

God this ideal relationship will be realized in the eternal Kingdom of God which will follow the return of Christ in glory. Not that we are to expect any of the details themselves given in Ezekiel to be literally fulfilled, but that the truths represented by those details will be realized in the new heaven and the new earth."

-- Floyd E. Hamilton, *The Basis of Millennial Faith* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1942), pp. 44-46.

One more example of unscriptural spiritualizing may be found in a book by George L. Murray:

"Time and space will permit but a brief reference here to the passages in Zechariah which are most frequently quoted in support of dispensationalism. In chapter 12:10-14, we read the words: 'And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem. . . .'

After the piercing of the Holy One there followed the outpouring of the Spirit and 'a great mourning in Jerusalem'. As we look back upon Pentecost, there is no difficulty in seeing where and when this phase of the prophecy was fulfilled. 'The spirit of grace and supplication' was poured out on that day, and there was certainly a great mourning in Jerusalem. . . .

Zechariah fourteen sums up briefly the gospel age, although not strictly in chronological order. The destruction of Jerusalem is here described as being closely connected with the planting of our Lord's feet upon the Mount of Olives The Lord Jesus Christ has already stood upon the Mount of Olives, and from its brow He looked down upon the city which represented the Hebrew nation. That nation fell into two parts at His coming, and those two parts have been separated ever since 'by a very great valley,' an impassable gulf. . . .

The remainder of chapter fourteen describes living waters going out from Jerusalem, the gospel of salvation bringing man under the sovereign sway of Jesus Christ. How very inadequate and carnal it is to think of this as a river bringing fertility and prosperity to the land and replenishing the Dead Sea with all manner of fish by reason of the healing virtues of the water! The only living waters recognized by the New Testament proceed from the throne of God and the Lamb. Verses eight to ten of this fourteenth chapter reveal the final consummation of the Divine plan where God shall have made all things new, and when 'holiness unto the Lord' shall characterize every creature and every object in God's new world.

We bring this chapter to a close, wishing that space and time had permitted a fuller treatment of the ground covered. In closing, we submit to our readers a proposition which we do not think anyone can deny or disprove. Every promise which dispensationalists interpret as supporting a Jewish restoration is a promise given either before or during the time of Israel's captivity in Babylon and refers either to that captivity and