



# A FALSE SHEPHERD TO COME

(Zechariah 11:15-17)

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**ZECHARIAH 11:15**





**“And the LORD said to me, “Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd.” (Zc.11:15)**

- Now Zechariah play-acts as a foolish shepherd who does not care for the sheep the way that a shepherd should.**
- The “foolish shepherd” embraced by Israel was partially fulfilled in their choice of Barabbas (Mt.27:20-22) but will be ultimately fulfilled in their embrace of Antichrist and their covenant with him (Da.9:27).**



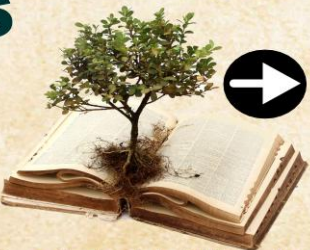
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- This foolish shepherd is allowed and appointed by God as judgment because His people forsook the true shepherd.**
- This was fulfilled in Israel’s rejection of Jesus.**
- They rejected the Good Shepherd (Jn.10:1-18) but received another shepherd (Jn.5:43, “comes in his own name...him you will receive”).**





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- **The foolish shepherd will not “care for those who are cut off” but a wise and godly shepherd will seek the lost**
- **The foolish shepherd will not:**
  - **“seek the young”**
  - **“heal those that are broken”**
  - **“feed those that still stand”**
- **The foolish shepherd will “eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces”**



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- Though God appointed the foolish shepherd in light of Israel’s rejection of the Good Shepherd, it does not mean that God approves of the foolish shepherd.**
- God will judge that “worthless shepherd” who injured His flock.**
- The worthless shepherd feels the sword of God’s judgment against his arm and his right eye.**







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- The arm expresses strength and the eye expresses intelligence, so this will be a harsh blow against the worthless shepherd.**
- The Antichrist will suffer a severe wound yet survive (Rv.13:3, 12-14).**



# Zechariah

**“They will look on Me  
whom they pierced”**

## CHAPTER 12



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*Ethical Prophecy*

## ESCHATOLOGY

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*Predictive Prophecy*



Chapters 1-8: Written during the building of the Temple (520BC)

Chapters 9-14: Written after the completion of the Temple (515BC)



GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

**8 Night Visions**




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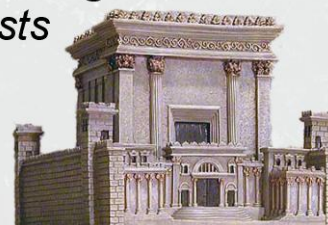
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### Burden 1 9-11

First Coming  
- **Rejected** -

- 1** Coming of the true King (9)
- 2** Restoration of the true people (10)
- 3** Rejection of the true King (11)

### Burden 2 12-14

Second Coming  
- **Received** -

- 1** Repentance of Judah (12)
- 2** Restoration of Judah (13)
- 3** Reign of the Messiah (14)

# REPENTANCE OF JUDAH

(Zechariah 12)

**The burden of the word of the LORD  
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- By describing Yahweh as the creator of the heavens, earth, and man, Zechariah reminded his audience of God's authority and ability to accomplish what He predicted.**
- The same God who brought everything into existence in the first place is well able to usher in the new creation of a restored people in a renewed and universal kingdom.**
- This is the only use of “Israel” in this chapter and it seems to refer to all of the Jewish people, not just the northern tribes.**





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- The Hebrew term “spirit” can mean “breath,” “wind,” or “spirit.”**
- In Ge.2:7 God's breath turned a clay-formed man into a living being (*nephesh*).**
- God created for the purpose of fellowship with mankind.**



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**ZECHARIAH 12:2**



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- Muslims claim “Jerusalem” as their third-holiest city (after Mecca and Medina), but Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran.**
- Muslims believe the Dome of the Rock is where Abraham intended to sacrifice Isaac, and where Mohammed allegedly ascended into heaven (Dave Hunt, The Berean Call - September 2000).**
- These beliefs are of recent origin invented by Haj Amin el-Husseini (Yasser Arafat's uncle) to arouse the Arabs against the growing Jewish presence in Jerusalem (1920-30's).**





Haj Amin el-Husseini



Yasser Arafat





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- Islamic passion for Jerusalem is indeed like drunkenness.**
- The problem between Jews and the Arab world has boiled down to one point: Jerusalem.**
- “I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness” means that the unbelieving nations who come against God's people are going to be made drunk and foolish.**



**And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.**

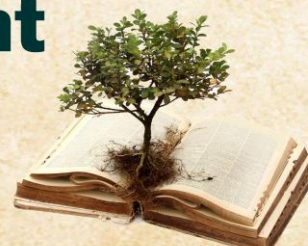
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- Consider how remarkable even this one prophecy is. Who could have imagined when the Old Testament was written that all the nations of the world would be involved in deciding the fate of Israel?**
- “All who would heave it” seems to be used of a stone which the nations attempted to lift off of its foundation, but all were herniated by the attempt.**
- The pagan nations practiced ritual cutting, but Israel was forbidden to do this. It appears, in irony, the judgment on these pagan nations will be “cut in pieces.”**



**In that day," says the LORD, "I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.**

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- “In that day” is a common theme in Zechariah 12-14.**
- This will find an ultimate fulfillment in the Battle of Armageddon.**
- Many believe this shows that Judah had been forced to join in the attack against Jerusalem. If true then God spared the Judean soldiers when all the rest of the invading army was struck mad.**
- This intervention by God on behalf of His people is reminiscent of His action during (1) the Exodus; and (2) conquest and settlement of Canaan.**



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- In that day God will deliver Israel not only through His direct work, but also through blessing and empowering both the governors and inhabitants of Jerusalem.**
- They will be supernaturally empowered by God to defend the city.**





**In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.**

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- God will make the “governors” rebel and become a destroying flame against the invading army of the nations.**
- There is a constant tension between “the nations” as enemies (Zc.12:9) and welcomed converts (Zc.2:11; 8:20-23) throughout the book of Zechariah.**



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- God allows the Judean forces to defeat the invaders so that Jerusalem will not be overly exalted.**
- God will defend the outlying areas of Judah first so the people from David's line and the residents of Jerusalem would not conclude that they were more important in God's sight (Je.9:23-24).**
- The word “tents” is understood in two senses: (1) a military camp or (2) a metaphor for homes.**



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- King David was renowned for his fighting ability, courage, and success.**
- God promises a day when the “feeble” in Jerusalem will be as mighty as David.**
- The “feeble” means “stumble” and refers to the oldest and weakest of the community who will be made as strong as King David.**
- The angel of the LORD is often seen as God's representative among the people.**



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- God continues the metaphor of His sovereign protection of His people.**
- These invading nations were defeated by Judean forces, but through YHWH's empowerment!**
- In that day the Lord would set about destroying all Israel's enemies, and He will be successful.**





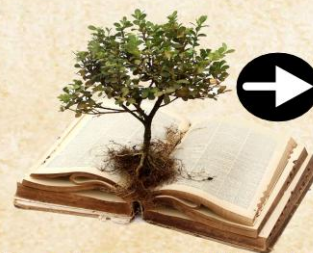
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- Part of this great outpouring of strength and might to defend Jerusalem will be an outpouring of the Spirit.**
- God will move among Israel and bring saving grace and repentant prayer.**
- As Jerusalem is supernaturally defended and the Spirit is poured out on the nation, they will turn to Jesus, the “pierced” One.**
- His head was pierced with thorns, His hands and feet were pierced with nails, and a spear pierced His side.**







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- They will turn away from their trust in the foolish, worthless shepherd and turn their focus on the Good Shepherd.**
- They will realize that they bear responsibility for the crucifixion of their Savior (“whom they pierced”).**
- The Jewish people will turn to Jesus in repentance, and “mourn” their past rejection of Him. The mourning will be deep, as if for an only son.**
- “Firstborn” was synonymous with the most beloved.**







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- This will fulfill the amazing promise of Ro.11:26 (And so all Israel will be saved).**
- Before the physical return of Jesus to this earth, the Jewish people nationally will welcome Him as their Lord and Savior.**
- The whole context of Zechariah 12 puts this radical conversion in the setting of miraculous deliverance from an attack from the nations.**
- Here we see the pattern for coming to Jesus and true repentance. First we look to Jesus, then we mourn for our sins. Looking to Jesus must come first.**





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- The “Me” they look upon is the LORD God, Yahweh, Himself.**
- The Father sends the Spirit so that men would look upon the Son.**



# HEBREW: THE FIRST AND THE LAST

## THE ALEPH AND THE TAV

### ZECHARIAH 12:10

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- The repentance that comes to Israel in that day will be like a great mourning.**
- The ultimate fulfillment of the Day of Atonement is the day of national mourning over their greatest sin - rejecting Jesus.**
- “Like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon” refers to the mourning over King Josiah’s death (2Ki.23:29; 2Ch.35:20-25). He was such a godly king that the whole nation wept bitterly at his death.**





**And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;**

**ZECHARIAH 12:12**





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- This is a continuing emphasis on the gravity and extent of the mourning.**
- There will be both great individual repentance and great corporate repentance.**
- All the Israelites would mourn; this would be a national repentance.**
- They shall be converted to the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.**





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- They shall see in Him the house of David restored to the throne of Israel.**
- The houses of David and his son Nathan represent the political branches of the nation.**
- The houses of Levi and his grandson Shimei represent the religious branches of Israel (v.13).**
- Perhaps the political and priestly families received mention because they were those chiefly responsible for Messiah's death.**



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**ZECHARIAH 12:13**



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- The royal family (“David”) and the priestly family (Shimeites were Levites, Ex.6:16-17; Nu.3:12-18,21) are uniquely involved in this mourning as representatives of the entire people.**



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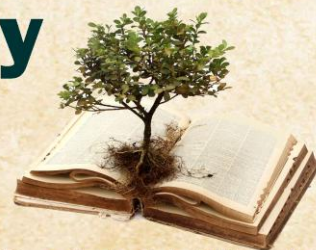
**ZECHARIAH 12:14**





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and their wives by themselves.” (Zc.12:14)**

- It seems difficult to us that Israel as a whole would turn to Jesus and repent of their sin of rejecting their Savior.**
- It is so amazing that we would not believe it unless the Bible so clearly taught it!**
- This would not be a national media event staged by the leaders of Israel to make a show, but individuals everywhere throughout the nation would sincerely voice their remorse.**




# **Zechariah**

**Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
Against the Man who is My Companion**

## **CHAPTER 13**



A photograph of a mangrove forest at sunset. The trees have thick, gnarled trunks and are reflected in the shallow water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange.

**PURIFICATION**

**OF THE**

**PEOPLE**

**(Zechariah 13)**

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**ZECHARIAH 13:1**



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- Zechariah 12 ended with Israel’s return to the LORD through the once rejected but now embraced Messiah.**
- Flowing from their embrace of the Messiah, they now enjoy “a fountain” that brings cleansing for “sin and for uncleanness.”**
- The idea of God being a fountain to His people is found frequently in the Old Testament (Je.2:13; 17:13; Rv.21:6).**
- The only thing that can cleanse sin and uncleanness is God’s fountain. It is His supply, and nothing else can cleanse.**



**"It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.**

**ZECHARIAH 13:2**





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- Idolatry and false prophecy were the two principle ways Israel was led astray from God. God promises to cut off these sources of uncleanness.**
- God promises ultimately to take away even the memory of our sin (Ps.103:12; Is.43:25; Rv.21:4).**





And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away (Rv.21:4)



**It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.**

**ZECHARIAH 13:3**





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- This was what God had commanded the Israelites to do to false prophets (Du.13:6-9).**
- Zechariah prophesies a coming day when public opinion will not tolerate false prophets.**
- There will be such a commitment to the LORD and His truth that even the family of a false prophet will condemn their false prophet son.**



**And it shall be in that day that every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive.**

**ZECHARIAH 13:4**





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- Those who posed as prophets will so fear exposure that they will deny ever having made such a claim.**
- They will put away the “uniform” of the prophets (a robe of coarse hair) and earn an honest living.**
- This does not say that true prophecy will cease. This only refers to those who deceive and have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.**



**But he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.'**



# **ZECHARIAH 13:5**





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- When Christ returns and cleanses Israel from her defilement, He will also cleanse the nation from the deception of false prophets and their demonic religion.**
- This dangerous situation for the false prophets would lead them to hide their identity as prophets.**
- They would go so far as claiming to have been sold into slavery as field hands when they were only boys, so they could not possibly be prophets.**



**And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?'  
Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'**

**ZECHARIAH 13:6**





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- The man accused of being a false prophet insists the scars on his body are not the self-inflicted wounds often associated with false prophets.**
- It wasn't unusual for false prophets to wound or mutilate themselves in the service of idols (1Ki.18:28, Je.48:37).**
- Some apply this to Christ however, he speaks here of false teachers, who had for a time falsely pretended God's name.**
- If someone saw such marks on a false prophet's body in that future day, the false prophet might claim that he had received his injuries by accident in a friend's house.**



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- Almighty Yahweh personified a sword, the instrument of violent death, which he commanded to execute His Shepherd.**
- “Against My Shepherd” is quoted in Matthew 26:31 and refers to Jesus the Shepherd.**
- It is God the Father that calls for the Shepherd to be struck (Is.53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him”).**
- The Father gave the command to strike the Shepherd. Jesus was no victim of circumstance or at the mercy of political or military power.**





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- Paul said, “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself” (2Co.5:19).**
- The Father and the Son worked together at the cross.**
- “My Companion” describes someone who is more than a friend of the Lord. This Shepherd dwells side by side with the Lord as His equal.**
- He whom God calls “My Shepherd” cannot be a mere man, but can only be one who participates in the divine nature.**







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- Jesus quoted, “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered” at Matthew 26:31 referring to the scattering of His disciples at His arrest (Mk.14:27, 50).**
- The Lord Jesus quoted this part of the verse, claiming the role of the Shepherd, when he anticipated the scattering of His disciples.**
- There is also a sense in which the disciples were a type of Israel as a whole in being scattered.**
- The little ones are the same as the poor of the flock. The reference is to the remnant of believing Jews.**



**And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:**

**ZECHARIAH 13:8**





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- After the dispersion of Israel there will come a time of devastation and purification through fiery trials.**
- Two-thirds will be destroyed and the remaining third will be put into the fire but preserved (Mt.24:21, “there will be great tribulation”).**



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**ZECHARIAH 13:9**





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- This suggests one-third of the Jewish people will survive the Great Tribulation (Je.30:7, “Time of Jacob’s trouble”).**
- Jesus said it will be unlike any time in human history (Mt.24:21).**
- “They will call on MY name” prophetically refers to the Jewish people who survive the Great Tribulation.**
- They will welcome Him as Lord (Ek.20:37). The one-third will call on the Lord's name in supplication for forgiveness.**



# **“THROUGH THE FIRE” — ZC.13:7-9**



**The general idea is suffering in one form or another**



**The remaining third will go through the fire but be preserved**



**Only one-third of the Jewish people will survive the Great Tribulation**



**These years are called the “time of Jacob’s trouble” (Je.30:7)**



**Jesus said the “Great Tribulation” will be the most horrific time in human history (Mt.24:21)**



**The surviving remnant will be restored to their covenant relationship with the Lord**



**The 144,000 will make up the core of a restored Israel as the “firstfruits to God” (Rv.14:4)**



# **Zechariah**

**Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
Against the Man who is My Companion**

## **CHAPTER 13**