

Jerusalem Under Siege Zechariah 12-13

I. The Siege vs 1-9

A. Jerusalem's Security –

1. Comes from God,
 - a. who stretches forth the heavens
 - b. who laid the foundation of the earth
 - c. who forms the spirit of man

B. The Final Siege of Jerusalem begins with vs. 2

1. The Security of Jerusalem and
2. Three Discoveries
 - a. Jerusalem will be a cup that causes reeling
 - b. Jerusalem will be a heavy stone
 - c. Jerusalem will be a source of confusion

C. The Strength of Jerusalem Explained – vs 5-6

D. The Deliverance of Jerusalem's People – vs. 7-9

1. The Lord's Intervention for those outside Jerusalem
2. The Lord's defending & empowering the inhabitants of Jerusalem
 - He will be their Messiah, their Priest, their King
3. The Lord will set about to destroy all the nations which come against Jerusalem

II. The Great Salvation Plan –Chapter 12:10 – 13:6

A. The Process of Conviction –Chapter 12:10-14

1. The outpouring of God's Spirit
2. A Spirit of grace and supplication
3. Looking to Me whom they pierced
4. Mourning
 - a. over the loss of an only son
 - b. over the loss of a first born son
 - c. like that over King Josiah

B. The Provision for National Cleansing – Chapter 13:1-9

APPLICATION

1. We don't know when this will happen, but we can be certain that it will.

Matt 5:18, 1st Thess 5:2

2. Are you ready? Have you put on the breastplate of faith & love? Are you wearing the helmet, the hope of salvation? Pray! Eph 6:13-18

If so let us not sleep as others do but let us be alert & sober.

1st Thess 5:6-8

PRAY

3. Be Strong! Even in these difficult times – “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” Matt 5:16, 2nd Tim 3:1-5