

Book of Zechariah

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XXVI. Second Oracle (Part 1), Future, The Lord's Concern for Jerusalem, in that day, 12:1-14

A. The Oracle of the word of the LORD, Concerning Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem, 12:1-5 ¶

1. 1 The burden (oracle) of the word of the LORD concerning Israel.
2. Thus declares the LORD
 - a. who stretches out the heavens, (Isa 42:5, Isa 44:24, Jer 51:15, Heb 1:10)
 - b. (who) lays the foundation of the earth, (Isa 42:5, Jer 51:15, Heb 1:10)
 - c. and (who) forms the spirit of man within him, (Num 16:22, Gen 2:7)
3. 2 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem
 - a. a cup that causes reeling (staggering) to all the (surrounding) peoples around;
 - b. and when the siege (armed force) is against Jerusalem, (Ezek 38:14-16, Rev 19:17-21)
 - c. it (armed force) will also be against Judah.
4. 3 "It will come about in that day
 - a. that I (the LORD) will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples (nations);
 - b. all (peoples) who lift it (Stone, Jerusalem) will be severely injured.
 - c. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it (Jerusalem). (12:9, 14:2)
5. 4 "In that day," declares the LORD,
 - a. "I will strike every horse with bewilderment and (strike) his rider with madness.
 - b. But (Contrast) I will watch over the house of Judah,
 - c. while I (the LORD) strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.
6. 5 "Then the clans (Leaders) of Judah will say in their hearts,
 - a. 'A strong support for us (Leaders) are the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 - i. through the LORD of hosts, their (inhabitant's) God.'

Questions of the Text: Zechariah 12:1-5

Second Oracle (Part 1), Future, The Lord's Concern for Jerusalem, in that day, 12:1-14

A. The Oracle of the word of the LORD, Concerning Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem, 12:1-5 ¶

In this passage, the Prophecy is “concerning Israel” and “Jerusalem”. It speaks of a “siege” or armed force coming “against Jerusalem”. “All the Nations will be gathered against” Jerusalem. The Lord will defend Jerusalem and “strike every horse” and “rider” of the attacking “All Nations”.

In Verse 1,

Before focusing on the “siege” on Jerusalem, certain specific Powers of the Lord are mentioned. The Lord “who” “stretches” the heavens and “lays” the Earth and “forms” the spirit of man,

Read Isa 42:5 + Isa 44:24 Other Verses (Jer 51:15, Heb 1:10)

The Lord, in His noted Power, will carry out in Jerusalem, all that proclaimed in Verses 2-5.

In Verse 2 it says,

“the Lord going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling (staggering) to all the (surrounding) peoples”

Q1: WHEN will this “reeling (staggering) to all the (surrounding) peoples” take place, in Verse 2 ?

A1: WHEN the siege (armed force), of “all the (surrounding) peoples” is against Jerusalem, and also be against Judah.

This is one of Many Battles or Wars with the Gentile Nations, leading up to the Second Coming.

In Verse 3 it says,

“It will come about in that day”

Jerusalem will be a “heavy (weighty) stone” “for all the peoples (nations)”,

BECAUSE all (peoples) who lift it (Stone, Jerusalem)” “will be severely injured”

“for all the peoples (nations)” OR “all the nations of the earth” will be gathered against it (Jerusalem).

Read Zech 12:9

In that day, “all the Nations”, will be gathered against Jerusalem, to siege it with Armies.

In Verse 4,

Q2a: WHAT 3 Things will the Lord do to the Gentile Nations Armies, Horses and Riders, “In that day” ?

A2a: (1) “I will strike every Horse > with bewilderment

(2) and (strike) his (Horse's) rider > with madness.

(3) while I (the LORD) strike every Horse of the peoples > with blindness.

Q2b: But, WHAT will the Lord do for the house of Judah ?

A2b: BUT (in Contrast) the Lord will watch over (have an open eye toward) the house of Judah

The Lord will intervene on behalf of Judah and Jerusalem and will Strike the Nations Armies.

This Not the Second Coming of Jesus, But a preliminary Attack on Jerusalem.

In Verse 5,

“Then, the clans (Leaders) of Judah will say in their hearts,

‘A strong support for us (Leaders) are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their (inhabitant's) God.’

The leaders of Judah will know “in their hearts” the LORD of hosts intervened on their behalf, He watched over them, by striking the enemy with afflictions, with No Death Mentioned.

Read Paragraph > Zechariah 12:6–9

Second Oracle (Part 1 of 3), Future, The Lord’s Concern for Jerusalem, in that day, 12:1-14

Working Outline > Zechariah 12:6–9 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- B. In that day, **the LORD** will defend against **all the nations** that come against **Jerusalem, 12:6–9 ¶**
1. 6 “In that day I will make **the clans** (Leaders) of Judah
 - a. like a **firepot** among pieces of wood and (Like) a **flaming torch** among sheaves (grain),
 - b. so **they** (Leaders) will consume on the right hand and on the left
 - i. (consume) **all the surrounding peoples** (nations),
 - c. **while** the **inhabitants of Jerusalem** again dwell on **their own** sites in **Jerusalem**.
 2. 7 “**The LORD** also will save **the tents of Judah first**, (Jer 30:18, Amos 9:11)
 - a. so that (Reason) **the glory** of **the house of David**
 - i. and **the glory** of the **inhabitants of Jerusalem**
 - ii. will not be magnified above **Judah**.
 3. 8 “In that day **the LORD** will defend the **inhabitants of Jerusalem**, (Jos 23:10)
 - a. and **the one** who is feeble among **them in that day** will be **like David**,
 - b. and **the house of David** will be **like God**,
 - c. (house of David) **like the angel of the LORD** before **them** (inhabitants). (Ex 14:19)
 4. 9 “And in that day I (the LORD) will set about (seek) to
 - a. destroy **all the nations** that come against **Jerusalem**. (12:3)

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B. In that day, **the LORD** will defend against **all the nations** that come against **Jerusalem, 12:6–9 ¶**

In this passage, **the Lord** is still speaking of “in that day” when **He** will “save” **Judah** and “defend” **inhabitants of Jerusalem** and “destroy” **all the nations** that come against **Jerusalem**.

In **Verse 6**,

“In that day **the Lord** will make the (Leaders of the Clans) of **Judah** consume **all the surrounding peoples**, like a **firepot** or like a **flaming torch** consumes, **while** at the same time, the **inhabitants of Jerusalem** again dwell on **their own** sites in **Jerusalem**.

In **Verse 7**,

“**The LORD** also “in that day” will save **the tents of Judah first**,
The people of **the Tribe of Judah** will be **The Lord’s** highest or “**first**” priority so that (Reason) **the glory** of **the house of David** and **the glory** of the **inhabitants of Jerusalem** will not be magnified above **the Tribe of Judah**. **Read** Gen 49:10

In **Verse 8**,

“In that day **the LORD** will defend the **inhabitants of Jerusalem**, and **the one** who is feeble among **them in that day** will be **like David**, and **the house of David** will be **like God**, **Read** Jos 23:10 (house of David) **like the angel of the LORD** before **them** (inhabitants). **Read** Exodus 3:2 + Ex 13:21-22

In **Verse 9**,

“And in that day I (the LORD) will set about (seek) to destroy **all the nations** that come against **Jerusalem**.

This is **the Lord’s** intent (seek) to destroy **all the nations** and reaffirms what was said in **Zech 12:3**

Read Zech 12:3

In **Zechariah 12**, **all the nations** will Not Overcome or capture **Jerusalem**, that occurs in **Zech 14:2**

Read Paragraph > Zechariah 12:10–14

Second Oracle (Part 1 of 3), Future, The Lord’s Concern for Jerusalem, in that day, 12:1-14

Working Outline > Zechariah 12:10–14 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

C. In that day there will be great **mourning** in **Jerusalem**, over **whom they pierced** 12:10–14 ¶

1. 10 “I (the LORD) will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 - a. (pour out) The (A) **Spirit of grace** (unmerited favor)
(Ezek 39:29, Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:16-18)
 - b. and (pour out, **Spirit**) of **supplication** (mercy request), (Rom 11:25-27)
 - c. **so that** (Reason) **they** (inhabitants) will look on **Me** (Jesus)
 - i. **whom they** have pierced; (Isa 53:5, Jn 19:37, Rev 1:7)
 - d. and **they** (inhabitants) will **mourn** for **Him** (Jesus),
 - i. **as one mourns** for an only son,
 - e. and **they** (inhabitants) will **weep** bitterly over **Him** (Jesus)
 - i. **like** the bitter **weeping** over a firstborn.
2. 11 “In that day there will be great **mourning** in **Jerusalem**, (Matt 24:30, Rev 1:7)
 - a. **like** the **mourning** of **Hadadrimmon** in **the plain of Megiddo** (2 Kings 23:9, Rev 16:16).
3. 12 “The land (of Israel) will **mourn**, **every family** by **itself**;
 - a. the **family** of **the house of David** by **itself** and **their wives** by **themselves**;
 - b. the **family** of **the house of Nathan** by **itself** and **their wives** by **themselves**;
 - c. 13 the **family** of **the house of Levi** by **itself** and **their wives** by **themselves**;
 - d. the **family** of the **Shimeites** (Levite) by **itself** and **their wives** by **themselves**;
 - e. 14 all the **families** that remain, **every family** by **itself** and **their wives** by **themselves**.

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C. In that day there will be great **mourning** in **Jerusalem**, over **whom they pierced** 12:10–14 ¶

Q1a: In Verse 10, WHAT 2 Things with the Lord pour out, on house of David and inhabitants of Jerusalem ?

A1a: (1) (pour out) The **Spirit of grace** (unmerited favor)

(2) (pour out, **Spirit**) of **supplication** (mercy request),

Read (Ezek 39:29 + Joel 2:28-32 + Acts 2:16-18)

Q1b: Therefore, WHAT is The **Spirit of grace** spoken of here, for the inhabitants of Jerusalem ?

A1b: 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**, Acts 2

Read Hebrews 8:6–13 (Other Ref: Heb 10:16-18) **Read** 1 Cor 2:10-14 + Zech 13:1

Q2: BUT, IF this is the **New Covenant** applied to **Israel**, then are they Not **Saved** at this point ?

Read Rom 11:25-32 **A1c:** Yes, they are **Saved**

Q3: IF so, is this Not Part of the End of the “**partial hardening**” that “happened to **Israel**”, in Rom 11:25 ?

A3: Yes

Q4: Is this Not Part of “All **Israel** will being **saved**”, in Rom 11:26 ?

A4: Yes

Q5: Is this Not Part of when “**He** (the Lord) will remove **ungodliness** from **Jacob** (Israel)

and “**My Covenant** with **them** (Israel)” “When I take away **their Sins**”, in Rom 11:26-27 ?

A5: Yes

Q6: What is “the fulness of **the Gentiles**” and the “**Mystery**”, in **Rom 11:25** ?

A6a: “the fulness of **the Gentiles**” >

is when “the Time of **the Gentiles**” has come to an End.

God is now “taking from **the Gentiles** a **people** for **Himself**” (**Acts 15:14**).

The Time of **Israel** ended when **they** rejected **the Lord** and were sent into **Exile**, in **605BC** to **586BC**.

From that Time on the 4 Great **Gentile** Empires came in, **Daniel 2** and **Daniel 7**

A6b: The “**Mystery**” >

In Scripture a “**Mystery**”, is not a truth difficult to understand,

but a truth previously unrevealed (and therefore unknown) which is now revealed and publicly proclaimed

The “**Mystery**” here is that a “**partial hardening**” that “happened to **Israel**”, **Rom 11:25**

Q7: In **Verses 11-14**, WHY does “**every family**” “in **Jerusalem**” express **Great Mourning** ?

Mourning Def: (wailing or expression of sorrow for **one** who has **Died**)

A7: Because **they** (**inhabitants of Jerusalem**) will look on **Me** (**Jesus**) **whom they** have pierced, **12:10**

and realize that **Jesus** is the **One** whom **they** rejected that led to **Him** being pierced and **killed**.

Read **John 19:37** + **Rev 1:7**

This **Battle**, in **Zechariah 12**, is one of Many **Battles** or **Wars** with **the Gentile Nations**, leading up to **the Second Coming** or actual appearance of **Jesus**, when **He** comes with all the **Holy Ones** with **Him**, **Zech 14:5b**, **Matt 16:27**, **Matt 25:31**, **Jude 14**

In **Zechariah 12**,

In that day, “**all the Nations**”, will be gathered against **Jerusalem**, to **siege it** with **Armies**.

The Lord will intervene on behalf of **Judah** and **Jerusalem** and Strike **the Nations Armies**.

This Not **the Second Coming** of **Jesus**, But a preliminary Attack on **Jerusalem**, Beforehand.

In **Zechariah 14**,

The Lord will gather **all the nations** against **Jerusalem** to **Battle**, and **the city** will be captured, **the houses** plundered, **the women** ravished, and **half** of **the city** exiled, **Zech 14:2**

Then **the LORD** will go forth and fight against **those nations**,

as when **He** fights on a day of battle, **Zech 14:3**