

## Zechariah 13:1-6

### A Fountain for Sin

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#### **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 provide the remedy for sin...

#### **I. THE BACKGROUND**

(ZECHARIAH 12:10)

- A. In the time of Zechariah, the city of Jerusalem and the Temple had just been rebuilt.
- B. He revealed that physical Israel rejected the Shepherd and, therefore, God rejected them.
- C. Then, he revealed the victory of the faithful.
- D. No matter what enemy would come against the church, spiritual Jerusalem is a stone that cannot be moved (cf. Heb. 12:28).
- E. The Messiah would be pierced, making God's grace available to all man and causing godly sorrow that would lead many to repentance.
- F. Now, Zechariah will show the benefits of the Messiah's suffering for the sins of the world.

#### **II. THE PROPHECY**

(ZECHARIAH 13:1-6)

- A. The piercing of the Savior caused a fountain to be opened in which all sin and uncleanness could be washed away (cf. Job 9:30-31; Psa. 51:2, 7; Isa. 1:18; John 1:29; 19:34-35; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:25-27; Titus 3:5-7; Heb. 9:13-14; 1 Jn. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5; 7:13-14).
  1. This fountain could do what nothing else could - wash away sins!
  2. It is a "fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains!"
- B. Because of this fountain, sinners would become saints as citizens of the Lord's kingdom.
- C. In the Messiah's kingdom, there would be no more idolatry.
  1. There is no place for idolatry in the Lord's church (1 Corinthians 10:16-22).
  2. True fellowship with God removes any form of idolatry (Matthew 6:24; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 4:4-6).
- D. In the Messiah's kingdom, there would be an end of prophetic work (cf. 1 Cor. 13:10).
  1. When revelation was completed, there would be no need for prophets or any other miraculous work.
  2. All Christians would be servants with no special classes or hierarchy among them.

## Prophecy of Jesus

3. Note that verse 3 emphatically teaches that prophecy would cease in the Lord's church – for revelation would be completed – and anyone claiming to be a prophet is without a doubt a false prophet!
- E. In the Messiah's kingdom, there would be no unclean spirits – for Satan was defeated.
  1. This may refer to the “lying spirits” of false prophets (cf. 1 Kings 22:22; etc.).
  2. However, it seems to refer to all demonic powers – meaning, there would be no demon possession after the age of miracles (cf. Matthew 12:43; Luke 11:20).
- F. What a time of blessing is found in the Lord's church!

### III. THE FULFILLMENT

(JOHN 19:14-16)

- A. The piercing of the Messiah refers to the crucifixion of Jesus.
- B. It involved wounds in His hands (cf. Psalm 22:16; Luke 24:39; John 20:27).
- C. It involved wounds received by His own people (cf. John 1:11; Acts 7:51-52).
- D. Yet it resulted in the greatest enemy of man being defeated – sin is overcome with salvation!

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