



“Israel’s Deliverance and National Conversion”

Zechariah 12:1-14

Introduction:

I. THE LORD’S CONCLUSIVE DEFENSE OF ISRAEL (vs. 1-9)

A. He Will Defend Jerusalem (vs. 1-3)

“The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel.”

“Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,”

“Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around;”

Isaiah 51:17

“and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.”

“It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured.”

“And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.”

Joel 3:9-16

Revelation 16:16-21

B. He Will Deliver the Clans of Judah (vs. 4-7)

“ ‘In that day,’ declares the LORD, ‘I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.’”

Deuteronomy 28:28

Psalm 32:8; 33:18

“Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.’”

“ ‘In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.’”

⁷“The LORD also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be magnified above Judah.” Isaiah 11:13

C. He Will Defeat the Nations (vs. 8-9)

“In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem,”

“and the one who is feeble among them *in that day* will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them.”

“And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”

II. ISRAEL’S CONSEQUENT DEPENDANCE ON THE LORD (vs. 10-14)

A. The Anointing of the Spirit (vs. 10a)

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication,”

Isaiah 44:3
Ezekiel 36:26-27
Joel 2:28-29

B. The Acknowledgment of the Messiah (vs. 10b)

“so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced”

Isaiah 45:22
Psalm 22:16
Isaiah 53:5
John 19:34
Isaiah 9:6

“and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”

C. The Anguish of the Jewish People (vs. 11-14)

“In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

“The land will 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; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.”

Conclusion:

- 1) Israel as a nation will survive.
- 2) Jesus Christ will deliver Israel from her enemies at His second coming.
- 3) Forgiveness for sin is offered to all people who repent and place their faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why do you think vs. 1 precedes this prophecy?
- 2) In what two ways will the LORD bring about victory (vs. 4)?
- 3) How does God strengthen His people?
- 4) What is “the outpouring of the Spirit” and what are the results?