

## ZECHARIAH CHAPTER TWELVE

Zechariah Lesson 97

3-23-2005

1. Last week I completed our analysis of Zechariah chapter eleven and began a study of chapter twelve.
2. We need to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material at on page three where I had just begun teaching an outline of chapter twelve.

### Principles

1. The full fate of Israel does not end with the rejection of Christ the Good Shepherd.
2. The complete tale of their woe moved in chapter eleven to their acceptance of the bad shepherd raised to destroy them. The agent of the raising is no doubt God Almighty Himself but in chapter twelve we see Israel's ultimate deliverance on the battlefield of Jerusalem.
3. The agent of both the promotion of the Antichrist and the deliverance of Israel is God Himself. Under the permissive will of God rises the Antichrist and from the Sovereignty of God Christ returns as Israel's deliverer.
4. The dark episode of the Messiah's rejection and death is followed by the dissolution of the Jewish state; Israel will suffer the tragic experience of unparalleled trouble just preceding their entrance into their Kingdom blessing when Christ returns as King Jesus, the Warrior Prince .
5. Jesus warned the Jews of His day of the peril of rejecting Him (the Good Shepherd).  
Joh 5:43  
Joh 5:43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.
6. Our Lord also warned the Jews of His day He would return with power and might to judge the world.

Mat 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Mat 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left ..,  
Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed,  
into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his  
kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;  
Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing  
of teeth.

7. Luke wrote of the future judgment as did Paul, Peter and John.

Luke

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he  
which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Paul

2Ti 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge  
the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

Peter

1Pe 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

John

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the  
earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were  
opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were  
judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

8. Zechariah in chapter twelve provides a description of the deliverance of Israel just  
before the Second Advent judgments. In our last verse of chapter eleven studied last  
week we saw how the military metaphor was used to describe the Antichrist's  
destruction and now in chapter twelve we get the details.

Zec 11:17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword strike  
his arm and his right eye! May his arm be completely withered, his right eye totally  
blinded!"

Expanded Translation

Zec 11:17 And now the worthless shepherd, the Antichrist who deserted Israel in their  
time of need will be judged. The sword of the Lord will strike his arm rendering it  
absolutely useless; his right eye will milk over and then he will be cast into the Lake of  
Fire.

9. The future deliverance of Israel from her enemies is described in Zec 12:1-9 and then  
in Zec 12:10-14 we find a description of Israel mourning for the one they rejected and  
crucified.

10. Let's first read the entire chapter in the KJV, then look at an outline of the chapter, after which we will complete our study by analyzing each verse using the NIV as our guide.

KJV

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zec 12:2 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.

Zec 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zec 12:4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

Zec 12:5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

Zec 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

Zec 12:7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

Zec 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of 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.

Zec 12:11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon (when Josiah was killed).

Zec 12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

Zec 12:13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

Zec 12:14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Outline

I. The Future Siege of Jerusalem

#### A. The Authentication of the Oracle

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

#### B. The Nations Attack Jerusalem

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Zec 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

#### C. Jerusalem's Enemies Are Confounded

Zec 12:4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

#### D. Judah's Faith In The Lord

Zec 12:5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

#### E. The Lord's Response To Judah's Faith

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#### F. Judah's Triumph In The Lord

Zec 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

#### G. The Doom Of Judah's Enemies

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

## II. The Vision Of The Crucified Messiah And The Results Of His Work

### A. The Effusion Of The Spirit

Zec 12:10a And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications ...

### B. The Revelation Of The Pierced One And National Mourning

Zec 12:10b ... 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.

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8. And now we are ready for a verse by verse analysis as we make our way through the NIV.

NIV

Zec 12:1 This is the word of the LORD concerning Israel. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares:

### Principles

1. God begins chapter twelve by declaring just Who it is Who is speaking. The One Who stretches out the heavens, Who lays the foundation of the earth and Who forms the spirit of man within him.

2. That God is the One who made the heavens and the earth goes without saying. We have so many Scriptures describing His creative powers. Let's summarize a few Scriptures illustrating The Lord Who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth.

2.1 God is the Creator of all things.

2.2 From the outset in the Book of Genesis, the focus of the creation revelation turns upon the Almighty.

2.3 He is the Beginning, the Cause, the Source of all that is.

2.4 In first the creation and then the restoration God brought into being all that fits into his plan for the ages.

2.5 All the matter necessary for His purpose, He miraculously spoke into existence.

2.5.1 In the beginning (**Be Reshith**), Moses, under the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit, takes the reader back before time, into the unfathomable reaches of eternity, He seeks to suggest the state of things before time was.

2.5.2 Moses under the inspiration of God the Holy Spirit gives no hint of a tangible date for this beginning.

2.5.3 The creation account reaches back into a "space" before there was a dating of events.

2.5.4 The sublime sovereignty of the revelation is based on this one mighty assertion. God did it.

2.5.5 Nothing more astounding could be declared: "In the beginning **Elohim** created out of absolutely nothing planet earth and all surrounding celestials both seen and unseen.

2.5.6 **El** is the usual word for "God" in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Arabic.

2.5.7 In all three languages it is actually plural in form, but it is used with verbs in the singular.

2.5.8 In this One **Elohim** is united all the powers of eternity and infinity, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega.

2.5.9 Created (**Bara** in the Hebrew) is a verb used exclusively of an act of God.

2.5.10 Man cannot reach up to the powers inherent in this word Bara, for it describes a miracle whereby undefined perfection was created from absolutely nothing.

2.5.11 By the sovereign, originative power of God something absolutely new was first brought into being only to be scarred and then restored.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Gen 1:2 Now the earth became (**Hayah**) formless (**Tohu**) and empty (**Bohu**), darkness was over the surface of the deep ...

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not (**Bara**) in vain (**Lo - Tohu**), he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

2.5.12 God, at first, focuses our attention on the heavens as an object of His creation, and then all interest is directed to a tiny little planet called earth and all that surrounds it but with special attention on that which lived upon it.

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3. Before proceeding I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 12:1.

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I chose to restore things, form man from the dust of the ground and breathe life into him. Now you should know just Who it is that is speaking to you through Zechariah.

## Principles of Review

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2.5.13 In this phrase "In the beginning God created" is included the completed universe as it was known or might come to be known.

2.6 God is also said in Zec 12:1 to be He Who forms the spirit of man within him. Here we have a reference to first the original manufacture (**Asah**) of man when the breath of lives was breathed into him and Adam became a living creature.

2.7 No doubt the meaning also includes the regeneration process when fallen man is given a human spirit at point of faith alone in Christ alone.

2.8 God declares His credentials in Zec 12:1. Listen to Me for I am the One Who created the heavens and the earth perfect, restored the earth to perfection after Satan's incompetence, made man and gave him both biological and soul life and after the disobedience in the garden restored both the man and the woman to positional perfection even providing the means to attain temporal perfection.

3. Let me review again our expanded translation of Zech 12:1:

#### Expanded Translation

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4. And now we are ready for verse two.

#### NIV

Zec 12:2 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.

#### Principles

1. The rise of the Antichrist must precede the nation's deliverance described in the first nine verses of our chapter twelve. Verse two defines the area to be delivered.

2. The cruel character and career of the sinister Antichrist is described by Zechariah in chapter eleven. He is called the foolish shepherd and a man who plunges the nation of Israel into its greatest and most severe time of testing. That period is called the time of Jacob's trouble in Jer 30:5-7.

Jer 30:5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

Jer 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

3. Israel's future deliverance and conversion grows out of the regime of the false shepherd.

4. Without a rejected and crucified Messiah as an object of faith, the nation could never be converted and established in millennial glory, a glory so glowingly predicted throughout this grand prophetic book.

5. Zec 12:2 begins the story of the deliverance of Israel; a regenerated nation is about to find itself graced out and saved from annihilation.

6. The same omnipotent Lord who just announced Himself as continuously active in the world of nature and men, now speaks in language of lively vigor.

7. The phrase Lo I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of reeling is better I, Myself will make Jerusalem a goblet of intoxication. The word for cup is Saph and is used of the bason or laver in which the blood of the sacrifice was caught.

8. The gentile nations who come against the city will be like greedy men draining a wine goblet in pleasure but in the end finding themselves helplessly drunk and unable to take the prize.

9. The intoxicated and foolish nations are said to seal their own defeat as a drunken sailor challenging a bar full of sober marines.

10. In our verse, Zec 12:2, we find Judah is included with Jerusalem thus broadening the geographical area to be sieged and delivered. Unger writes concerning the reading of Zec 12:2b

11. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem can only be translated And likewise shall it be concerning Judah in the siege against Jeruslaem.

12. Unger continues “This is the only reading of this difficult passage that makes sense, involving two different but common meanings of the preposition Al is against or concerning. This ... would mean that just as the Lord will make Jerusalem a cup of intoxication to those who come against her, so will He (God) likewise make Judah such a goblet of staggering to those who overrun her ...”

13. Before we take a look at the second metaphor Òa rock of herniation,Ó we need to get an expanded translation of our verse.

#### Expanded Translation

Zec 12:2 I, Myself will make Jerusalem a goblet of intoxication for all the greedy nations who arrive to spill the blood of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And likewise shall it be concerning Judah, they too will be a cup of reeling for those who come to the valley of Jezreel.

14. And now for our second metaphor.

#### NIV

Zec 12:3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

#### Principles

1. Our second striking metaphor is employed to demonstrate the defeat and ruin that will engulf those who advance against Jerusalem in the city's last terrible siege.

2. Not only will God make Jerusalem a goblet of staggering, He will also make the city a stone of burden, that is, a heavy stone, impossible to lift; all attempts to lift the stone will result in injury.

3. The metaphor is borrowed from one of the sports of the young men in Palestine. The sport of weight lifting we are told was extant at the time of Zechariah's writing; a stone was used as over against the modern barbell.

4. The divine penalty for those nations who will try to lift the stone (Jerusalem) is that they will be grievously injured. The idea of grievously or seriously being injured is expressed by the infinitive absolute of the verb *Sarat*; the verb is used in Lev 21:5 and Lev 19:28 where markings of the flesh are prohibited.

Lev 19:28 Ye shall not make any "cuttings" in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.

Lev 21:5 A Levite priest shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any "cuttings" in their flesh.

5. Unger writes of the use of *Sarat* in our verse two: "The meaning is rather to rupture oneself, suffer sprains or dislocations rather than lacerations as used elsewhere.

6. The proud Gentile nations, who think to take Jerusalem and destroy God's people are here described as all the nations of the earth.

7. These are the invading and besieging armies involved in the Armageddon Campaign; they will assemble themselves against her (Jerusalem) as part of Satan's plan to destroy God's people.

8. All of this is said to take place in that day, an eschatological phrase which reverberates with remarkable frequency through chapters 12-14; for example:

Zec 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

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Zec 12:11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

Zec 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Zec 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land ...

Zec 13:4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

Zec 14:4 And 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 ...

Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark ...

Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one ...

Zec 14:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour ...

Zec 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

9. This prophetic time indicator is equivalent to the *Òday of the LordÓ* and denotes precisely that future period when the Lord will openly and publicly manifest His power in delivering Israel from her enemies and establishing her in millennial peace and prosperity.

9.1 The Day of The Lord will be inaugurated with the rapture of the Church, an event which is imminent. The imminency of the rapture was taught by Christ Himself, James, Paul, John and Peter.

Mat 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Mat 26:65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Jam 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

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Zechariah Lesson 99

4-6-2005

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## Principles of Review

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Mat 26:65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Jam 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

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1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1Jo 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

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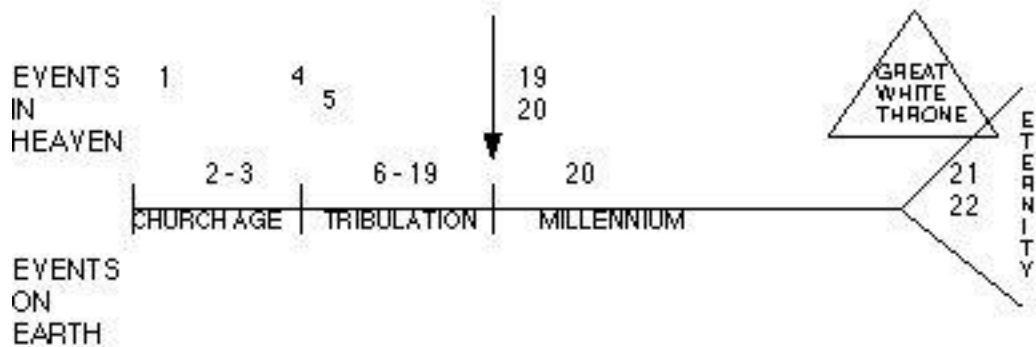


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### AN OVERVIEW OF REVELATION



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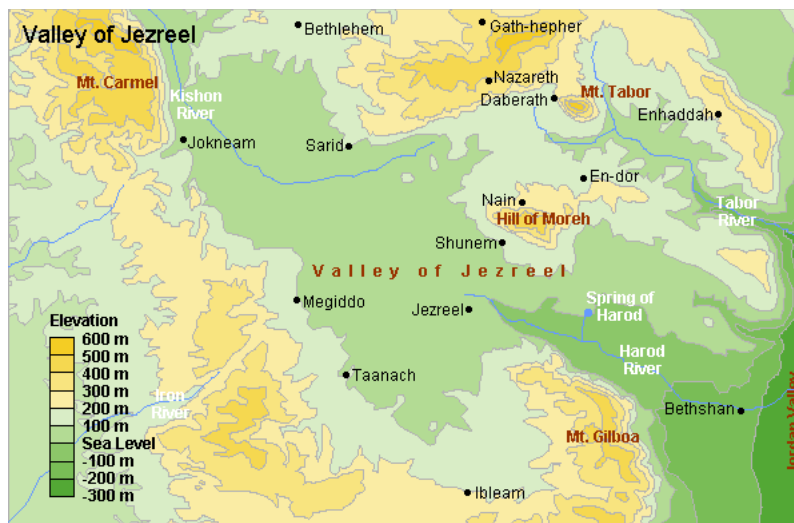
Isa 14:1 The LORD will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Aliens will join them and unite with the house of Jacob.

Isa 14:2 Nations will take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Israel will possess the nations as menservants and maidservants in the LORD'S land. They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors.

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Rev 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Rev 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

Rev 19:18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

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Zechariah Lesson 100

4-13-2005

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Zec 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

9.7 Now for new material and point 9.8.

9.8 The battle is a fulfillment of the smiting-stone prophecy of Dan 2:31-46 and the humbling of the lofty prophecy of Isa 2:12.

Dan 2:31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

Dan 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold (B), his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

Dan 2:33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Dan 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Dan 2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

Dan 2:36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

Dan 2:37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

Dan 2:38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

Dan 2:39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

Dan 2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

Dan 2:41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

Dan 2:42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

Dan 2:43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone (the Messiah) was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Dan 2:46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors unto him.

Isa 2:12 The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled),

9.9 The lofty will be brought low just as Nebuchadnezzar dreamed and later as Daniel himself saw in his dream. The two dreams describing the same scene, Gentile powers running amok until God in His perfect timing lays them low. Daniel's dream is described for us in Daniel chapter seven.

Dan 7:1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

Dan 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

Dan 7:3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Dan 7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings (B): I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

Dan 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear (P), and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Dan 7:6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns ...

Dan 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame ...

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son (Christ) of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days (Father), and they brought him near before him.

Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed ...

9.10 There will be a judgment of both Israel and the gentile nations when the Lord returns.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

Mat 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Mat 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

Mat 25:36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Mat 25:37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

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Mat 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

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Eze 20:34 I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered-- with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

Eze 20:35 I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you.

Eze 20:36 As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 20:37 I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

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Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.



Rev 20:5 This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

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Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

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Rev 20:9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

9.13 The destruction of the present earth and heaven and the final judgment of the wicked would seem to end The Day of The Lord. (2Pe 3:10-12; Rev 20:11-15)

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

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10. Inseparably connected with Israel's deliverance are her enemies, the nations; the nations are prominent in these eschatological passages.

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

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Zechariah Lesson 101

4-20-2005

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8. The lofty will be brought low just as Nebuchadnezzar dreamed and later as Daniel himself saw in his dream. The two dreams describing the same scene, Gentile powers running amok until God in His perfect timing lays them low. Daniel's dream is described for us in Dan 7:1-14.

9. There will be a judgment of both Israel and the gentile nations when the Lord returns. Eze 20:34-38 and Mat 25:31-46 respectively.

9.1 The Day of The Lord includes the millennial reign of Christ on earth (Rev 20:4-6).

9.2 The Day also includes the satanic revolt and its judgment (Rev 20:7-10).

9.3 The destruction of the present earth and heaven and the final judgment of the wicked would seem to end The Day of The Lord. (2Pe 3:10-12; Rev 20:11-15)

10. Inseparably connected with Israel's deliverance are her enemies, the nations; the nations are prominent in many of Zechariah's eschatological passages.

11. The place (Jerusalem) where deliverance takes place is also necessarily featured.

Zec 12:2 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.

Zec 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it ...

Zec 12:5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

Zec 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

Zec 12:7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

Zec 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of 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.

Zec 12:11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

Zec 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Zec 14:4 And 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.

Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananel unto the king's winepresses.

Zec 14:11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

Zec 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Zec 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

12. Let me stop here and give you several points about Jerusalem.

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12.2 The Name - Jerusalem

12.2.1 The assumption that the name came originally from the Hebrew 'Ir Shalem, meaning "city of peace," appears now to be problematic to some.

12.2.2 The Amarna letters written in Akkadian cuneiform have the word Urusalim; the Assyrian inscriptions of Sennacherib spell it Urusalimmu; and Egyptian hieroglyphics (19th-18th century B.C.) have the equivalent of Urushamem.

12.3 Modern scholars take these to mean "founded by the god Shalem," a god of the Amorites meaning "prosperer" (Eze 16:2).

Eze 16:2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

Eze 16:3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

12.4 Its ancient Biblical name appears to have been Salem (Gen 14:18; Heb 7:2; Psa 76:2), a form of Hebrew shalom, "peace."

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

Heb 7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

Psa 76:1 In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

Psa 76:2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

12.4.1 God's people are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa 122:6).

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Hag 2:3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing ...

Hag 2:7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Hag 2:8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

12.6 The correct Greek transliteration Ierousalem (Mat 23:37), is used regularly in the LXX.

Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Mat 23:38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

12.6.1 The alternate form in the Greek New Testament, Hierosolyma, is deliberately Hellenized to make a Greek-sounding name.

12.7 After the time of the Conquest Jerusalem was known as Jebus, named after its inhabitants the Jebusites who were descendants of the Hittites and Amorites. (Jdg 19:10-11)

Jdg 19:10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was with him.

Jdg 19:11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

Jdg 19:12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over ſ to Gibeah.

12.7.1 Other names include "Ariel" (Isa 29:1), "City of Righteousness" (Isa 1:26), "The Holy City" (Isa 48:2 and 52:1).

Isa 29:1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

Isa 29:2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

Isa 29:3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

Isa 29:4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

Isa 48:1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

Isa 48:2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name.

Isa 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

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2. We need to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material on page three.
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6. The nature and extent of the attack will be unprecedented. Particularly the damage done by the King of the North. His army is described as a superb machine; an army that does not make mistakes but devastates.

6.1 Joel describes them as a fire that devours all in front of it and leaves nothing behind but desolate wilderness.

Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joe 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Joe 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

7. The armies of the world have laid desolate the land of Israel. Those in Palestine who have relied upon the Antichrist for protection will lament their earlier misplaced confidence.

Joe 2:4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Joe 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Joe 2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

Joe 2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Joe 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

Joe 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

8. The siege of Jerusalem is described several places in Scriptures. We will look at several of these descriptions later. Special frog demons are used by Satan to get the armies of the world to Palestine.

9. The frog demons will do their job and gather all the armies of the world to the promised land to do battle against God Himself.

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

10. Somehow Satan is able to convince all these diverse forces with uncommon goals to

gather together and fight against Israel and Their God.

11. Even with such apparent power the world's armies will fail because the Lord Jesus Christ will intervene; God will exact His own form of justice.

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13. Zechariah summarizes the siege and deliverance of Israel.

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Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

14. Zechariah 14:2 summarizes the events of Dan 11:40-43 and Rev 16:12-16.

Dan 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Dan 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

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Dan 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

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Rev 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

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Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

15. God always has men who are prepared to take a stand, because they know Doctrine and this is certainly true in Jerusalem just before the the Lord Jesus returns.

16. Although the leaders of Jerusalem know their resources are weak, they know the believers of the city can be depended upon because of their understanding of eschatology; God will accordingly reward their positive volition.

Joe 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

Joe 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

Joe 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

Joe 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

17. This is true in the last days of the seemingly hopeless siege of the city.

Zec 12:6 In that day will I make the governors (leaders over 1000) of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

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18. Darkness precedes the light.

18.1 With the greatest concentration of armies in the history of the world encompassing a small section of the city, the situation is beyond bleak.

18.2 The army of Israel will suffer the most decisive defeat ever known in military history, being driven from city after city, always retreating toward Jerusalem. In the city they fight from house to house losing block after block until they are cornered inside the Temple area. Israel is trapped against Mount Moriah in what appears to be a hopeless

situation.

18.3 And then suddenly a supernatural darkness occurs. Isa 60:1-2

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.  
Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:  
but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

18.4 No artificial light will be able to penetrate this utter blackness, and it will be exactly like the darkness shrouding the cross, when Jesus bore the sins of the world. Mat 27:45;  
Zec 12:4

Mat 27:45 "From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land."

Mat 27:46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Mat 27:47 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Mat 27:48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

Mat 27:49 The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

Ma 27:50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Mat 27:51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.

Mat 27:52 The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.

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Joe 2:31 "The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming" of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Joe 2:32 And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

18.6 As a result of the confusion, warfare comes to a standstill. Isa 13:6-9

Isa 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Isa 13:7 Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt.

Isa 13:8 Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame.

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anger-- to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.

Isa 13:10 The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.

Isa 13:11 I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless.

18.7 The deliverance of the saints will come suddenly.

18.8 Everyone will be able to see Jesus Christ as he comes out of heaven, the only light which can penetrate the darkness. Zec 14:7

Zec 14:7 It will be a unique day, without daytime or nighttime-- a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light.

18.9 His activity is explained in Psa 97:2-6.

Psa 97:2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Psa 97:3 Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

Psa 97:4 His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Psa 97:5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

Psa 97:6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Psa 97:7 All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols-- worship him, all you gods!

18.10 The Lord will fight as He did earlier at the Red Sea and at Jerusalem for Hezekiah when Sennacherib invaded. Exo 14:10-14; 2Ch 32:9; 20; Isa 37:35-38.

Exo 14:10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

Exo 14:11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"

Exo 14:12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Exo 14:13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.

Exo 14:14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

2Ch 32:9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying ...

2Ch 32:20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

Isa 37:35 And God answered and said " I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake."

Isa 37:36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the

Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Isa 37:37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

Isa 37:38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

18.11 As supernatural intervention has won the day for the Jews many times in the past, it will win again on this day.

18.12 The Lord will return and split the Mount of Olives and through this valley, the believing remnant will move to safety while the Lord destroys their enemies. Zec 14:4-5

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Zec 14:5 You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

18.13 The decimation of the enemy will be complete.

18.14 The Second Advent of Jesus Christ turns the tide of the campaign and saves the Jewish remnant, His return causes a decimation of the gentile forces.

Rev 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Rev 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

18.15 The recipients of Christ's wrath are unbelievers, who have had every possible opportunity to be saved, even the supernatural events in the tribulation.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Joh 1:8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Joh 1:9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.



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Zechariah Lesson 103

5-4-2005

1. Last week I taught several principles developed from an analysis of Zec 12:4; when time expired we were about to review the unusual methods of evangelism employed by the Lord during the Tribulation.
2. We need to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material on page three.
3. Before proceeding I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 12:1-4.

Zec 12:1 I was then told to declare a special message: This is the Word of the LORD for Israel. I am The I Am, who created from absolutely nothing the heavens and the earth; it was I who stretched out the heavens and then laid the foundation for the earth; after creating heaven and earth perfect it was spoiled by the incompetent Satan; I chose to restore things, form man from the dust of the ground and breathe life into the first Adam. Now you should know just Who it is that is speaking to you.

Zec 12:2 I, Myself will make Jerusalem a goblet of intoxication for all the greedy nations who arrive to spill the blood of the inhabitants of the city. And likewise shall it be concerning all of Judah.

Zec 12:3 Just before the Second Advent of the Lord, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against Israel at Jerusalem, I will make that city a large immovable rock and all who try to lift it will be injured; Judah too will be a cup of reeling for those who come to the valley of Jezreel. Both Judah and Jerusalem will be used as bait to draw the nations to a single geographical area where they will be easy prey for the returning Messiah and His heavenly army.

Zec 12:4 Within 24 hours of the return of Christ, God will cause absolute panic in the battle lines of Israel's foes. God Himself declares "I will impose a total darkness over the battlefield, all lines of communication will cease, there will be no command and control, even the sophisticated infrared and radar controlled ordinances will mal-function for I as the God of Israel will provide a supernatural protection over the house of Judah, the forces of the nations will come to a screeching halt.

### Principles of Review

1. Zechariah sees Jerusalem standing against her enemies with God blessing the inhabitants in their defense against the nations. God declares He will destroy all the nations that attack Israel.
2. We have here a clear reference to the last battle of Armageddon when Israel is under siege by the Armies of the world.

3. The King of the West, King of the North and the Kings of the East gather for battle at Megiddo. The King of the North would seem to be assigned the job of attacking Jerusalem.

4. The nature and extent of the attack will be unprecedented. Particularly the damage done by the King of the North. His army is described as a superb machine; an army that does not make mistakes but devastates.

5. Joel describes them as a fire that devours all in front of it and leaves nothing behind but desolate wilderness. The armies of the world have laid desolate the land of Israel. Those in Palestine who have relied upon the Antichrist for protection will lament their earlier misplaced confidence. Joe 2:1-9

6. Special frog demons are used by Satan to get the armies of the world to Palestine. The frog demons will do their job and gather all the armies of the world to the promised land to do battle against God Himself. Rev 16:14

7. Even with such apparent power the world's armies will fail because the Lord Jesus Christ will intervene; God will exact His own form of justice. Jerusalem shall be delivered supernaturally at the Second Advent of Christ. Zec 12:2 and Zec 12:10

8. God always has men who are prepared to take a stand, because they know Doctrine and this is certainly true in Jerusalem just before the the Lord Jesus returns. Although the leaders of Jerusalem know their resources are weak, they know the believers of the city can be depended upon because of their understanding of eschatology; God will accordingly reward their positive volition. Joe 2:18-21

9. Darkness precedes the light

9.1 With the greatest concentration of armies in the history of the world encompassing a small section of the city, the situation is beyond bleak.

9.2 The army of Israel will suffer the most decisive defeat ever known in military history, being driven from city after city, always retreating toward Jerusalem. In the city they fight from house to house losing block after block until they are cornered inside the Temple area. Israel is trapped against Mount Moriah in what appears to be a hopeless situation. And then suddenly a supernatural darkness occurs. Isa 60:1-2

9.3 No artificial light will be able to penetrate this utter blackness, and it will be exactly like the darkness shrouding the cross, when Jesus bore the sins of the world. Mat 27:45; Zec 12:4

9.4 This darkness will signal the coming of our Lord, and it provides protection for the remnant. Joe 2:31-32

9.5 As a result of the confusion, warfare comes to a standstill. Isa 13:6-9

9.6 The deliverance of the saints will come suddenly. Everyone will be able to see Jesus Christ as he comes out of heaven, the only light which can penetrate the darkness.  
Zec 14:7

10. The Lord's activity is explained in Psa 97:2-6.

10.1 The Lord will fight as He did earlier at the Red Sea and at Jerusalem for Hezekiah when Sennacherib invaded. Exo 14:10-14; 2Ch 32:9; 20; Isa 37:35-38.

10.2 The Second Advent of Jesus Christ turns the tide of the campaign and saves the Jewish remnant, His return causes a decimation of the gentile forces. Rev 19:11-16

10.3 The recipients of Christ's wrath are unbelievers; all persons born into the world receive the gospel and are without an excuse and this certainly includes those living in the Tribulation. Let's look at several passages supporting this concept of universal evangelism.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

10.4 In the Tribulation there will be active witnessing by the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists, angels announcing God's judgment, Elijah and Moses who return, witness and perform miracles.

10.4.1 There are also supernatural events from God in the seal, trumpet and vial judgments which clearly declare God's power and glory.

10.4.2 For a person living in the Tribulation to not believe calls for a grand indifference and supreme negative volition.

10.4.3 Once again Israel will take the lead in this age of trial for Jacob.

## Jewish Evangelists

Rev 7:4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel...

Rev 7:9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Elijah and Moses

Rev 11:3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

Rev 11:6 These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Rev 11:7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

Rev 11:8 Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Rev 11:9 For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.

Rev 11:10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

Rev 11:11 But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.

Rev 11:12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

10.4.4 Angels also are involved in the supernatural witnessing occurring in the Tribulation.

Rev 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people.

10.5 God's judgments and destruction are righteous and just. God can never be unjust. Recall God is Righteous, Just, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Love, Eternal Life, Veracity, Immutable and Sovereign.

10.6 The sharp sword of the Lord is the greatest weapon of all time. The Lord slays the armies of Armageddon with words from His mouth.

10.7 The winepress is the massive slaughter which terminates the campaign.

10.8 Notice that Christ shows how to win a war: He slaughters the enemy. He does not sit around a peace table and talk about rebuilding the defeated economies of the enemy.

11. Just before total annihilation there is a renewed positive volition in the city. The people are full of doctrine and they inspire their leadership and their leadership inspires them as the manifest positive volition which in this case is an anticipated and expected guarantee that Christ will arrive to save the day?

12. After Christ's arrival Israel will join with Christ in taking total control of the area.

13. Before we study that control I want to provide again the expanded translation of Zec 12:4.

#### Expanded Translation

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14. And now for verse five and six where the people of Jerusalem recognize their Deliverer will arrive and once again they will be strong. In verse six Israel is said to militarily dominate their land.

#### NIV

Zec 12:5 Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.'

Zec 12:6 "On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.

#### Principles

1. Again we have in the Hebrew **Be Ha Hu Yom** translated in the KJV In that day, a reference to a time just before the Lord returns.

2. Next follows a word **Aluph** translated often as Chieftains or Governors. The word here in verse five is in the plural and is better the leaders of the thousands. It is a hapax legomenon and a play on the number **Eleph** for a thousand.

2.1 Literally it refers to the leaders left in the city of Jerusalem, the Chiliarchs is the translation from the Septuagint. What the leaders say and do is important but in this context it is what the people say and do that drives the thoughts of their leaders. Many believe the **Elephs** are Bible Teachers and others believe they are military leaders. Any definition is problematic given the literal meaning.

2.2 The Leaders see a mental attitude change in the citizenry; Israel has changed and is now positive to the overtures of the Lord; they expect the return of the Lord just as their leaders are teaching.

2.2.1 The Lord of the Armies is their God and though events around them are chaotic as the city is besieged, the city is safe and the people are faith resting.

3. God raises up leaders equal to the number of positive people and it is from doctrine in the souls of the leaders that Israel will find strength; both the people and the leaders are encouraged one by the other. The teachers teach and the people respond.

4. Unger writes of verse five: “The chieftains of Judah say in their heart, that is, they do not speak superficially, but deeply with genuine conviction. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Mat 12:34). What a confidence is this that animates God’s people and panoplies them for victory?”

5. The Chieftains are said to gather strength, strength being the emphatic of **Amtsah** followed by the **Li** and thus literally we have “the people inspire me to strength.”

6. Leaders are often inspired by their congregates and visa-a-versa. This is best taught under the Doctrine of Refreshment.

6.1 Onesimus, Philemon's run-away slave, was a source of refreshment to Paul while he was in prison in Rome. Such is the nature of refreshment.

6.2 Refreshment in this sense refers to the special joy which flows from one person to another as they live their lives in close association in the service of our Lord.

6.3 When doctrine is exchanged there should be a refreshment to both the teacher and the student.

7. Let's look at some examples of refreshment first in the New Testament.

Rom 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

Rom 15:31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

Rom 15:32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

1Co 16:17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

1Co 16:18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

Phm 7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

Phm 20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

2Co 7:13 By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

2Ti 1:16 May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because this fine friend from Ephesus has often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my being incarcerated.

2Ti 1:17 On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

7.1 In Acts 27:3 Paul is said to refresh himself by visiting with friends at Sidon after his sea voyage from Caesarea.

Acts 27:3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

8. Now let's look at several uses in the Old Testament.

1Sa 16:23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Exo 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed .

Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

Isa 28:10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

Isa 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Isa 28:12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing yet they would not hear.

2Sa 16:9 Then Abishai son of Zeruah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head."

2Sa 16:10 But the king said, "What do you and I have in common, you sons of Zeruah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

2Sa 16:11 David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, who is of my own flesh, is trying to take my life. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to.

2Sa 16:12 It may be that the LORD will see my distress and repay me with good for the cursing I am receiving today."

2Sa 16:13 So David and his men continued along the road while Shimei was going along the hillside opposite him, cursing as he went and throwing stones at him and showering him with dirt.

2Sa 16:14 The king and all the people with him arrived at their destination exhausted. And there he refreshed himself.

7. Now let's take a look at an expanded translation of Zec 12:5 and 6.

#### Expanded Translation

Zec 12:5 When the Lord returns all of Judah will say, The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is again their God.

Zec 12:6 After the Lord of the Armies has established peace in the land He will make the leaders of Judah militarily superior, they can best be described as a flaming torch among sheaves. They will rule all the nations surrounding Judah and the city of Jerusalem will stand as the world's capital.

8. In verse seven we see an interesting comment made by God the Holy Spirit through Zechariah Judah shall be saved first and then Jerusalem. This is done in order to abolish the long manifested jealousy of Israel toward Judah and Jerusalem.

Zec 12:7 "The LORD will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah.

#### Principles

1. The Lord will save first Judah. In this case Judah refers to the area of Palestine formerly known as Israel.

2. Jealousy had long been a problem between those who lived in the north and the Tribe of Judah in the south.

3. This jealousy was caused no doubt by the fact Saul, David and Solomon when ruling the Undivided Kingdom in all its glory ruled from the city of Jerusalem. Additionally the first three Kings were from southern tribes, Benjamin and Judah respectively.

3.1 Isa 11:13-16 tells us that jealousy was the major factor in the division of the Kingdom and that when the Lord returns there will be no such jealousy.

Isa 11:13 The envy also of Ephraim (a reference to northern kingdom) shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Isa 11:14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.



Isa 11:15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

Isa 11:16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

4. Another example of such tribal jealousy can be found in the story of David's return from his exile and the rebellion of certain malcontents who did not welcome David back; at least not as did the Tribe of Judah. 2Sa 19:40-20:2

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Zechariah Lesson 104

5-11-2005

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Isa 11:13-16 and 2Sa 19:40-20:2

17. Now for new material.

18. Judah in verse seven is clearly a reference to the other ten tribes as they were known.

19. There are expositors who take a very narrow view of the definition of Judah as over against David's Jerusalem. These men believe Judah only refers to the country side outside the city walls; extensive geographically but only encompassing the southern kingdom.

20. As noted such a position does not answer the question, why the statement that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah.

21. Now let's take a look at an expanded translation of our verse seven.

#### Expanded Translation

Zec 12:7 At the return of the LORD, He will deliver all of the Northern Kingdom first; that is to say before He delivers Judah and Jerusalem; this in order that there be no jealousy stimulated between the north and the south.

22. We are now ready for a description of what God does for the Tribe of Judah and the city of Jerusalem, but only after He has first destroyed the marauding forces who have overrun the Northern Tribes.

Zec 12:8 On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them.

Zec 12:9 On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

## Principles

1. The statement on that day appearing in both verses 8 and 9 is again a reference to the day of the Lord.

1.1 Unger writes “So important is this time reference, in that day, so frequent in this general part of Zechariah that it is repeated twice ... the term graphically portrays the direct divine intervention in the affairs of Judah in the day of the Lord, the day that is conspicuously His, because of His powerful deliverance displayed in it. Thus in the day is tantamount to the day of the Lord which is so prominent in the great eschatological portions of the prophets.

2. Merrill Unger then lists Isa 2:12-21; Joe 1:15-2:1; Zep 1:14-2:2 and Zec 14:1-3 as further documentation of the timing. Let’s look at these verses:

Isa 2:12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isa 2:13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

Isa 2:14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,

Isa 2:15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

Isa 2:16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

Isa 2:17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Isa 2:18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

Isa 2:19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Isa 2:20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

Isa 2:21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Joe 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joe 1:16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

Joe 1:17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

Joe 1:18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

Joe 1:19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

Joe 1:20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Zep 1:14 "The great day of the LORD is near-- near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there.

Zep 1:15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness,

Zep 1:16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

Zep 1:17 I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth.

Zep 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD'S wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth."

Zep 2:1 Gather together, gather together, O shameful nation,

Zep 2:2 before the appointed time arrives and that day sweeps on like chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD comes upon you, before the day of the LORD'S wrath comes upon you.

Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

3. The Lord, Himself as a Christophany, is said to defend the remnant left in the city of Jerusalem. The word translated defend is the Kal imperfect of **Ganan** which means to cover, to surround and to defend; Zechariah earlier used this word in Zec 9:15 where he describes the Lord protecting His people. In Zec 9:15 the preposition **Al** meaning over is used and in our verse eight the preposition **Bead** is used meaning on behalf of thus the Lord is said to give protection on behalf of the remnant survivors.

Zec 12:8 On that day the LORD will be a shield on the behalf of those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them.

Zec 9:13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

Zec 9:14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

Zec 9:15 The LORD of hosts shall be the defense over them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

Zec 9:16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

4. The result of the Lord's covering and protection on Israel's behalf will be His people will be a valiant and effective as David at his best. This says the Scripture will include even those who are the weakest.

5. The feeble among them at that day shall be as David (as the KJV translates) and will become mighty warriors. The feeble among them is a translation from the Hebrew participle **Kashal** meaning the one who: totters, stumbles, is hopeless, helpless, useless to meet a crisis, i.e., believers without hope but full of doctrine thus they are capable of defeating thousands.

5.1 The effectiveness of a soldier in a Theocracy is determined by his love for the Lord.

Jos 23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he he hath promised you.

6. I want to give you several summary points about war:

6.1 When Jehovah, Jesus Christ, led the Nation of Israel out of Egypt He told them at the Red Sea to watch Him fight for them.

Exo 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

6.2 God told Moses to take Israel around the land of the Philistine because they had not as yet been trained in war.

Exo 13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

6.3 God left certain Gentile nations in the promised land so that Israel could be tested and learn war. There was a generation who had wandered in the wilderness and had never had the privilege of killing the enemy in battle.

Jdg 3:1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

Jdg 3:2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

6.4 Jesus taught David the art and skill of war.

Psa 18:34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

6.5 Jesus said a wise King seeks advice from his Military before going to war.

Luk 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

6.6. God mandated military service for all males 20 years of age except for those with new homes, new businesses, new wives and cowards.

Num 1:2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls;

Num 1:3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

Deu 24:5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

Deu 20:5 The officers shall say to the army: "Has anyone built a new house and not dedicated it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else may dedicate it.

Deu 20:6 Has anyone planted a vineyard and not begun to enjoy it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else enjoy it.

Deu 20:7 Has anyone become pledged to a woman and not married her? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else marry her."

Deu 20:8 Then the officers shall add, "Is any man afraid or faint hearted? Let him go home so that his brothers will not become disheartened too."

6.7 God uses the military of various Nations to discipline other nations. Assyria destroyed Israel and Babylon destroyed Judah.

6.8 Israel's repeated choices to worship idols and their rejection of the Messiah brought the discipline of war.

6.9 War is cruel. Losing a war is doubly cruel. Zedekiah as King of Judah after being defeated by Babylon saw his son killed and then they put out his eyes and put a fish hook in his lip and led him prisoner to the Land of the Chaldea. Jer 34:1-20

6.10 Women suffer greatly during war.

Isa 3:24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

Isa 3:25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

Isa 3:26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

6.11 Warfare demands stability and courage. For this reason the Priest spoke to the troops before they went into battle:

Deu 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Deu 20:2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

Deu 20:3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint,  $\text{\textcircled{D}}$  fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

Deu 20:4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Deu 20:5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and has not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6.12 Draft dodgers are evil; it is their sin that God will not overlook.

Num 32:6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

Num 32:7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

Num 32:8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land.

Num 32:9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

Num 32:10 And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

Num 32:11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

6.13 God said the land rested because of successful military victories.

Jos 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

6.14 Jesus Christ wins the battle of Armageddon and saves Israel from destruction.

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

6.15 God will protect the mature believer even in time of War.



Job 5:20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

6.16 Great Old Testament warriors performed expertly because they had Doctrine in their souls.

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

6.17 Wisdom is needed for war.

Pro 20:18 Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

6.18 Jesus is often described as a warrior.

Jos 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

Jos 5:14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

Jos 5:15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

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6.19.2 Show up when Bible Doctrine is taught.

6.19.3 Support a strong military.

6.19.4 Support leaders who know the importance of maintaining and using if necessary a strong military.

6.19.5 Train our children in the Word of God.

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Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Jer 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

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2. We need to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material on page three.
3. Before proceeding I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 12:1-9.

Zec 12:1 I was then told to declare a special message: This is the Word of the LORD for Israel. I am The I Am, who created from absolutely nothing the heavens and the earth; it was I who stretched out the heavens and then laid the foundation for the earth; after creating heaven and earth perfect it was spoiled by the incompetent Satan; I chose to restore things, form man from the dust of the ground and breathe life into the first Adam. Now you should know just Who it is that is speaking to you.

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6.5 In his twelfth year he began his reforms in Judah and Jerusalem, and evidently in northern Israel as well. (Jeremiah received his call to the prophetic ministry in Josiah's thirteenth year, c. 626 B.C.)

6.6 In his eighteenth year (621 B.C.) Josiah arranged for the temple repairs. It was at this time that a most important event in his reign occurred. Hilkiyah the high priest found the "book of the law" in the temple. If this work is not to be identified solely as the book of Deuteronomy, it is quite certain that it at least included that book, or parts of it.

6.7 This law Book was responsible for certain major reforms.

6.8 Apparently, Assyrian control had weakened enough to allow such a widespread cleansing of the land from idolatry. In doing this, Josiah centralized public worship in Jerusalem. He also observed the Passover on the grandest scale since the days of the judges.

6.9 But in spite of all this, Jeremiah (e.g., Jer 2-6 and 11) makes it clear that Josiah's reform was only superficial, external, and temporary. No genuine repentance or lasting inner change of the people resulted from it.

Jer 3:6 During the reign of King Josiah, the LORD said to me, "Have you seen what faithless Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every spreading tree and has committed adultery there.

Jer 3:7 I thought that after she had done all this she would return to me but she did not, and her unfaithful sister Judah saw it.

Jer 3:8 I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery ...

Jer 3:10 In spite of all this, her unfaithful sister Judah did not return to me with all her heart, but only in pretense," declares the LORD.

Jer 3:11 The LORD said to me, "Faithless Israel is more righteous than unfaithful Judah ...

Jer 4:3 This is what the LORD says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: "Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns.

Jer 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, circumcise your hearts, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done-- burn with no one to quench it.

Jer 4:5 "Announce in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem and say: 'Sound the trumpet throughout the land!' Cry aloud and say: 'Gather together! Let us flee to the fortified cities!'

Jer 4:6 Raise the signal to go to Zion! Flee for safety without delay! For I am bringing disaster from the north, even terrible destruction."

Jer 4:7 A lion has come out of his lair; a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land. Your towns will lie in ruins without inhabitant.

6.10 Josiah adopted an anti-Assyrian policy and thereby met an untimely death in 609 B.C. by leading a little army against Neco II, king of Egypt. The latter was actually on a march with his army to aid the Assyrians in making their last ditch stand against the Babylonians at Haran.

6.11 At the very beginning of this encounter with the Egyptian army at Megiddo, Josiah was killed. His religious reformation was soon forgotten, and three months later the kingdom of Judah lost its political independence to Egypt. Josiah was the last good and godly king of Judah before the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity.

6.12 His finest tribute is paid in 2Ki 23:25: "And like unto him was there no king before him [i.e., in the area of obedience to the law, as the following explains], that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him."

7. Now for an expanded translation of Zec 12:10 and 11.

Expanded Translation

Zec 12:10 "At that time I will pour out My Spirit on the House of David and all Israel; They will be changed for I will make them perfect. They will look on me, knowing I was the the One they rejected, tried and crucified, and they will mourn for Me as one mourns for the loss of an only child.

Zec 12:11 On that day their weeping shall be like when they wept for the good King Josiah who was killed in battle by Pharoah Necho.

8. In the last three verses of chapter twelve we see a special emphasis placed on the houses of David, Nathan, Levi and Shimei.

NIV

Zec 12:12 The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives,

Zec 12:13 the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives,

Zec 12:14 and all the rest of the clans and their wives.

## Principles

1. The phrase and the land shall mourn family by family describes universal and individual grief.
2. Every member of each family will lament in private, wives apart from their husbands, husbands apart from their wives.
3. Individual by individual will face his own deep sin before God. Contrition so overwhelming it will demand complete seclusion for its expression and outpouring.
4. The vision of a crucified Redeemer will excite the deepest repentance both nationally and individually; additionally both the political and ecclesiastical will lament.
5. People in Israel have over the ages decided against God, Kings have failed the Lord and the Priests have distorted the Word. All will lament their failures and for the first time ever all of Israel, the surviving remnant will see the error of their ways.
6. This will certainly include what we see today as Israel ridicules Christianity as a silly pipe dream.
7. David represents the royal line or as we would say today "the state."
8. Nathan, Levi and Shimei represent the priestly line or as we would say "the church."
9. Nathan was a prophet and courtier in the reigns of David and Solomon.
  - 9.1 Nathan played an important role at three critical junctures.
    - 9.1.1 Concerning a house for the Lord (2Sa 7:1-13). David confided in Nathan his desire to build the Lord's house as a permanent place for the ark of the covenant.

2Sa 7:1 After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him,  
2Sa 7:2 he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."  
2Sa 7:3 Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."  
2Sa 7:4 That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:  
2Sa 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?  
2Sa 7:6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling.



2Sa 7:7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

2Sa 7:8 "Now then, tell my servant David, This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel.

2Sa 7:9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.

2Sa 7:10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning

2Sa 7:11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

2Sa 7:12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

9.1.2 Nathan's response was enthusiastic and encouraging, but that night the Lord gave the prophet a message for the king, which can be summed up in two statements: You will not build My house, but I shall build your house; and you will not build My house, but a son of yours will.

9.1.3 The messianic element in the message cannot be overlooked. The house of David which God promised to build was the messianic "house" in the sense of line or dynasty, for certainly 2Sa 7:16 looks beyond the reign of Solomon.

2Sa 7:16 "Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

9.1.4 Concerning David's double sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband Uriah called for a rebuke. (2Sa 12:1-15)

2Sa 12:1 The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.

2Sa 12:2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle,

2Sa 12:3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

2Sa 12:4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

2Sa 12:5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die!"

2Sa 12:6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

2Sa 12:7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

2Sa 12:8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.

2Sa 12:9 Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

2Sa 12:10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

2Sa 12:11 "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.

2Sa 12:12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.

2Sa 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

2Sa 12:14 But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

2Sa 12:15 After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

9.1.5 Nathan was the chosen messenger. His parable stirred David's sense of justice, so that the application was clear. David's repentance secured divine forgiveness, but the dire effects of the deed could not be avoided.

9.1.6 There was, however, an amelioration of the effects of Bathsheba in that one of her sons, Solomon, was appointed heir to the throne.

9.1.7 2Sa 12:25 seems to signify that God sent Nathan to David to bestow the name Jedidiah ("beloved of Yehovah") upon Solomon.

2Sa 12:25 and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

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Zechariah Lesson 106

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1. Last week I completed an analysis of Zec 12:10-11; when time expired we were in the process of developing several principles derived from an exegesis of Zec 12:12-14.

2. We need to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material on page three.

3. Before proceeding I want to provide an expanded translation of Zec 12:1-11.

Zec 12:1 I was then told to declare a special message: This is the Word of the LORD for Israel. I am The I Am, who created from absolutely nothing the heavens and the earth; it was I who stretched out the heavens and then laid the foundation for the earth; after creating heaven and earth perfect it was spoiled by the incompetent Satan; I chose to restore things, form man from the dust of the ground and breathe life into the first Adam. Now you should know just Who it is that is speaking to you.

Zec 12:2 I, Myself will make Jerusalem a goblet of intoxication for all the greedy nations who arrive to spill the blood of the inhabitants of the city. And likewise shall it be concerning all of Judah.

Zec 12:3 Just before the Second Advent of the Lord, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against Israel at Jerusalem, I will make that city a large immovable rock and all who try to lift it will be injured; Judah too will be a cup of reeling for those who come to the valley of Jezreel. Both Judah and Jerusalem will be used as bait to draw the nations to a single geographical area where they will be easy prey for the returning Messiah and His heavenly army.

Zec 12:4 Within 24 hours of the return of Christ, God will cause absolute panic in the battle lines of Israel's foes. I will impose a total darkness over the battlefield, all lines of communication will cease, there will be no command and control, even the sophisticated infrared and radar controlled ordinances will mal-function for I as the God of Israel will provide a supernatural protection over the house of Judah, the forces of the nations will come to a screeching halt.

Zec 12:5 When the Lord returns all of Judah will say, The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is again their God.

Zec 12:6 After the Lord of the Armies has established peace in the land He will make the leaders of Judah militarily superior, they can best be described as a flaming torch among sheaves. They will rule all the nations surrounding Judah and the city of Jerusalem will stand as the world's capital.

Zec 12:7 At the return of the LORD, He will deliver all of the Northern Kingdom first; that is to say before He delivers Judah and Jerusalem; this in order that there be no jealousy stimulated between the north and the south.

Zec 12:8 The Lord Jesus will protect those who live in Jerusalem, even the feeblest will be made strong, and David will return and serve as Christ's Executive Officer, he will be like the Angel of the Lord Who was often seen going before Israel to destroy and route their enemies.

Zec 12:9 On that day I, as the Lord of lords and King of kings, will destroy all the nations in and around Jerusalem.

Zec 12:10 "At that time I will pour out My Spirit on the House of David and all Israel; They will be changed for I will make them perfect. They will look on me, knowing I was the the One they rejected, tried and crucified, and they will mourn for Me as one mourns for the loss of an only child.

Zec 12:11 On that day their weeping shall be like when they wept for the good King Josiah who was killed in battle by Pharaoh Necho.

## Principles of Review

NIV

Zec 12:12 The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives,

Zec 12:13 the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives,

Zec 12:14 and all the rest of the clans and their wives.

## Principles

1. The phrase and the land shall mourn family by family describes universal and individual grief.
2. Every member of each family will lament in private. Individual by individual will face his own deep sin before God. Contrition so overwhelming it will demand complete seclusion for its expression and outpouring.
3. The vision of a crucified Redeemer will excite the deepest repentance both nationally and individually; verses 12-14 stress that both the political, represented by David and his family, and the ecclesiastical, represented by Nathan, Levi, Shimei and their families, will lament.
4. People in Israel have over the ages decided against God, Kings have failed the Lord and the Priests have distorted the Word. All will lament their failures and for the first time ever all of Israel, the surviving remnant, will see the error of their ways.
5. David represents the royal line or as we would say today "the state." Nathan, Levi and Shimei represent the priestly line or as we would say "the church."
6. Nathan was a prophet and courtier in the reigns of David and Solomon. Nathan played an important role at three critical junctures.
  - 6.1 Concerning a house for the Lord, David confided in Nathan his desire to build the Lord's house as a permanent place for the Ark of the Covenant. (2Sa 7:1-13)
  - 6.2 David's double sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband Uriah called for a rebuke and Nathan was the prophet who provided God's curse upon David and his house. (2Sa 12:1-15)
  - 6.3 Nathan was the chosen messenger. His parable stirred David's sense of justice, so that the application was clear. David's repentance secured divine forgiveness, but the dire effects of the deed could not be avoided.
  - 6.4 Concerning the succession of Solomon Nathan supported Solomon rather than Adonijah.

6.5 He sent Bathsheba to the ailing king to remind him of his promise to appoint Solomon as his successor. While she was in audience, Nathan joined her to tell the king of Adonijah's plan. (1Ki 1:5-48)

1Ki 1:20 Bathsheba said My lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to learn from you who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

1Ki 1:21 Otherwise, as soon as my lord the king is laid to rest with his fathers, I and my son Solomon will be treated as criminals."

1Ki 1:22 While she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet arrived.

1Ki 1:23 And they told the king, "Nathan the prophet is here." So he went before the king and bowed with his face to the ground.

1Ki 1:24 Nathan said, "Have you, my lord the king, declared that Adonijah shall be king after you, and that he will sit on your throne?"

1Ki 1:25 Today he has gone down and sacrificed great numbers of cattle, fattened calves, and sheep. He has invited all the king's sons, the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest. Right now they are eating and drinking with him and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!'

1Ki 1:26 But me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon he did not invite.

1Ki 1:27 Is this something my lord the king has done without letting his servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

David Makes Solomon King

1Ki 1:28 Then King David said, "Call in Bathsheba." So she came into the king's presence and stood before him.

1Ki 1:29 The king then took an oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble,

1Ki 1:30 I will surely carry out today what I swore to you by the LORD, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place."

6.6 The king then gave orders for the anointing and enthronement of Solomon at the hands of Nathan the prophet and Zadok the priest. Thus the prophet showed himself a man of action as well as a conveyor of the divine message.

1Ki 1:31 Then Bathsheba bowed low with her face to the ground and, kneeling before the king, said, "May my lord King David live forever!"

1Ki 1:32 King David said, "Call in Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet and Benaiah son of Jehoiada." When they came before the king,

1Ki 1:33 he said to them: "Take your lord's servants with you and set Solomon my son on my own mule and take him down to Gihon.

1Ki 1:34 There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!'

1Ki 1:35 Then you are to go up with him, and he is to come and sit on my throne and reign in my place. I have appointed him ruler over Israel and Judah."

1Ki 1:36 Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, "Amen! May the LORD, the God of my lord the king, so declare it.

1Ki 1:37 As the LORD was with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon to make his throne even greater than the throne of my lord King David!"

1Ki 1:38 So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, the Kerethites and the Pelethites went down and put Solomon on King David's mule and escorted him to Gihon.

1Ki 1:39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"

7. Levi was the third son of Jacob and it is from Levi all priests came.

8. Shimei represents several Levites who over several years faithfully did their job.

8.1 Shimei was a family name among the Levites given to a number of men:

8.2 a descendant of Merari, one of the sons of Levi (1Ch 6:16 and 29);

1Ch 6:17 These are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

1Ch 6:29 The descendants of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

8.3 One of the 288 trained singers under Asaph and head of the tenth of the courses of musicians for the temple worship (1Ch 25:17);

1Ch 25:5 All these were sons of Heman the king's seer. They were given him through the promises of God to exalt him. God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

1Ch 25:6 All these men were under the supervision of their fathers for the music of the temple of the LORD, with cymbals, lyres and harps, for the ministry at the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the supervision of the king.

1Ch 25:7 Along with their relatives-- all of them trained and skilled in music for the LORD-- they numbered 288 ...

1Ch 25:17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and relatives.

8.4 a Levite who helped cleanse the temple in the reign of Hezekiah (2Ch 29:14);

2Ch 29:14 from the descendants of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; from the descendants of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

2Ch 29:15 When they had assembled their brothers and consecrated themselves, they went in to purify the temple of the LORD, as the king had ordered, following the word of the LORD.

8.5 a Levite who put away his Gentile wife at the order of Ezra (Ezra 10:23).

Ezr 10:19 They all gave their hands in pledge to put away their wives, and for their guilt they each presented a ram from the flock as a guilt offering ...

Ezr 10:23 Among the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah and Eliezer.

9. Verse fourteen tells us again and all the rest of the clans and their wives mourned.

10. Verse fourteen is a summary of verses 11, 12 and 13. All the remaining families are said to mourn also. Thus concludes this section which by its somewhat monotonous form suggests a litany for the living and the dead, and the deep grief connected with it.

Zec 12:11 On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great, like the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zec 12:12 The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives,

Zec 12:13 the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives,

Zec 12:14 and all the rest of the clans and their wives.

11. The grief will be occasioned by a vision of One that liveth who was dead and is alive forevermore. (Rev 1:18)

Rev 1:18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

12. Moreover, the sorrow will be for sin, and deep personal and national iniquity in putting to death the One who was resurrected and He Who has the keys of hell and death.

13. Now let's take a look at an expanded translation of verses 12-14.

Expanded Translation

Zec 12:12 All Israel shall deeply mourn their past actions; they will grieve by tribe, with their wives and by themselves: the royal house of David will weep both individually and with their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan will weep individually and with their wives,

Zec 12:13 the clan of the house of Levi will weep individually and with their wives, the clan of Shimei will weep individually and with their wives, all the priests will grieve for their past actions;

Zec 12:14 both the descendents of Kings, Priests and ordinary believers will lament their past actions.

14. Now we are ready for an analysis of chapter thirteen. As is our custom I want us to first look at the chapter in the KJV and then in the NIV we will analyze each verse in more detail.

KJV

Zec 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Zec 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and so I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

Zec 13:3 And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

Zec 13:4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

Zec 13:5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

Zec 13:6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Zec 13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

## Introduction

1. In keeping with the spiritual preparation indicated by Israel in repentance, God promised, "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. This will be fulfilled at the Second Coming, Christ is the fountain that cleanses.

## 2. Outline

### I. The prophecy of Israel's national cleansing (Zec 13:1-6)

#### A. Cleansing realized - the fountain of cleansing opened (Zec 13:1)

Zec 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

#### B. National cleansing illustrated - idolatry exterminated (Zec 13:2-5)

Zec 13:2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.



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#### C. The Cleanser from idolatry revealed (Zec 13:6)

Zec 13:6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

#### II. The Means of Israel's Cleansing - The Shepherd Struck, the Sheep Scattered

Zec 13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

#### III. The prelude to Israel's cleansing and their return to the land. (Zec 13:8-9)

Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

Zec 13:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

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