

The Rejected King Enthroned

Lesson 23

Zechariah 12-14

Jerusalem's Enemies Destroyed - Zechariah 12:1-9

1. *"This is the word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares:"* What do you think that verse is emphasizing?
2. Summarize in your own words what He declared in Zechariah 12:2 & 3.
3. On that day, what will happen to the attacking enemies? (Zechariah 12:4)
4. After watching this event, what will the leaders of Judah finally recognize in their hearts? (Zechariah 12:5)
5. Then Judah's leaders will go to battle. They are described like a firepot in a woodpile and like a flaming torch among sheaves. What picture do you get from that about the battle?
6. Who is the one responsible for this? (Zechariah 12:7a & 9)
7. During this battle, what will happen to those living within the city of Jerusalem? (Zechariah 12:8)

8. The focus of most future prophecy is on the House of David and the city of Jerusalem. What does the Lord emphasize in Zechariah 12:7?

Mourning - Zechariah 12:10-14

9. After emphasizing that all inhabitants of Judah are equal in the Lord's eyes, He goes on to the next future event. But what must first take place? (Zechariah 12:10a)

10. When that takes place, their eyes will be opened. What will happen when they look and finally see? (Zechariah 12:10b)

11. The weeping in Jerusalem will be great but it will not be confined to the city; where else will there be mourning? (Zechariah 12:12a)

12. The mourning within the families of David, Nathan, Levi and Shimei received special mention. From the following references, what position or group of people do each of these families represent?

Reference	Name	Group represented
2 Samuel 5:3	David	
2 Samuel 7:2	Nathan	
Deut. 18:1	Levi	
2 Samuel 16:13 & 19:18-20	Shimei	

13. Who else is included in this recognition and mourning? (Zechariah 12:14)

Cleansing - Zechariah 13:1-4

14. After clearly defining to whom the Lord is speaking, what does he say will take place 'on that day'? (Zechariah 13:1)

15. Two problems that have plagued Israel throughout her history include idols & the associated false prophets. What does the Lord say about these 'on that day'? (Zechariah 13:2 & 4)

Scattering - Zechariah 13:7-9

16. The style of prophecy changes in the next verses. An inanimate object is addressed as if it were a person with the ability to hear and respond. Using Zechariah 13:7:

- What is that object?

- What is that object usually associated with?

- What is the object to do?

- What does the Lord say about the shepherd?

- What will be the result of this?

17. How effective will this be? (Zechariah 13:8)

18. After this has taken place, what will the Lord do with those who remain? (Zechariah 13:9a)

19. What will be the final result of this? (Zechariah 13:9b)

The Lord Reigns - Zechariah 14

20. A common theme in the Old Testament is 'day of the Lord'. People throughout history have had various expectations of what that day would be like. Most people during the period of the kings thought that was the day the Lord would come and give them victory over their enemies and bless them with great wealth. How does the Lord describe 'A day of the Lord'? (Zechariah 14:1 & 2)

21. Let's stop and notice some key points here.
 - Who is directing this day?

 - Who is involved?

 - Where will CNN, MSNBC & FOX have their reporters located on this day?

22. After the initial devastation, you can almost hear the reporters saying, "Jerusalem has been overrun and the city is in shambles; stay with us for 24 hour live coverage. We will be here first with pictures when the city falls!" Verse 3, "Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle." What will take place on the day the Lord goes to battle? (Zechariah 14:4)

23. What will the people (inhabitants of Jerusalem and Israel, foreign invaders, tourists and news reports) all do? (Zechariah 14:5a)

24. "Then the Lord my God will come." Who will He be bringing with Him? (Zechariah 14:5b)

25. Describe what will be missing in that unique day? (Zechariah 14:6 - 7a)

26. What unusual additions will occur? (Zechariah 14:7b - 8)

27. Using Zechariah 14:9:
 - Who will reign?

 - Where will he reign?

28. What topographical changes will occur? (Zechariah 14:10)

29. What promise is given regarding Jerusalem from this point forward? (Zechariah 14:11)

30. What will happen to all the nations that fought against Jerusalem? (Zechariah 14:12 & 13)

31. What will Judah be doing? (Zechariah 14:14b)

32. This 'plague' will not only be limited to men; what else will be affected? (Zechariah 14:15)

33. As impossible as it sounds, there will be survivors. What will the survivors do? (Zechariah 14:16)

34. Please notice again; what feast will they celebrate annually? (Zechariah 14:16)

35. What if someone chooses not to participate in the yearly celebration? (Zechariah 14:17-19)

36. On that day, what will be inscribed on even the most common, every day object like horse bells and cooking pots? (Zechariah 14:20)

37. What does that mean? (Zechariah 14:21)

38. How did Zechariah begin his message to this remnant of newly returned exiles? (Zechariah 1:3)

39. How does the message end? (Zechariah 14:9a)

Praise to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

"Zechariah was speaking to a people who were enduring hardships - they were being harassed by neighbors, they were discouraged over their small numbers and seemingly inadequate temple; and their worship was apathetic. But God said, 'I am very jealous for Jerusalem' (1:14). He promised to restore their land, their city, and their temple. Like other prophets, Zechariah blended prophecies of the present, near future and final days into one sweeping panorama. Through his message we learn that our hope is found in God and His Messiah, who are in complete control of the world."

Life Application Bible, Tyndale, pg. 1618