

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers

"There is a Fountain"

Zechariah 13

INTRODUCTION:

1. In **Zechariah 12** we learned that during the battle of Armageddon the Messiah will suddenly appear to rescue His people.

a) **Revelation 19:11-21**

2. We learned that Messiah's deliverance was Physical and Spiritual.

3. **Zechariah 12:10**

4. They will then enter His kingdom triumphantly, enjoying eternal fellowship with their Savior.

a) **Zechariah 10:6**

5. **WHO ARE THE CITIZENS OF THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM?**

a) **Only saved people will enter.**

1) **Matthew 7:21-23**

b) **The saved people include:**

1) **The RISEN**, (@ the Rapture) glorified **CHURCH AGE** Gospel believers.

2) **AND Old Testament Saints** (Moses, David, Joseph, Elijah and many, many more, will be resurrected @ **Christ's Second Coming**).

3) **Resurrected Tribulation Martyrs**.

4) **PLUS** - Those saved during the Tribulation and live through it will enter the Millennium.

a. **Matthew 25:31-46**

b. These Tribulation survivors will enter the Millennial Kingdom in their unredeemed bodies and will repopulate the earth.

c. **Ezekiel 36:8-11** NLT

6. **Ezekiel 37:23**

7. Centuries earlier notice what Jehovah spoke to Moses.

a) **Leviticus 19:1-4**

1) **1 Peter 1:16**

8. **GOD PLACES A PREMIUM ON PURITY**

9. **Zechariah 13** unveils, that the day is coming when God will purify His people, completely redeeming an entire generation of Israelites.

- a) *Romans 11:26*
- b) *Zechariah 12:10*

10. *On that day, God will cleanse them from their iniquity.*

IN CHAPTER 13 WE SEE FOUR ASPECTS OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE PURIFICATION

I. IT'S A GUARANTEE

A. THE ABILITY TO DRAW NEAR

1. Vs 1
 - a) *"on that day"*
2. And chapter 12 is linked to chapter 13 by that expression.
 - a) **12:10**
3. The cleansing work is likened to a fountain.
 - a) A fountain provides a steady source of **"fresh water"**.
4. All will experience the Lord's purifying work.
 - a) *"to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness"*
5. By doing this God will provide a way for them to draw near to Him.
 - a) *Ezekiel 36:25, 28*

B. THE RESULT OF BEING CLEAN

1. Vs 2
 - a) *"On that day"* - (2 Things will happen)
 - 1) Vs 2a
 - a. *"I will cut off the names of the idols"*
 - 2) Vs 2b
 - a. *"I will remove from the land, the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness"*
 - b) Throughout Israel's history, false prophet's often lead the people into idolatry.
 - 1) Remember the 450 false prophets who opposed Eligah?
2. Vs 2 declares that one day He will eliminate the sin of idolatry and the false prophets who promote it.

II. THE SERIOUSNESS OF PURIFICATION

A. HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO #1

1. Vs 3

a) *"And if anyone again prophesies"*

b) *"his father and mother who bore him will say to him..."*

1) WOW!!! *"You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD"*

2) *"And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies."*

a. That is violent persecution.

2. Deuteronomy 13:6-9

3. The Lord demanded His peoples loyalty over their love for family and friends.

a) *Matthew 10:37*

B. HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO #2

1. Vs 4

a) *"On that day"*

b) *"every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies."*

1) During this time there will be no need for prophets.

c) *"He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive".*

2. Vs 5

a) *"for a man sold me in my youth"*

1) Vs 6

III. THE SOURCE OF PURIFICATION

1. After showing the foolishness of being a false prophet, the Lord now directs His attention back to the True Shepherd and the source of spiritual cleansing.

a) The Substitutionary sacrifice of the Good Shepherd.

2. Vs 7

a) *John 10:11*

b) *1 Peter 2:24-25*

3. 1 John 10:14-16

4. Vs 7

a) *"Awake, O sword"*

b) *Isaiah 53:10-12*

5. Vs 7

IV. THE PROCEEDURE OF PURIFICATION

1. Vs 8 is a prophecy of the **premillennial judgment** of God Himself.

2. Notice here that Zechariah predicts that 2/3s of Israel's population will be destroyed, while 1/3 will remain indestructible

a) **"cut off"** - describes a violent death.

3. The Antichrist and his forces will attempt to exterminate the entire nation.

a) **The Mecca Defense Pact** - Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan

1) **Turkey** - NATO's second-largest military

2) **Saudi Arabia** - top oil exporter

3) **Pakistan** - the Muslim world's only nuclear-armed state

4. Vs 9a

a) *"and I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as gold is tested."*

CONCLUSION:

1. The purpose of this Cleansing process - Vs 9b

a) *"They will call upon my name"*

b) *"and I will answer them."*

c) *"I will say, They are my people"*

d) *"and they will say, The LORD is my God"*

2. 2 Chronicles 7:14