

ZECHARIAH

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CHAPTER 13

"In that day a **fountain shall be opened for the house of David** and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

COMMENTS

Israel now enters into Calvary's provision: Romans 11:26-27; Isaiah 33:24; 59:20,21; 65:19; Ezekiel 36:25; 39:29.

"The idea of God being a fountain to His people is found frequently in the Old Testament, but Zechariah's treatment is possibly the richest of all." **(Boice)**

"According to the verse before us this provision is inexhaustible. There is a *fountain* opened; not a cistern nor a reservoir, but a fountain. A fountain continues still to bubble up, and is as full after fifty years as at the first; and even so the provision and the mercy of God for the forgiveness and the justification of our souls continually flows and overflows." **(Spurgeon)**

The atonement is not a fountain hid and concealed, and closed and barred and bolted, it is a fountain open." **(Spurgeon)**

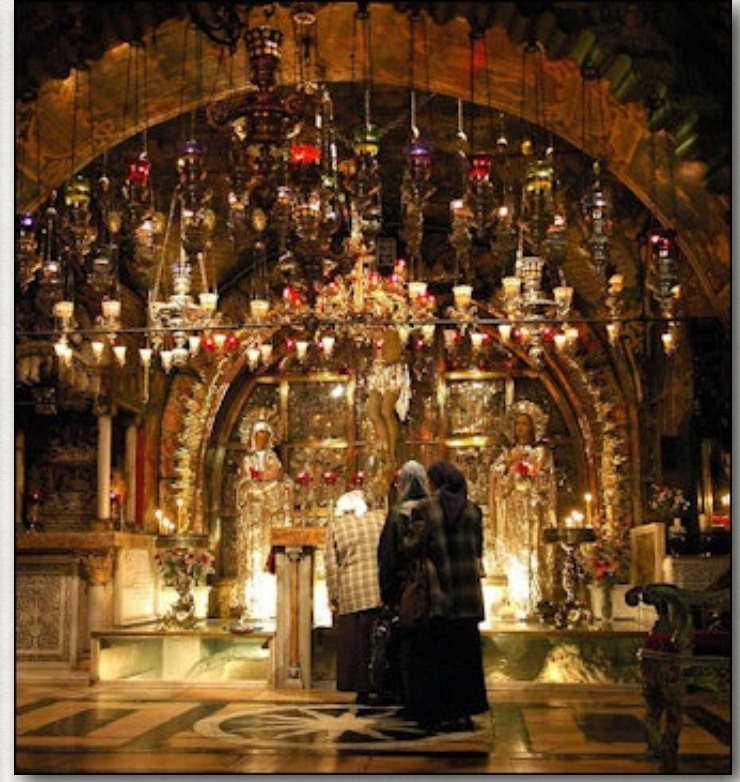
²“It shall be in that day,” says the Lord of hosts, “*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land. ³It shall come to pass *that* if anyone still prophesies, then his father 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.

COMMENTS

There will be a revival of idolatry after the Church is taken to be with Christ. False prophets and deceivers would abound: Matthew 24:24; Luke 21:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12).

Israel was always susceptible to false Prophecy and Idolatry - it always led them away so we see that God would not only provide a FOUNTAIN but also the cause and source of all their uncleanness.

Today we get a glimpse of this type of gaudiness when we visit sites like Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher



4 "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. 5 But he will say, 'I *am* no prophet, I *am* a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.'

COMMENTS

A hairy mantle was the distinguishing emblem of a prophet in ancient Israel. [Elijah/ John the Baptist legend (1 Kings 19:13, 19; 2 Kings 2:8, 13, 14).]



¶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.*'

COMMENTS

It wasn't unusual for false prophets to wound or mutilate themselves in the service of idols (1 Kings 18:28, Jeremiah 48:37).

Does this point back to chapter 12:10 ... They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced?

Thus, among His disciples, after His wounds... Thomas (character: Jn 11:16): Cf. Jn 20:24-29.

As much as I would like to make this completely about Jesus, because Jesus was clearly **wounded** by those who should have been His **friends**. Nevertheless the context and the original Hebrew argue against this referring to Jesus and His wounds.

7"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,
Against the Man who is My Companion,"
Says the Lord of hosts.
"Strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep will be scattered;
Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

COMMENTS

God is speaking of One as "My Companion, My Associate, My Friend, My Confidant, the One united to Me, the One whom I have associate with Myself, My Equal, My Nearest of Kin." It is impossible to state in stronger terms the unimpeachable deity of the Messiah of Israel (John 10:30; 14:10-11; Philippians 2:6).

Zechariah points us to Isaiah 53:10 ... "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him ...". ALWAYS remember the death of Jesus was NOT a tragedy! IT was and ACCOMPLISHMENT! This was God's VICTORY - not Satan's nor the Romans or Jews triumph/

Strike the Shepherd ... Jesus quoted this phrase from Zechariah 13:7 in Matthew 26:31 in reference to the scattering of His disciples during His arrest and suffering.

8 And 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:

COMMENTS

In the Holocaust in Germany, 1 out of every 3 Jews were killed. In the next Holocaust, 2 out of 3 shall be killed.

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9I will bring the *one*-third through the fire,
Will refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My name,
And I will answer them.
I will say, 'This *is* My people';
And each one will say, 'The Lord *is* my God.' "

COMMENTS

Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:5-7; Revelation 11 - 18)

The most horrific time in Jewish history (Matthew 24:21). Depending on your eschatology some see this as when Israel comes to faith in Jesus and invite Him back (see Hosea) and thus issue in the Second Coming the the setting up of the Millennial Kingdom.

I must add that some of my Jewish BELIEVING friends believe that all of this refers to the Holocaust because at that time it was 2 out of ever 3 European Jews that was killed.

Chapter 14 will open as Chapter 12 did: with the last invasion of Jerusalem by the nations of the earth. It is the climax of the book, and of history as we know it...

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take the time to put together your eschatology - your unsaved friends at some time will want to know! Also remember to write it in pencil :-)
2. Where do we see idolatry and false prophets in today's world?



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