

# Book of Zechariah

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## Read Paragraph > Zechariah 13:1-9

Second Oracle (Part 2 of 3), Future, The Lord's Cleansing for Jerusalem, in that day, 13:1-9

Working Outline > Zechariah 13:1 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- A. "In that day a fountain will be opened for Israel, for sin, and for impurity, 13:1 ¶
1. "In that day a fountain will be opened (like poured out, 12:10)
    - a. for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
    - b. for sin and for impurity (uncleanness). (Ezek 36:33)

## Questions of the Text: Zechariah 13:1

Second Oracle (Part 2), Future, The Lord's Cleansing for Jerusalem, in that day, 13:1-9

"In that day a fountain will be opened for Israel for sin and for impurity, 13:1 ¶

Chapter 13, continues the theme of reconciliation begun in Chapter 12.

In Zech 12:10 the Lord will pour out the Spirit of grace and pour out, the Spirit of supplication.

This Spirit of grace is when the Holy Spirit is poured out on men that leads to their being regenerated as part of the application of the New Covenant, begun at Pentecost, Zech 12:10.

Therefore, they will have Grace and Mercy poured out, then a fountain will be opened for Israel to cleanse or wash them of sin and from impurity.

"In that day" refers to a Time of Judgement (Zech 12:3-4) and a Time of Reconciliation (Zech 12:10, 13:1)

**Q1:** In Verse 1, WHAT 4 Things will the fountain will be opened for ?

- A1:**
- (1) for the house of David (Israel as a whole)
  - (2) for the inhabitants of Jerusalem (the people of Jerusalem)
  - (3) for sin (offenses against the Lord)
  - (4) for impurity (uncleanness)

**Read** Ezek 36:24-33, Concerning "Cleansing" of Israel

**Read Paragraph > Zechariah 13:1-9**

**Second Oracle (Part 2 of 3), Future, The Lord's Cleansing for Jerusalem, in that day, 13:1-9**

**Working Outline > Zechariah 13:2-6** (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- A. In that day, the LORD will remove idols, false prophets, and unclean spirits from the land, 13:2-6 ¶
1. 2 "It will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts,
    - a. "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land,
      - i. and they will no longer be remembered;
      - b. and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.
  2. 3 "And if anyone still prophesies (falsely),
    - a. then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him,
    - b. 'You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the LORD';
    - c. and his father and mother who gave birth to him
      - i. will pierce him through when he prophesies.
  3. 4 "Also it will come about in that day
    - a. that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies,
    - b. and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive;
  4. 5 but he (the prophet) will say, 'I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground,
    - a. for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.'
  5. 6 "And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?'
    - a. Then he will say, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

**Questions of the Text: Zechariah 13:2-6**

**Second Oracle (Part 2), Future, The Lord's Cleansing for Jerusalem, in that day, 13:1-9**

In that day, the LORD will remove idols, false prophets, and unclean spirits from the land, 13:2-6 ¶

"In that day" here, refers to a Time of Judgement for Idols, for false prophets, and for unclean spirits

**Q1:** In Verse 2, "In that day" WHAT 3 Things will the Lord do in the Land of Israel ?

- A1:**
- (1) I will cut off the names of the idols from the land
  - (2) I will also remove the prophets.....from the land.
  - (3) I will also remove.....the unclean spirit from the land.

[This is a Time in Future when the Lord Cleanses the Land]

**Q2:** In Verse 3, "In that day" "if anyone still prophesies (falsely)" WHAT will that prophet's parents do ?

**A2:** then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him,  
'You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the LORD';  
and his father and mother who gave birth to him, will pierce him through when he prophesies.

**Read** Deut 13:6-11 + Deut 18:20

**Q3:** In Verse 4, "In that day" WHAT will be that false prophet's response to condemnation of prophets ?

**A3:** then "the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies"  
the prophets "will not put on a hairy robe (camels hair, Matt 3:4) in order to deceive"

**Q4:** In Verse 5, "In that day" WHAT will be those false prophet's do, to avoid being condemned ?

**A4:** then "he (the prophet) will say, 'I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground (farmer) > (Excuse)  
then "he (the prophet) will say, "for a man sold me as a slave, in my youth" > (Excuse)

**Q5:** In Verse 6, "In that day" WHAT is all this talk about "wounds" between your arms" ?

**Read** 1 Kings 18:25-29 + Deut 14:1

**A5:** When the false prophet denies any association with pagan practices, like wounding or cutting himself, others will challenge him to explain the suspicious wounds on his body.

## Read Paragraph > Zechariah 13:1-9

Second Oracle (Part 2 of 3), Future, The Lord's Cleansing for Jerusalem, in that day, 13:1-9

Working Outline > Zechariah 13:7-9 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- C. the LORD will strike His Shepherd, scatter Israel, Cut Off Two Parts but Refine One Part, 13:7-9¶
1. 7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd (Jesus, 1<sup>st</sup> Coming),
    - a. And against the man, My Associate (Shepherd),"
    - b. Declares the LORD of hosts (the Father).
  2. "Strike the Shepherd (Jesus) that the sheep (the people) may be scattered; (Matt 26:31)
    - a. And I will turn My hand against the little ones (the people).
  3. 8 "It will come about in all the land (Israel)," Declares the LORD, (Jesus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming)
    - a. "That two parts (2/3 of people) in it (land) will be cut off and perish; (Zech 14:2)
    - b. But the third (1/3 of people) will be left in it (land).
  4. 9 "And I will bring the third part (1/3 of people) through the fire, (Jesus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming)
    - a. Refine (remove impurities) them (1/3 of people) as silver is refined, (Mal 3:3, Ezek 36:33)
    - b. And test (establish quality) them as gold is tested. (Prov 17:3)
    - c. They (1/3 of people) will call on My name, And I will answer them; (Zech 12:10)
    - d. I will say, 'They (1/3 of people) are My people,'
    - e. And they (1/3 of people) will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "

## Questions of the Text: Zechariah 13:7-9

Second Oracle (Part 2), Future, The Lord's Cleansing for Jerusalem, in that day, 13:1-9

the LORD will strike His Shepherd, scatter Israel, Cut Off Two Parts but Refine One Part, 13:7-9¶

In Verse 7, The Lord is speaking of Jesus's First Coming.

the LORD of hosts (the Father) declares that a sword (killing instrument) awake against His Shepherd (Jesus) and against the man, His (Father's) Associate" ("one who stands next to me") (Jesus).

the LORD (the Father) declares "Strike the Shepherd (Jesus) that (Reason) the sheep (the people) may be scattered.

"And I (the Father) will turn My hand against the little ones (the people)"

This is the Father, calling for the Striking of Jesus, as with a sword, Striking the Shepherd.

Jesus is the Shepherd of the sheep, of the people of Israel. Read Matt 26:31 + Isa 53:10

The Reason for Striking Jesus is so "that the sheep (the people of Israel) may be scattered"

"And I (the Father) will turn His hand against the little ones (the people of Israel)"

In Verse 8-9, The Lord is speaking of Jesus's Second Coming.

Q1: In Verses 8, WHAT will happen to the people, "in that day" ?

A1: "in that day" "two parts (2/3 of people) in it (the land of Israel) will be cut off (Killed) and perish;

But the third part (1/3 of people) will be left in it (the land of Israel), so not (Killed) Read Zech 14:2

Q2: In Verses 9a, WHAT will happen to the third part (1/3 of people), "in that day" ?

A2: "in that day"

(1) "And The Lord will bring the third part (of people) through the fire. Like, Dan 3:16 "Fire"

(2) Refine (remove impurities) them (1/3 of people) as silver is refined, Read Mal 3:3 + Isa 48:10

(3) And test (establish quality) them as gold is tested. Read Prov 17:3

Q3: In Verses 9b, Then WHAT will the Lord and of the third part (of people), say or do, "in that day" ?

A3: (1/3 of the people of Israel) will call on the LORD's name, And the LORD will answer them; (Zech 12:10)

the LORD will say, '(1/3 of the people of Israel) are My people,'

And (1/3 of the people of Israel) will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "

The LORD will pour out on **the house of David** and on **the inhabitants of Jerusalem**,  
**the Spirit of grace** and of **Supplication**

**Zechariah 12:10**

10 “I (the LORD) will pour out on **the house of David** and on **the inhabitants of Jerusalem**,  
**the Spirit of grace** and of **supplication**, so that **they** will look on **Me** whom **they** have pierced;  
and **they** will **mourn** for **Him**, as one **mourns** for an only son,  
and **they** will **weep** bitterly over **Him** like the bitter **weeping** over a firstborn.

This **Spirit of grace** is when the **Holy Spirit** is poured out (**Ezek 36:27**) on **men** (**Israel**) that leads to  
**their** being **regenerated** as part of the application of the **New Covenant**, begun at **Pentecost**, **Acts 2**  
(**Hebrews 8:6–13** + **Heb 10:16-18** + **1 Cor 2:10-14**)

The LORD will effect **A New Covenant**: With **the house of Israel** and **the house of Judah**  
**Hebrews 8:6–13**

6 But now **He** (**Jesus**) has obtained a more excellent ministry,

by as much as **He** (**Jesus**) is also **the mediator** of a **better covenant** (**New Covenant**),  
**which** (**Covenant**) has been enacted on **better promises**.

7 For if that **first covenant** (**Mosaic Covenant**) had been faultless,  
there would have been no occasion sought for a **second** (**New Covenant**).

8 For finding fault with **them** (**Israel**), **He** says,

“Behold, **days are coming**, says **the Lord**, (Quoting from **Jer 31:31-34**)

When **I will** effect a **new covenant** With **the house of Israel** and with **the house of Judah**;

9 Not like **the covenant** (**Mosaic Covenant**) which **I** made with **their fathers**

**On the day** when **I** took **them** by the hand To lead **them** out of **the land of Egypt**;

**For they** (**Israel**) did not continue in **My covenant** (**Mosaic Covenant**),

And **I** did not care for **them** (**Israel**), says **the Lord**.

10 “For this is **the covenant** that **I will** make with **the house of Israel** After those days,  
says **the Lord**:

**I will** put **My laws** into **their** (**Israel’s**) **minds**,

And **I will** write **them** (**Laws**) on **their** (**Israel’s**) **hearts**.

And **I will** be **their** (**Israel’s**) **God**, And **they** (**Israel**) shall be **My people**. (Like **Zech 13:9**)

11 “And **they** (**Israel**) shall **not** teach **everyone his** (**Israel’s**) **fellow citizen**,

And **everyone his** (**Israel’s**) **brother**, saying, ‘Know **the Lord**,’ (Like **Deut**)

**For all** (**Israel**) will know **Me**, From the least to the greatest of **them** (**Israel**). (Like **Rom 11:26**)

12 “For **I will** be merciful to **their** (**Israel’s**) **iniquities**,

And **I will** remember **their** (**Israel’s**) **sins** no more.” (Like **Rom 11:26-27**)

13 When **He** said, “**A new covenant**,” **He** has made **the first** (**Mosaic Covenant**) **obsolete**.

But whatever is becoming **obsolete** and **growing old** is ready to disappear.

## A New Covenant

The Lord will Put **His Laws** on **Israel’s Minds** and **Hearts** (opposite of **Deut 11:18-19**, **Isa 59:21**)

**All Israel** will Know **the Lord**

The Lord will remember **Israel’s Sins** No More

**Deuteronomy 11:18–19** (opposite of **Heb 8:11**) **Israel** to put **His Laws** on **Their Hearts**

18 “**You** shall therefore impress these **words of mine** on **your heart** and on **your soul**;

and **you** shall **bind them** as a sign on **your hand**, and **they** shall be as **frontals** on **your forehead**.

19 “**You** shall **teach them** to **your sons**, **talking** of **them** when **you** sit in **your house**

and when **you walk** along the road and when **you lie down** and when **you rise up**.

**Jesus** will Come and Take Away **Israel's sins**, as part of **New Covenant**

**Romans 11:26–27**

26 and so **all Israel** will be **saved**; **just as** it is written (Quoting from **Isa 59:20-21**),

“**The Deliverer** (**Jesus**) will come from (to) **Zion**, **He** (**Jesus**) will remove ungodliness from **Jacob**.”

27 “This is **My covenant** with **them** (**Israel**), When **I** take away **their** (**Israel's**) **sins**.”

**Jesus** will Come and Put **Holy Spirit** upon **Israel**, as part of **New Covenant**

**Isaiah 59:20–21**

20 “**A Redeemer** (**Jesus**) will come to **Zion**, And (Come) to **those** who turn from **transgression** in **Jacob**,” declares **the Lord**.

21 “As for **Me**, this is **My covenant** (**New Covenant**) with **them** (**Israel**),” says **the Lord**:

“**My Spirit** which is upon **you** (**Israel**), and **My words** which **I** have put in **your** (**Israel's**) **mouth**

shall **not** depart from **your** (**Israel's**) **mouth**, **nor** from the **mouth** of **your** (**Israel's**) **offspring**,

**nor** from the **mouth** of **your** (**Israel's**) **offspring's offspring**,” says **the Lord**, “from **now** and **forever**.”

**New Covenant** for **Israel**

- **the Lord's Holy Spirit** will be upon **Israel**
- **the Lord's Words** will be put in **Israel's mouth**
- **the Lord's Words** shall **not** depart from **Israel's mouth** or **their offspring's mouth**
- **the Lord's Words** shall **not** depart from **Israel's Mouth**, from **now** and **forever**