



**Series: The Minor Prophets**

**Lesson: 58. Zechariah, pt. 14 – The Arrival of the Kingdom, pt. 2**

**Passage: Zech. 13**

**Four Conditions That Preclude the Arrival of the Kingdom:**

**1. Divine Deliverance**

**2. National Repentance**

- **The Third Condition: True \_\_\_\_\_ (vv1–6)**
  - The first proof: They will be cleansed from sin and \_\_\_\_\_  
(cf. Ezek. 36:25).
  - The second proof: God will remove all \_\_\_\_\_  
from the nation.
    - He will cut off the names of the idols.
    - He will remove the prophets.
    - He will remove the unclean spirit

*Rev. 20:2–3 – And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup>and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

- The third proof: They will have a pure \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
  - They will carry out the punishments of the Law (cf. Deut. 13:6–10; 18:20).
  - They will pierce those they are supposed to hate instead of the One they are supposed to follow (cf. 12:10).
  
- Any who would be false prophets will be too ashamed to try to deceive people.
  - The ‘hairy robe’ was intended to evoke \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 2 Kings 1:8; 2:13–14; Matt. 3:4).
  - They will invent alibis, but their true actions will always betray them (cf. 1 Kings 18:28).
  
- This conversion will be evident because the people who used to clamor for false prophets to give them comforting messages will now be ready to execute all who speak falsehood!

• **The Fourth Condition: Refinement through \_\_\_\_\_ (vv7–9)**

- God calls the Shepherd ‘My Associate.’
  - This is the word for \_\_\_\_\_ in Leviticus.
  - This is calling Him God’s \_\_\_\_\_!
  
- Striking the Shepherd will scatter the sheep.

*Matt. 26:31–35, 56 – Then Jesus \*said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.’”<sup>32</sup> But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”<sup>33</sup> But Peter said to Him, “Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”<sup>35</sup> Peter \*said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.” All the disciples said the same thing too...<sup>56</sup> “But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.*

- Part of the buildup to the Kingdom is that the Messiah will be struck and the nation scattered, resulting in two-thirds of it being ‘cut off.’
  
- God will use this scattering to \_\_\_\_\_ His people to be ready for the Kingdom.
  
- The result of this refinement is a right \_\_\_\_\_ between God and His people.

## What Do We Do with This Text?

1. We should love truth so much that false teachers are  
\_\_\_\_\_ around us.

2. Having a large view of God and sanctification should lead us to embrace  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Blanks:** Conversion, impurity, false religion, zeal, Elijah, Suffering, neighbor, peer, refine, relationship, uncomfortable, suffering