

Zechariah

(15) The Remnant in Israel

The purging of the false prophets and sin from Israel...13:1-6

What is the timing of the events beginning chapter 13? 13:1 see 12:2, 3, 6, etc

This is continuous with chapter 12, events of 'that day' when Israel, nationally, is saved.

What is symbolically pictured in 13:1? **Jer.31:31-37**; Ez.36:25; Job 9:30-31; Ps.51:2; Titus 3:5-7

The picture is of God's salvation, opened to Israel. His Amazing Grace is poured out again.

What does the Lord promise to do on 'that day'? vs.2

He will remove forever all idols, false prophets, any impurity from the land of Israel.

What special significance does this have for Israel? Dan.9:27; II Thess.2:1-12; Mt.24:15-22

The antichrist (abomination of desolation) will be in the holy place (temple in Jerusalem).

To totally remove false prophets (both human & demonic), what will happen? vs.3 Deut.13:6-11

If necessary, Jewish parents will slay their own children who persist in false prophecy.

What will the remaining false prophets do to save their lives? vs.4-5

They will claim to be farmers, not prophets. Lay aside prophet's garments (use to deceive).

To explain the scars (self inflicted in idol rituals), what is their response? vs.6

They will lie and say they were received as a slave in their youth, from their own family.

What may also be behind this attempt to deceive? 12:10

Perhaps the TRUE words of Jesus to Israel, explaining His wounds.

The contrast of the True Shepherd...13:7-9

What is symbolically pictured in 13:7a? Is.53:4-10; Jn.3:16

This is a prophecy of God the Father giving up His only Son, "My Shepherd".

What does "My Associate" indicate? Jn.10:30; 14:9

This is a term meaning "...of the same essence". A clear revelation of Christ's deity.

What is prophesied in vs.7b? Mt.26:31; Mk.14:27 (near term and longer term fulfillment?)

The Shepherd is smitten (cross), then the sheep are scattered (Apostles, AD70, tribulation).

As the Lord purges Israel, what does He declare will happen? vs.8 **Ez.20:23-44**

In the land of Israel, 2/3 will perish but 1/3, the remnant, will be left alive.

What happens to this 1/3 remnant? vs.9a

They are refined in the fire of testing. He is purging out the dross of sin. Leaves pure gold!

How is this final purification of Israel finally seen? vs.9b **Ez.20:42-44**

This 1/3 remnant will call on the Lord and He will answer them! Israel is 100% restored!