful onslaught (Judah)..
 - it will compel the people to turn their eyes to the Lord
 - they will remember historic aspects of divine deliverance.
 - a national repentance will occur
 - a fountain of cleansing will be opened
 - the people will be delivered...remarkably
 - the enemies are subjugated, a time of peace ensues.

A great lesson concerns itself with being right with God and at peace with Him for the enjoyment of care and blessing.

2. The Means of deliverance are varied but...
 - there is immediate divine protection
 - there is a king (!) speaking peace (!)
 - there is a shepherd thought to be of no value
 - there is, in time, self-exertion
 - there is flight

These means are not necessarily in this sequence and you will note that the nation would not avail itself of them all.