

Zechariah 12:10-11

The Messiah Pierced

Text: Zechariah 12

Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. This Victor would be a mediator (Job 19:23-27), a ruler (Genesis 49:10), a star (Numbers 24:17), a prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), a priest (1 Samuel 2:35), and a king (1 Samuel 2:10) - ruling from the throne of David (1 Chronicles 17:11-14).
4. During the time of David, the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1) recorded many prophecies of Jesus in the Psalms.
5. In the writings of the prophets, much more detail about the coming Messiah was given.
6. Zechariah showed that the Messiah would be pierced...

I. THE BACKGROUND

(ZECHARIAH 12:1-9)

- A. In the time of Zechariah, the city of Jerusalem and the Temple had just been rebuilt.
- B. The last prophecy revealed that physical Israel rejected the Shepherd and, therefore, God rejected them.
- C. Now, the prophet's attention is shifted to spiritual Israel - the kingdom to be established at the coming of the Messiah - the Lord's church (cf. Acts 2).
- D. This prophecy reveals the victory of the faithful.
- E. The power of God demonstrated in verse 1 assures that His word will be kept.
- F. No matter what enemy may come against the church, spiritual Jerusalem is a stone that cannot be moved (cf. Heb. 12:28).
- G. All those who seek the destruction of the church will be unsuccessful and astonished at its continued existence and growth.

II. THE PROPHECY

(ZECHARIAH 12:10-14)

- A. Upon spiritual Jerusalem, God poured out a spirit of grace and answered prayers for mercy.
 1. When men see the true grace of God, they will repent and cry for forgiveness.
 2. God's grace is so great that He will grant pardon for their sins.
- B. Yet, in order for this grace to be made available to man, the Son of God had to be pierced.
 1. They had rejected the Messiah as their Shepherd.
 2. Now, they would pierce Him as the Son (cf. John 19:37).
- C. There would be great mourning over the piercing of the Son of God.
 1. It is compared to the mourning that took place after the battle in the Valley of Megiddo where King Josiah was slain (cf. 2 Chron. 35:20-25).
 2. This was a nationwide weeping.
 3. *This is the same place as Armageddon mentioned in Revelation 16:16.*

Prophecy of Jesus

- III. THE FULFILLMENT (JOHN 19:34-37)
- A. The outpouring of God's grace motivated men to repent and to come to God with supplications for mercy (cf. Romans 8:15; Ephesians 6:18).
 - B. This grace was made available through Jesus - the one they rejected and pierced.
 - 1. This aspect of the crucifixion had been predicted before (Psalm 22:16-17).
 - 2. It was fulfilled in the piercing of Jesus' side (John 19:34-37).
 - 3. At the same time, it fulfilled the prophecy that none of His bones would be broken (Psalm 34:20; cf. Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12).
 - C. The realization that they had rejected and crucified the Son of God would cause many to mourn.
 - 1. There was weeping over their sin, which led them to repentance and salvation (cf. Acts 2:37; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11).
 - 2. There also would be mourning by those who were guilty (Revelation 1:7; 6:15-17; Matthew 24:30).
 - 3. In one way or the other, all shall weep and mourn over the crucified Savior.
 - D. Note that the piercing of Jesus' side reveals the connection between His blood and water.
 - 1. Sins are washed away in baptism (Acts 22:16).
 - 2. Sins are washed away by Jesus' blood (Revelation 1:5).
 - 3. It is in baptism that one contacts the blood of Jesus (cf. 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5-7; Hebrews 10:22; 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 7:14).

Conclusion: Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?