

Zechariah 12

Zechariah 12.1-5

V1 – A very solemn introduction to this segment

- How is God described?** Stretches out the heavens, lays the foundations of the earth, forms the spirit of man
- Therefore, he can do what he plans to do

V2 – **To what is Jerusalem compared?** A cup that causes people to reel (a cup of poison or bitter liquid)

- In other words, people would try to attack Jerusalem but would be defeated

V3 – **To what else is Jerusalem compared?** A very heavy stone that people would not be able to lift

- Think about a weight lifting contest where people are injured by hurrying to lift something too heavy for them

V4 – **How would God help Jerusalem when others would try to attack it?** Make horse and rider go mad

- Make horses go blind

V5 – **What would be the reaction of the people of Jerusalem?** God is on their side

Zechariah 12.6-9

V6 – **What is Jerusalem compared to next?** A little fire that spreads and sets other nations on fire

V7 – Very interesting verse

- What was going to be saved in additionally to Jerusalem?** Towns surrounding Jerusalem
- Why?** Because the Messiah would come from Bethlehem
- Therefore, the people of Jerusalem could not brag about their city – God had to preserve Judah in order to save Bethlehem

V8 – **When Jerusalem was attacked how would the people respond?** With great bravery and courage

- The men = like David, because the house of David would be like God and his angel (Jesus)

V9 – **Conclusion of God?** He would destroy any nation that tried to attack Jerusalem

Zechariah 12.10-14

V10 – **What would God do?** Pour out His Spirit on Jerusalem

- In what sense had the Jews pierced God?** They had rejected Him (Babylon captivity, etc.)
- But in what other sense was Zechariah speaking?** *John 19.39* (Jesus was pierced while on the cross)
- How would the Jews mourn over the piercing of God?** As for an only son
- How would they weep?** Like weeping over the first born

-Notice the Messianic prophecies in this verse **Read Revelation 1.7**

V 11 – There would be great mourning in Jerusalem

-Hadadrimmon: The city in the plains of Meggido where Josiah was killed (in other words, great mourning over the death the king)

V 12 – House of David = royal line

-Nathan = prophetic line

V 13 – House of Levi = priesthood

-House of Shimei = scribes and teachers

V 14 – Everyone would mourn

-**What would they be crying about?** The death of Jesus Christ - **Read Luke 23.48, Acts 2.36-41**

-As people say their sins and what they had done, they cried over the death of Jesus Christ

Lessons from Chapter 12

-**How would this chapter have encouraged the Jews of Zechariah's day?** The Messiah would be going to their city

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