

EBC Study

Lesson 22 Zechariah 12:1-9

As you read and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: **Read chapters 12-14** and attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text alone.

Questions:

1. REVIEW: Summarize what you learned the following:

a. 1:1-6

b. 1:7-6:15.

c. Chapters 7-8

d. Chapters 9-11

Lexical Note: The Hebrew term massa translated "burden" in 9:1 and 12:1 in this context speaks of an oracle or utterance. The word derives its meaning for the verb "to carry," thus giving us the nuance of a burdensome or weighty message.

2. Looking at 9:1 and 12:1, what is similar and what is different between how each "burden" is described?

3. Looking at 12:1, to whom is this oracle or burden "concerning"? How far does this burden go? I.e. what verse does it end?

4. How does the Lord describe Himself in 12:1? See the following verses also:

a. Isaiah 44:24, Jer. 51:15

b. Psalm 102:25, Hebrews 1:8-12

c. Gen 2:7, Acts 17:25, Isaiah 42:5

5. After reading chapters 12-14, why do you think the Lord describes Himself this way in 12:1?

6. How many times is the phrase "in that day" used in Chapter 12, Chapter 13 and Chapter 14?

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Interpretive note: The term “cup” speaks of something you drink from. In Scripture this term is sometimes used metaphorically to describe partaking of God’s wrath. See Isaiah 51:17, 22, Jer. 25:15, Matt 26:39.

7. From 12:2, what does the Lord say He is going to make Jerusalem and who is this towards? What will happen to those? Who else is included with Jerusalem?

8. How might the following help us help us understand part of the big picture of what is going on in 12:2-8?
 - a. 12:9

 - b. 14:1-7

 - c. Ezekiel 38, 39:21-29

 - d. Ezekiel 30:2-3

 - e. Zeph. 1:14-18

 - f. Revelation 19:11-21

9. Describe what will happen “in that day” from the following:
 - a. 12:2-3

 - b. 12:4-5

 - c. 12:6-7

 - d. 12:8

 - e. 12:9

10. Summarize from 12:10-14, what will happen also in that day. (We will look at this more in depth next time)