

ZECHARIAH – Jehovah Remembers
"Israel's Ultimate Salvation"
Zechariah 12

INTRODUCTION:

1. In chapters 10 & 11 Zechariah's prophecy focused on Messiah's First Advent.
 - a) Messiah's Triumphal Entry
 - 1) Zechariah 9:9
 - b) Messiah's Betrayal by Judas for 30 pieces of silver.
 - 1) Zechariah 11:12
 - c) The Judgment of God on unbelieving Israel who rejected Him.
2. In the final 3 chapters of **Zechariah 12-14**, we see:
 - a) God's plan for Israel's future.
 - b) Christ's Second coming when Messiah will establish His Earthly Kingdom...
 - c) Fulfill His promises to the nation given through the Patriarchs, David and the prophets.
3. Chapters 12-14 are parallel passages to Ezekiel 38-39.
 - a) We have been hearing a lot about The Ezekiel 38 war.
 - b) These two passages have no equal in terms of their comprehension regarding their revelation of Christ's return.
4. **Chapters 12-13-14 record these powerful events.**
5. **When we think about the Tribulation and the Antichrist...**
 - a) That's when Christ will return @ the precise moment Israel needs Him the most.
 - 1) He will rescue His people.
 - 2) He will punish the wicked.
 - 3) He will set up the Kingdom.
 - 4) AND CELEBRATE THE VICTORY
6. NOTICE - **Zechariah 12:1-3**
 - a) Vs 3
 - 1) "**On that day**"
 - a. That phrase appears 17 times in these last 3 chapters of Zechariah.
 - b. **And it occurs 6 times in chapter 12.**
 - b) "**On that day**" is a reference to "**The Day of the LORD**"
 - 1) "**the Day of the LORD**" begins with the Tribulation period so that the events of the Tribulation, the Second Advent, and the Millennium are all included within the scope of the Day of the Lord.

TWO THINGS ABOUT GOD'S CONTROL AND DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL

I. GOD WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE PHYSICALLY - Vs 1-9

A. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

1. QUESTION: What does that mean?

a) *It means that God is supreme over all.*

1) It means that God yields to no other power, authority or glory, and is not subject to any absolute greater than Himself.

2) It means that He is above all persons, things, and places.

b) Chapter 12 deals with the day when God will judge the world and establish Messiah's reign on earth.

2. Vs 1a

a) *"The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel"*

1) *"oracle"* - means burden

2) This traces the flow of God's plan in history.

b) At this very moment God's focus is on the *"Times of the Gentiles"*.

1) In the future God's attention will be on Israel.

a. *Romans 11:26-27*

3. Vs 1b

a) *"Thus declares the LORD...."*

1) Notice the sovereignty of God in creation.

B. THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

1. Vs 2

a) Here Zechariah begins to describe the final battle of the ages.

1) The Battle of Armageddon.

b) The Battle of Armageddon is a time when a global military force comes against the very small nation of Israel.

1) Revelation 16:12-16

2. Vs 2

a) *"Behold, I am about to make..."*

1) God makes it clear that He is in control!!!

b) *"Jerusalem"* - will be the main target of the enemy's assault.

1) Jerusalem will be Israel's main objective.

c) "*a cup of staggering*"

1) The enemies of God will think they are coming for a refreshing drink but will be drinking the wrath of God.

d) Israel's enemies will stagger around as if in a drunken stupor.

3. Vs 3

a) "*On that day*"

b) "*I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all peoples*"

1) "*heavy stone*" - is a metaphor for *the power of God*.

c) "*All who lift it will surely hurt themselves*"

1) No nation or correlation of Nations will be able to overpower Israel.

d) "*and all the nations of the earth will gather against it*"

4. Cf. *Revelation 14:19-20, 16:14, 16* - The 7 bowl judgments of God's wrath!!!

C. JEHOVAH EMPOWERS JUDAH

1. Vs 4

a) "*On that day*"

b) "*I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness,*"

1) "*horse*" - is symbolic of the strength of one's military strength.

2. Vs 5

D. A DEVASTATING DEFEAT

1. Vs 6a

a) "*On that day*" - the Day of the LORD - "*I will make*"

b) "*The clans of Judah, like a blazing pot in the midst of wood*"

2. Vs 7

E. THE LORD WILL BE A SHIELD TO JERUSALEM

1. Vs 8

a) "*On that day*"

b) *"the LORD will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem"*

2. Why Jerusalem?

a) Because Jerusalem will be the focal point of the battle.

3. Vs 8

a) *"so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David"*

1) *"feeblest"* - the weakest

b) Before the Lord sets up His earthly kingdom, there will be an entire population of redeemed Israelites with the boldness and courage of David.

c) *"and the house of David shall be like God"*

1) *"like the angel of the LORD going before them"*

2) The house of David represents the royal line of leadership that will manifest the authority of God.

4. Vs 9

a) *"On that day"*

b) *"I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem"*

5. **LISTEN UP:** One day a satanically inspired global army will surround Israel and attack Jerusalem.

6. The nation will stand on the brink annihilation.

a) *Titus 2:11-14*

II. GOD WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE SPIRITUALLY (Vs 10-14)

- *Genesis 2:16-17*
- *Romans 5:12-14*
- *Therefore, sinners need more than salvation from bodily harm.*
- *Matthew 10:28*
- *Mark 8:36*

A. ISRAEL'S FUTURE CONVESION

1. Vs 10a

a) We are saved by Divine Grace.

1) *Ephesians 2:8-9*

b) *Romans 5:8*

2. The same way God will fight to protect and preserve His people physically, so He will both initiate and accomplish their spiritual deliverance.

3. **Vs 10a**

a) *"I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of Grace..."*

4. **2 Peter 3:9**

B. ISRAEL'S FUTURE BROKENESS

1. **Vs 10b**

2. Zechariah made it clear @ some point in the future, Israel would subject the Lord Himself to a shameful and violent death.

3. No doubt Zechariah's listeners were thinking, "How could this be?"

4. **John 19:37**

1) John quotes Zechariah 12:10

5. One day, Israel will come to realize the truth about Jesus the Messiah, the one they violently put to death.

C. THE VASTNESS OF ISRAEL'S TRANSFORMATION

1. **Vs 11**

a) *"On that day"* - the Day of the Lord

b) The *"mourning"* here is a reference to the death of beloved King Josiah.

1) Josiah was a righteous ruler who rediscovered the book of the law and made the necessary reforms for worship, and purged the land of their idolatrous practices.

2. **Vs 12-14**

a) After he was killed in battle the people mourned for him with intense grief.

3. **Isaiah 53:5**

4. **Romans 11:25-26**

CONCLUSION:

1. 1 *Corinthians 10:11*