For the Jew First

The covenant to Abraham and his seed is the Abrahamic Covenant (Gal 3:16,29). A seed has been preserved (Rom 9:29-27), a seed of a nation that will produce the fruit of the kingdom (Mt 21:43), an ultimately result in the salvation of "all Israel" by moving them to jealousy (Rom 11:26-27; 10:19-21; Dt 32:21).

Dan 2:35,44,45 — People have two responses to the message of the Stone Kingdom. Mt 21:43 is the nation of 1 Pet 2:9. Rom 10:19 is a nation the Jews do not want to recognize.

For the Jew first is the year of Jubilee (Zec 12:10). Zec 13:9 and Rev 11:13 speak of the one-third part saved through the fire. "The rest" who feared in Rev 11:13 are the one-third of the Jews in Zec 12:10 and 13:9 who did not take the Mark of the Beast, but fled to the wilderness for safety. They are the remnant that survives (Zec 13:8-9; 14:2). Only one third of all the descendants of Abraham according to the flesh will survive the holocaust according to the prophet Zechariah, as a result of God's dealing with an errant flock who returned to the land.

Zec 13:7 says one third will be left in it. Two thirds will be cut off. The one third will be purified and refined (verse 8). They will finally call on the name of our Master Yahshua and become His people, and each one will confess that He is their God. Zec 14:2 – The remnant will be left in the land and not be cut off from the city. Zec 14:3 is the battle of Rev 19:11-20. Zec 14:5 speaks of fleeing. But when? At the end, when 1 Ths 4:16 happens, not $3\frac{1}{2}$ years before, or before Rev 14:8, or even after all take the Mark of the Beast.

So, how do the one-third of the remnant keep from taking the Mark? Zec 14:5 could be $3\frac{1}{2}$ years before Messiah returns if verse 5 were not associated with verse 4. Zec 14:1 sounds as if they never left the city even to obey Zec 14:5, even after Messiah comes, and Zec 14:2 says one-half shall go into captivity. Either God is mixed up or the Bible, or Zechariah, or me, or the translator? I'm sure it is me, not God or Zechariah. Zec 13:8 says one third shall be left in it, that is, the city. See the NEV translation for same Hebrew text.