

Zechariah 12:1-14 **The Day Yahweh delivers Judah and Jerusalem**

The Coming Deliverance of Judah

1 The burden of the word of Yahweh (the Lord) against Israel. Thus says Yahweh (the Lord), who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:

2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

3 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.

4 In that day," says Yahweh (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.

5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in Yahweh Tsebaovt Eloheym (the Lord of hosts, their God).'

6 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.

7 "Yahweh (The Lord) will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.

8 In that day Yahweh (the Lord) will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like Elohiym (God), like Malak Yahweh (the Angel of the Lord) before them.

9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Mourning for the Pierced One

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

12 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;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

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Facts Revealed:

The Coming Deliverance of Judah and Jerusalem

✧ The burden of the word of Yahweh (the Lord) against Israel. Thus says Yahweh (the Lord), who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: [Zechariah 12:1]

✧ Yahweh is clearly described as the God of Creation and the source of the spirit of man.

Jerusalem a burden to all the nations of the earth [Zechariah 12:2-9]

✧ "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

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. [Zechariah 12:2-3]

✧ Yahweh has an appointed time at the end before He sets up His kingdom.

✧ Yahweh will make Jerusalem the focus and burden of the nations of the earth, as it is today

✧ When Yahweh returns to destroy all evil and set up His Kingdom, the enemies of Jerusalem will be struck with confusion and madness. [Zechariah 12:4]

✧ The inhabitants of Jerusalem will be strengthened mightily. [Zechariah 12:5-6, 8]

✧ Yahweh will save the land of Judah before He saves Jerusalem so the people of Jerusalem will not exalt themselves above those of Judah. [Zechariah 12:7]

✧ Yahweh will seek to destroy all nations that come against Jerusalem. [Zechariah 12:9]

Mourning for (because of) the Pierced One [Zechariah 12:10-14]

✧ When Yahweh removes all that offends Him to begin His Kingdom with pure people, every house will be touched by the loss of loved ones who are purged away and they will see the reward of their wickedness.

✧ The mourning will be because they lost loved ones by the judgment from Yahweh on the throne of judgment.

✧ They will know that the Judge is none other than the One whom they pierced and crucified when they executed the Lord Messiah on the roman cross and ever afterward have denied Him.

✧ The mourning will certainly be because of Him and His purge of evil.

✧ The text says "They will mourn for Him."

(The word translated **for** is the Hebrew word "'al" which is translated in the King James Version as Strong's number 5921, because of, by reason of, for, etc.

✧ Realizing that loved ones were lost, will cause great and private mourning in every family.