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VOICEOVER:

The Key of David with Gerald Flurry

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Greetings, everyone. Zechariah 14 is the end time prophecy about one-half of Jerusalem falling to the enemy, and that is going to cause a chain reaction of events that is going to lead directly to the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.

And did you know that much of the world is even now talking about one-half of Jerusalem being given up by the Jews in the Middle East? I mean virtually the entire world is talking about it—the United Nations, the United States, Europe, Israel, the Palestinians. They're all talking about one-half of Jerusalem being given up to the Palestinians. So this prophecy in Zechariah 14 is right now in the process of being fulfilled, and you need to watch Jerusalem. Watch Jerusalem and see what's happening there because these are the early stages of this prophecy—that I'll talk to you about today—being fulfilled, and let me tell you that one-half of that city could even fall in this year—2006. And the fall of one-half of that city is like the beginning of the trigger to World War III and the return of Jesus Christ to this world. It's a phenomenal prophecy, and you can prove it all. We'll give you booklets to show you how it can be proven right from your own Bible.

Notice Zechariah 14 verses 1 and 2. **¹Behold, the day of the LORD...This is the end. ...the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.**

So here we are at the end time—the day of the Lord—which is a time of great suffering, and also the time of the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.

Now, there's a great dispute over Jerusalem today between the Palestinians and the Jews, and really, as I said, much of the world is involved in this. But if they knew where it was all leading—that is the people in the world—they should be *rejoicing* about what is going to happen at the end of all this. Of course, if they would heed God's Word it wouldn't even have to get to that tragic end of so much destruction.

But notice verse 2 of Zechariah 14. **²For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; But notice. Here is kind of a flashback. ...and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.**

So this is a kind of an overview. The first part of it's talking about *all* Jerusalem falling—having been

conquered, but then it goes back to the very event that triggers all of this, and that is one-half of Jerusalem being taken.

Now, you'll see that more clearly as we go along. But the taking of one-half of Jerusalem triggers, or at least it's the beginning of the trigger, of what is going to cause the greatest suffering ever on this earth, and it's going to certainly be a sign of the end of man's rule over man. Christ is going to gather *all* nations to fight in Jerusalem. You see, that's the end of it, and then Christ goes back to that one-half of the city being taken, and then that unleashes a chain of events that's going to lead directly into this great and final war right there in Jerusalem; and many prophecies in your Bible talk about that—many of them. And as I said, it could happen in this year—2006.

Let me give you just a little history of the area of Jerusalem. East Jerusalem is comprised mostly of Arabs or Palestinians. Israel—the little nation called Israel—was established as a nation in 1948. It only had one-half of the city. It didn't have East Jerusalem, and then along came the 1967 war, and they actually then took East Jerusalem and had control then of *all* Jerusalem.

Now, that in itself is a prophecy, if you think about it, because the Jews had to *gain* all of Jerusalem for half of it to be taken back, as it says in Zechariah 14. So, God is spelling this out to us in very much detail—very great detail. And you need to understand these prophecies that are being fulfilled all the time. I mean this first one is sort of an implied prophecy, but it is fulfilled or was fulfilled, and is leading to the fulfillment of yet another one when the Arabs or the Palestinians are going to take one-half of the city *back* from Jerusalem or the

Jews; they're going to take it back. Now one-third of your Bible is prophecy—one-third of it. Ninety percent of it is being fulfilled today, and probably about seventy five percent of *that* in what the Bible calls *the last hour*. I mean you need to watch Jerusalem, and you need to watch world news because prophecy today is being fulfilled faster than any time in the history of man. I mean that's something that doesn't take us long to see and to understand.

But think about this. Only since 1967 have the Jews had control of all of Jerusalem—only since 1967. So, they had to conquer all of Jerusalem. And then God says right here in the very end though, one-half of that city is going to be taken back by the Arabs, and God's reputation, you see, is on the line here. I mean He's made some very specific prophecies. I mean we can prove this to ourselves. This is something that is being fulfilled almost weekly and monthly as I'm talking to you now, and as we talk to you about these Bible prophecies. The Palestinians are working very hard to get one-half of Jerusalem back, but the trouble is going to go much beyond that.

Let me read to you. This is from Reuters, December 16, 2005. "*JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Nearly half of Israelis would support giving up parts of Arab East Jerusalem under any eventual peace deal...*"

Now, remember this: None of those peace deals have ever worked, not one of them, and this one won't either; but nevertheless, they have a peace deal. Nearly half of the Israelis are saying that they would be willing to give up parts of East Jerusalem. Now, they're going to have to give up *all* of it, but I think you can see that would certainly encourage

the Palestinians to move in that direction. That's according to a poll published on Friday.

"The survey ... 49 percent favored giving Palestinians control over largely Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East War and annexed in a move not recognized internationally."

Here is one from the Jerusalem Newswire, and this is December 13, 2005. Notice this. *"However Finance Minister Ehud Olmert, the prime minister's top deputy and a man known for releasing "trial balloons" regarding future policy, has on more than one occasion stated Israel would eventually have to relinquish the dream of an eternally united Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty."*

Now you need to think about this because it is a part of that Zechariah 14 prophecy.

Then it concludes. *"Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei..."*

He said, *"There can be no 'Palestinian' statehood and therefore no Middle East peace unless the eastern half of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount..."*

That's where I think talks could certainly be stalled. The Temple Mount is the most holy area for the Jews, and also a very holy place for the Arabs, but not quite on the same level as that of the Jews.

But it says here, *"...including the Temple Mount, comes under Arab rule, Qureia told a gathering of European representatives."*

The European Union recently clarified its position on Jerusalem in a still-unpublished report slamming Israeli activity and the imposition of Israeli law in the eastern half of the city, where several hundred thousand Jews live in the neighborhoods of Gilo, French Hill, Ramat Eshkol and others."

So, you can see that Israel is applying pressure on the Jews, as well, to give up one-half of Jerusalem. Is that the prophecy of Zechariah 14? And I tell you it is. Now, of course, it is not yet completed, and there's going to be some violence to bring it about, but it's going to happen.

Notice, this concluding paragraph here. *"Many in Israel fear that as the 'peace' process progresses, a combination of 'Palestinian' intransigence, Western disregard for Israel's ancient rights, and a headlong rush by leftist leaders such as Peretz and Sharon to conclude a final peace deal at almost any cost means the division of Jerusalem may not be far off."*

Now, is that the fulfillment of that prophecy? Well, it certainly is, and here's an editorial from one of Jerusalem's newspapers, and they, too, say, look, the boundaries of Jerusalem are going to have to be changed. They're ready even, it seems, to give up half the city, but there is certainly a sticking point, I think, with the Temple Mount, as I said before.

Now, it appears that the Hamas terrorists—who are really supported by Iran—are about to get control of the Palestinians, and they *know* what the Israelis are saying and what the Europeans are saying and what the United Nations is saying, and they're going to come in, in a very short while,

and take it by force. Of course, they'll be supported by Iran. But it's going to be taken by force, and you need to realize that. Now, that might also indicate that the Likud or the Conservative Party will get in power in March, 2006 when they have the Israeli elections. That might happen and, of course, they might not want to give up the Temple Mount, and maybe even East Jerusalem, itself. We'll have to see what happens there, but you need to watch Jerusalem because it is about to be the trigger to World War III, according to your Bible. That's how significant this is; but regardless of how that all transpires, one-half of Jerusalem is about to fall to the enemy, and it will be the beginning of a trigger to World War III. It's going to drag the whole world into it, and believe it or not, Jesus Christ is going to conclude it all, and put down all of the enemies and establish His rule in Jerusalem.

Now how many people believe that? Probably not too many. Do you really believe that? Do you realize how close that we are to the rule of Jesus Christ on this earth? And from Jerusalem?

Notice verse 3 and 4 of Zechariah 14. **³Then shall the [Eternal] go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. ⁴And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.**

Now, what is going to happen is Jesus Christ's feet are going to come right down on that mountain. I've been there. I've done television programs there, and

I'm familiar with that mountain, but it's going to split from east to west, and then the northern part of the mountain is going to shove north and one part south, and there's going to be a *great valley*. And Jesus Christ is going to change the topography of *all* that area and especially the Mount of Olives, and He's going to begin to beautify Jerusalem and make it the most fabulously beautiful city in the world very shortly. Now, that is going to happen, and you can prove it.

Notice Revelation 16 and verse 16 and let's see how this all develops. **¹⁶And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

Armageddon. Now, how does it all happen? Well, He gathers the people—these armies—to Armageddon first. And that's a very famous name, and nobody understands it, though. They think this is the great final war that mankind is going to have in Armageddon, or Megiddo. Or Armageddon just means “armed Megiddo.” The armies are there, and they are armed, and they're ready to do battle, but they're not going to fight *one battle* in Megiddo. Not one. The Greek for Armageddon just means “armed” or like “armed armies in Megiddo.”

Now, again, I've done a TV program there, as well. There is going to be a European army, and Asiatic armies from Russia and China that are going to be in that great huge plain of Megiddo where you can amass all kinds of armies. It's a huge area, but that area is like 65 to 70 miles north of Jerusalem—65 to 70 miles, but they're not going to fight the battle there. They're going to see—believe this or not, your Bible tells you very clearly it's going to happen, but these armies are going to see—Jesus Christ returning to Jerusalem, and Jesus

Christ is going to lead them down to Jerusalem, and that's where the great war is going to be, and where Christ is going to conquer *all* of those armies.

Now, you might ask yourself, where is the United States at that time? Well, our booklet on *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* will tell you that, but it is a question that you ought to be concerned about.

See, these armies are going to then ally themselves with each other—decide that they'll fight Christ and be friendly toward each other.

Now, how many newspapers are going to be talking about this or maybe printing a headline about the return of Jesus Christ to this earth? But He's going to do it. He *is* going to return, and, really, if you're honest, you know He has to, or as Matthew 24 says, "*There would be no flesh saved alive.*" Now, He *has* to return or mankind is finished.

Look at what's happening in the Middle East and around the world as we stockpile nuclear weapons. But we could save ourselves so much suffering if we'd only listen to God.

Now, Iran is the most powerful Muslim nation in the Middle East. They're swimming in oil money. They are the number one terrorist nation in the world. They're about to get the nuclear bomb. They lead radical Islam, and make all of the Middle East shudder in fear of them.

And I want to read just a little—it won't take much—about what they're doing, and I think it might shock you. But here is what Charles Krauthammer wrote about—in the Washington Post.com where he said, *In Iran, Arming for Armageddon*. Now again, he doesn't

understand what this word means and most journalists don't. They don't know too much about the Bible usually, and that's okay, but they ought to know.

But notice what he said. "*To be sure, Holocaust denial...*" They denied the Holocaust of the Jews, that is, the Iranians have. The Iranian leader certainly has. "*...and calls for Israel's destruction are commonplace in the Middle East. They can be seen every day on Hezbollah TV, in Syrian media, in Egyptian editorials appearing in semiofficial newspapers. But...*" Iran says: "*...none of these aspiring mass murderers are on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons that could do in one afternoon what it took Hitler six years to do: destroy an entire Jewish civilization and extinguish 6 million souls.*"

"*Everyone knows where Iran's nuclear weapons will be aimed. Everyone knows they will be put on Shahab rockets, which have been modified so that they can reach Israel. And everyone knows that if the button is ever pushed, it will be the end of Israel.*"

"*But it gets worse.*"

He says. "*The president of a country about to go nuclear is a confirmed believer in the coming apocalypse.*"

Only he has his version. I mean, again, "apocalypse"—he doesn't understand that. It conjures up the image of a terrifying calamity, and actually "apocalypse" just means "revelation" or "to be enlightened"—"to give light." But still, men look at it, and say, well, this is the "apocalypse," and don't really know what it means at all. But there is going to be *great* destruction, and Revelation does talk about that.

But he goes on to write: *“Like Judaism and Christianity, Shiite Islam has its own version of the messianic return -- the reappearance of the Twelfth Imam. The more devout believers in Iran pray at the Jamkaran mosque, which houses a well from which, some believe, he will emerge.”*

“When Ahmadinejad unexpectedly won the presidential elections, he immediately gave \$17 million of government funds to the shrine. Last month Ahmadinejad said publicly that the main mission of the Islamic Revolution is to pave the way for the reappearance of the Twelfth Imam.”

“And as in some versions of fundamentalist Christianity, the second coming will be accompanied by the usual trials and tribulations, death and destruction. Iranian journalist Hossein Bastani reported Ahmadinejad saying in official meetings that the hidden imam will reappear in two years.”

“So a Holocaust-denying, virulently anti-Semitic, aspiring genocidist, on the verge of acquiring weapons of the apocalypse, believes that the end is not only near but nearer than the next American presidential election.”

Are we going to have peace in the Middle East? Does anybody really believe—BELIEVE—that we’re going to have peace in the Middle East? And you know something? That may sound awfully outrageous to you, but it really fits precisely into prophecy and the terrible things that men are going to do to each other. You need to watch world news. Watch it!

See now, the Germans are reacting very violently to that, themselves. They know—those journalists, anyhow, in

Germany—know that the Holocaust did, in fact, occur, and they’re realizing that this King of the South or Iran is “pushing” at them, the King of the North. They’re going to lead the King of the North—the European power. And they’re saying here—I’ll just paraphrase it—that there has to be a response to all that. There has to be a response. You see, they keep “pushing,” as it says in Daniel 11. The King of the North is going to clash with the King of the South. The European power is going to clash with the leader of the radical Islamic movement or Iran, and Europe is going to win.

But then it’s going to lead into *another* war, and all of these armies of the east—Russia and China—are going to come against Europe, and they’re going to amass their armies in Megiddo—in Meggiddo, Armageddon, as the world looks at it. And then Jesus Christ is going to bring them on down to Jerusalem and deal with them right there. That’s what’s going to happen.

Well, I don’t have time to get into all of this. You can read where it talks about this—all of Jerusalem going into captivity; and Christ is going to bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat in Jerusalem. That’s like a 200-mile long valley that goes right into Jerusalem. But He says here He’s going to gather them, and then bring them down to Jerusalem. He’s going to gather them in Megiddo, and then bring them down to Jerusalem, and they’re going to have the battle right there in the Valley of Jehoshaphat and right there in Jerusalem. And it says that Jesus Christ is pleading with them by destroying so many of them, that the blood is up to the horses’ bridles for 200 miles in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. Can you imagine that? That’s how Christ is going to plead with them. You can read

that in Revelation 14 verses 19 and 20. But imagine blood—blood up to the horses' bridles! And that may sound outrageous, too, but you ought to read Revelation 9 and verse 16 where it says these armies from the east—the Russians and the Chinese—even a third-grade math student can figure that out—are going to have an army of 200 million soldiers! And most of them are going to spill their blood into the Valley of Jehoshaphat if they don't repent and turn to God, and if all of us don't repent and turn to God, and listen to what He's telling us in words today.

Today He's pleading in words. In the very near future, He's going to plead in a very different way, and He's going to show this earth violence like they've never seen before to the point that the blood is up to the horses' bridles in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and then man will finally begin to get the message.

You need to read I Kings 11 and verse 13 where it says that God has chosen Jerusalem. Jesus Christ has chosen Jerusalem, and it's His city, and He's about to intervene, and He's about to rule it, and He's about to make it the most wonderful, fabulous, phenomenal city on this earth! He chose Jerusalem. Not Paris. Not London. Not Moscow. Not New York City. He chose Jerusalem!

Until next week, this is Gerald Flurry. Goodbye, friends.

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