

**"Zechariah's Second Burden"**

**Part 3**

**Zechariah 12-14**

**Introduction:** The last time we were in the book of Zechariah was October 1. For this reason, I need to do a little review to get our minds set on where we are going. The message of Zechariah was for the Jews who had returned from the Babylonian captivity and had come back to rebuild the Temple. They returned under Zerubbabel and built an altar and then they started the Temple foundation. But persecution came and they stopped for about 15 years. They built their own houses but they neglected God's house.

**Haggai 1:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

<sup>3</sup> Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

<sup>4</sup> Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

<sup>5</sup> Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

<sup>6</sup> Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

<sup>7</sup> Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Zechariah was called to proclaim a message that was designed to motivate the people to get to work. The Messiah was coming and He needed a Temple to come to. Zechariah's letter can be outlined as follows:

- I. A call to repentance.**
- II. Eight night visions.**
- III. Questions about fasting.**
- IV. Two burdens.**

The first burden in Zechariah 9-11 is about the first coming of Jesus Christ and Israel's rejection of their Messiah. The second burden in 12-14 is about the second coming of

Jesus Christ and their acceptance of their Messiah. In the first part of chapter 12 Zechariah foretells of Israel's physical salvation in the Tribulation.

**Notice Zechariah 12:1-3**

Here we looked at how the nations will be against Israel and God will make Israel as a burdensome stone and a cup of trembling. How will this happen?

**Notice Zechariah 12:4-9**

God will empower the Jews to fight against the nations that come against them. Even the feeble shall be as mighty warriors. This will all take place in the campaign of Armageddon. Here in verse 9 God gives a summary of what will happen. The nations of the world will be destroyed in the Tribulation.

**Revelation 11:15**

*<sup>15</sup> And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

This will bring to an end the Times of the Gentiles. But there is yet something else that must take place before Jesus can set up His Kingdom.

**I. The Spiritual Salvation of Israel**

**Deuteronomy 17:13-15**

*<sup>13</sup> And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.*

*<sup>14</sup> When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;*

*<sup>15</sup> Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.*

In order for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ to come on the earth the nation of Israel must repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah and King.

**Notice Zechariah 12:10**

Here is Israel's repentance. They will repent in the heat of this battle and they will turn to the Lord. They will have come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit in the Tribulation and they will repent. God will pour upon them the Spirit of Grace and Supplication. This nation will be in great need of Grace. For the past 2000 years they have been a Christ rejecting nation. They do not deserve to be saved but it will be because of Grace that they will be saved. Grace is "unmerited favor." It is receiving from God that which is not deserved. Israel rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah even though He proved through His Words and His miracles that He was the very Christ. They still however called out for His crucifixion and they condemned Him to death. So apart from Grace they would have no hope.

**Application:**

The same is also true for each of us. We have sinned against God and as sinners we were enemies of God. If you are not saved then you are still an enemy of God. Apart from Grace we would be lost for all eternity. But it was the Grace of God that made a way for us to be forgiven.

**Romans 5:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

<sup>9</sup> *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

<sup>10</sup> *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

**Ephesians 2:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*

<sup>5</sup> *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

<sup>6</sup> *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

<sup>7</sup> *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

<sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

<sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Notice Zechariah 12:10 again.**

Notice that they also receive the Spirit of supplications. This is the Spirit of supply. God will supply what is needed to meet the needs of Israel and their greatest need is salvation/forgiveness.

**Application:**

When we are saved, we are born into the family of God. God is now our Father and we must understand that He will supply all that is needed for our new life in Christ. This does not mean we will have all our material WANTS handed to us. These are spiritual blessings that God gives to us.

**Philippians 4:19**

<sup>19</sup> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:32**

<sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

**Ephesians 1:3**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

**Notice Zechariah 12:10 again.**

There is an interesting statement in this verse. We are told they will look upon Him whom they have pierced. That is a reference to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ 500 years before it happened.

**Psalms 22:16**

<sup>16</sup> For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: **they** pierced my hands and my feet.

Psalms 22 is 1000 years before Jesus was crucified. These prophecies were fulfilled as we know and these prophecies help us to understand that God is the Author of the Bible. In

Zechariah's day people were not crucified but they were stoned. Crucifixion was invented by the Assyrians and adopted by the Romans. God knew exactly what would take place when Jesus was condemned to death.

### A. The National Revival

As we move on, we will now see the effects of the Spirit at work in the lives of the Jews. There will be a national brokenness and revival.

#### Notice Zechariah 12:10-11

In verse 11 there is a reference to the death of Josiah who was the last Godly king of Judah and the last hope for the declining kingdom.

#### 2 Chronicles 35:22-25

*<sup>22</sup> Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.*

*<sup>23</sup> And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.*

*<sup>24</sup> His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.*

*<sup>25</sup> And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.*

Getting back to Zechariah, the nation will be in the middle of this future great conflict known as Armageddon and it will be then that God will open their eyes and they will realize that they had rejected the True Messiah and they will mourn like those who lost their first born and like the Jews when Josiah was killed. They will be full of sorrow and repentance.

#### Notice Zechariah 12:12

The house of David refers to the line of royalty or in other words, the kings as well as their wives. The house of Nathan would refer to the prophets and also their wives.

#### Notice Zechariah 12:13

The house of Levi would refer to the priests and their wives. The family of Shimei refers to the Levites who were not the descendants of Aaron.

**Notice Zechariah 12:14**

Every single living Jew will be saved.

**Romans 11:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

<sup>26</sup> *And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

<sup>27</sup> *For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

When Paul says ALL Israel will be saved, he is referring to those who are alive when the Lord returns. He does not mean that all the Israelites from the start of the nation until the second coming. He is referring to the Jews who will have come through the Great Tribulation and survived.

**Conclusion:**

Israel will go through an exceedingly difficult time as we shall see in the next chapter and through it all God has a purpose. He is faithful to fulfill His promises.

**Application:**

We too may pass through some incredibly challenging times. But we can have peace knowing that we serve a faithful God. Just as He said the Messiah would be pierced and He was, so He also tells us that Israel will be saved and the Kingdom will be established. There are many people today who are trying to control people and events to guide the world in the way they want it to go but they have no power to do so. God has it all planned and it will unfold just as He says that it will. Until we go home, we do not know what may come into our lives. At times there will be blessings and at times it may be exceedingly difficult but we have a God that always meets our needs.

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> *It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*

<sup>23</sup> *They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*