



Series: The Minor Prophets

Lesson: 57. Zechariah, pt. 13 – The Arrival of the Kingdom, pt. 1

Passage: Zech. 12

- **The First Condition: Divine _____ (vv1–9)**
 - The oracle begins by asserting God's total _____ over both physical and spiritual Creation.
 - Jerusalem and the rest of Judah will be injurious to the rest of the world even though they are all gathered against it.
 - God will be selective in His miraculous intervention to protect His people.
 - Jerusalem is still the place God has chosen to focus among His people, yet none of the people themselves are actually more significant than others.
 - They will be saved in part because God will make them mighty.
 - Israel will be protected by God from literally the entire world, so they can take heart and trust Him in the meantime to protect them.

- **The Second Condition: National _____ (vv10–14)**
 - When it's time for the Kingdom, God will pour His _____ on His people.

*Joel 2:28–29 – It will come about after this
That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;
And your sons and daughters will prophesy,
Your old men will dream dreams,
Your young men will see visions.
²⁹Even on the male and female servants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days.*

- This will happen when they look on the _____ they pierced and mourn.

John 19:33–34, 37 – but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out...³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

Rev. 1:7 – Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

- Israel will recognize they rejected Him and realize the _____ they have committed.

- Christ is the ‘only begotten’ of the Father (John 1:14) and the ‘firstborn of Creation’ (Col. 1:15).
- The mourning in v11 most likely refers to Josiah’s death at Megiddo and the mourning that followed (cf. 2 Chron. 35:20–27).

2 Kings 23:25 – Before him there was no king like him who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

- The culpability will be felt at all levels of society.
- This mourning is a sign that the nation has finally _____ of its sin.

Rom. 11:25–27 – For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.” ²⁷“This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”

- To enjoy God’s deliverance from physical threats and enjoy physical blessings, they must be ready to repent in mourning over their Messiah’s death.

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. Do not neglect the necessity of true _____—but be wary of counterfeits.
 - a. Repentance involves turning from sin that is motivated by true brokenheartedness over our own sin.
 - b. Sin isn't bad because of the consequences for us; sin is bad because of its offense to a holy God and because of the price to pay for it if anyone is to be redeemed.
 - c. Sorrow over sin alone is not all that repentance includes.

2 Cor. 7:9–10 – I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. ¹⁰For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

- d. This should inform our evangelism too!

Blanks: Deliverance, sovereignty, Repentance, Spirit, Messiah, crime, repented, repentance,