

Return, Rebuild, Restore
Study Guide
Zechariah 12

1. How does our sin and rebellion contribute to the problems in our world today? Discuss.
2. Read Zechariah 12:1-9. Notice a description of the nations coming up against Israel in a global battle. Discuss the different words used to describe what will be happening during that time. (see also Ezekiel 38:14-16; Revelation 16:13-16; Rev. 14:20; Daniel 2:44-45). Why do you think the world will be so opposed to Israel? What will God do for Israel?
3. Read Zechariah 12:10-12.
Describe what Israel will do when they see Jesus coming from the sky (Rev. 19) to rescue them? Why do you think they will mourn and weep? How do you think their encounter with Christ will lead to their spiritual healing?
4. Read Zechariah 12:13-14.
Notice that every family member had a personal experience of being reconciled to Christ. Where are you, personally on your journey to spiritual healing?
 - a. Has the Holy Spirit opened your eyes to the fact that your sin put Christ on the cross?
 - b. Have you encountered Christ and felt sorrow for your rebellion and sin?
 - c. Have you understood the greatness of the love of God for you?
 - d. Are you living in spiritual health and oneness with Jesus today?Discuss.

Application

Pray for one another and ask God to reveal areas in your life that you may have neglected.

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Big Idea: The Pathway to Healing is Found in an Encounter with Christ

A. On That Day (v. 1-9)

The oracle of the word of the Lord concerning Israel: Thus declares the Lord, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him: ²“Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. ³On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

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John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Ezekiel 38:14-16

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord God: On that day when my people Israel are dwelling securely, will you not know it? ¹⁵ You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army. ¹⁶ You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

Revelation 16:12- China

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

Image- Kings of East

Revelation 16:13-16- Demonic Powers

¹³And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. ¹⁴For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ... ¹⁶And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Image- Megiddo 1

Image- Megiddo 2

Revelation 14:20- The Winepress

²⁰And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

A. On That Day (v. 1-9 continued)

⁴On that day, declares the Lord, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But for the sake of the house of Judah I will keep my eyes open, when I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. ⁵Then the clans of Judah shall say to themselves, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem have strength through the Lord of hosts, their God.’

A. On That Day (v. 1-9 continued)

⁶“On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a blazing pot in the midst of wood, like a flaming torch among sheaves. And they shall devour to the right and to the left all the surrounding peoples, while Jerusalem shall again be inhabited in its place, in Jerusalem.

A. On That Day (v. 1-9 continued)

⁷“And the Lord will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah. ⁸ On that day the Lord will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord, going before them. ⁹ And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

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¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹ On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

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1. By God’s Spirit**2. By Seeing Christ****3. By God-given Mourning****C. The Personal Experience (v. 10-14)**

¹²The land shall mourn, each 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; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Where are you on this journey?

1. Holy Spirit to open my eyes.
2. To see Jesus and regret my rebellion.
3. To understand the greatness of the love of God.
4. To live in Oneness with Him.