

The Gospel of Zechariah

Zechariah 12:10-13:1



Redemptive History





Darius: Chronology of the Persian Period¹

Persian King	Dates	Biblical Correlation	Context
Cyrus	539-530	Declaration of Cyrus (539) Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	Stirred up to rebuild the temple
Cambyses	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	Discouraged and afraid to rebuild
Darius I	522-486	Haggai and Zechariah prophecy (520) Zechariah prophecy (518) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6)	Rebuilding of the Temple begins again
Xerxes	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	
Artaxerxes I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	

1. Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament, John H. Walton, 1994, p. 70



Gospel of Zechariah (Themes)

Call to repentance

Return of YHWH

Restoration of the temple

The coming of the branch

Coming judgement on the nations

Day of the Lord



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12¹⁰ “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. **12¹¹** On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. **12¹²** The 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; **12¹³** the 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; **12¹⁴** and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

13¹“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.



pour out

- I will
 - Yahweh taking action
- pour out
 - blood in sacrifice (Exodus 29:12)
 - drink offering (Numbers 28:7)
 - like water
- house of David
 - kingly line
- inhabitants of Jerusalem
 - the people
- a spirit
 - the Holy Spirit
- grace and pleas of mercy
 - compassion
 - transformational

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(Zechariah 12:10 ESV)



pour out

- look on me
 - Yahweh
 - controversial
- whom they have pierced
 - whom - Yahweh
 - house of David and inhabitants of Jerusalem
- pierced
 - Isaiah 53:5 - pierced for our transgressions
 - different word, same concept
- mourn for him
 - only child
 - firstborn

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mourning

- Hadad-rimmon
 - city
 - person
- Megiddo
 - place
- meaning
 - great mourning

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(Zechariah 12:11 ESV)



land shall mourn

- house of David
 - kingly
- house of Nathan
 - son of David and Bathsheba
 - ancestor of Jesus (Luke 3:31)
- their wives
- house of Levi
 - priests
- house of Shimeites
 - Shimei, grandson of Levi
- all the families
 - everyone
- their wives
- by themselves
 - corporate and individual
 - true repentance

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(Zechariah 12:12-14 ESV)



a fountain

- on that day
 - apocalyptic
 - the already and the not yet
- house of David and inhabitants of Jerusalem
 - God's people
 - the Church
- fountain
 - pour out
 - source of water
- cleanse them
 - sin
 - uncleanness
 - context of continual sacrifice
 - to be set aside
 - Luke 8:42a-48 - women touching Jesus

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(Zechariah 13:1 ESV)



Titus 3:1-11

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. (ESV)