

“It Came to Pass”

All Scripture is KJV: Zechariah 13:1-9

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ON THIS MATTER.

- What can we see from the OT scriptures? When was this to be?
- Were people able to see into the future?
- Why do so many people even today miss this opportunity of the revelation of the OT.

Well today I thought that with the LORDS help we will dig into the OT to try and discover some hidden truths about Jesus.

We will also try to piece together the wonderful blessings that were revealed at that time.

We will also see how many people back then and even today still don't get it? And somehow try to invent time periods for this scripture to fit into their doctrines.

- Please remember as I have said before that we should never try and read into a scripture something that is not there.
- Let the scripture speak for itself. Try the scriptures and put them all to the test.

Well one of those scriptures that we are going to put to the test this morning is Zechariah 13, and perhaps Zechariah 14 next week.

This scripture in the OT is going to perhaps challenge your doctrine and belief system, as I know Zechariah 14 will.

Lets read.....From KJV.

But right off the start we have a reference to something that was going to take place.....

Zechariah 13 King James Version (KJV)

1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

- I. **What day was that?**
- II. **And what was the fountain opened to be?**
- III. **Who was the house of David for instance?**
- IV. **Who were the inhabitants of Jerusalem?**
- V. **What fountain was to be opened for sin?**

✓ Well to understand each point let's look at the scriptures.....

I. What day was that?

- a) Well if you turn back to Zechariah 12 you will understand what day the scripture was referring to.
- b) It was the day that Jesus Christ was crucified.
- c) This was referring to His 1st Coming.
- d) Because we know that as you get to verse 11 and onwards to verse 14 we see that the list of tribes that the bible is speaking about no longer exist today.
- e) These tribes ceased to be tribes when they went into captivity, either from Jeroboam or Rehoboam.
- f) And also when we get into Zechariah 13 and verse 7 we see a verse that was fulfilled at Christ's 1st coming. Jesus made reference to this verse when he did come the first time just before he was crucified. Jesus quoted this very verse in Mark 14:27.
- g) Jesus quoted this verse to His disciples just after they had eaten the famous Lords supper meal together; and were now going out on their way singing as they walked to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:27 (also Matthew 26:31 is the same quotation)

²⁷ And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: **for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.**

- h) So this proves that if there is any doubt about this day, or time period mentioned here in Zechariah 13:1 we can know that it is speaking about Jesus and His crucifixion.
- i) So when Zechariah opens up Chapter 13 verse 1 and says that in **“that day”**; we know what day he was talking about. It was going to be a day in the future with a reference to God, coming in the flesh to save His people.

❖ **1 In that day** there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

Now as we move to the next point mentioned in Zechariah 13 verse 1?

II. And what was the fountain opened to be?

- a) Well it is made very obvious to us now that we have seen the quotation made by Jesus in Mark 14:27 that the **“fountain opened”** would be the fountain of His cleansing blood. There is a song that we sing which says.....”there is a fountain filled with blooddrawn from Immanuel’s veins.....which is a reference to the healing power of Jesus for our sins.
- b) So when we see this verse.....we know that it is speaking about Jesus. Remember of course this prophecy of Zechariah was predicted 500 hundred years into the future before Jesus would die on the cross.

The other points mentioned in Zechariah 13:1 can be combined.....

III. Who was the house of David for instance?

IV. Who were the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

- Both of these points are references to who would be able to receive this fountain.
- a) The house of David and the inhabitants that this “opened blood” would be available to is a reference to all nations who would come to believe in Jesus.
- b) This salvation of the “opened blood” is spoken of in the last verse of Zechariah 13:9 where the LORD says.....

Zech 13:9 ⁹ And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: **they shall call on my name**, and I will hear them: **I will say, It is my people**: and they shall say, **The LORD is my God**.

- c) So.....salvation is made available.....because they will “call on His name”
- d) The way that salvation would come about would be though His blood.

VI. What fountain was to be opened for sin?

- a) When Jesus was crucified, the “fountain” was opened.
- b) This quote in Zechariah 13:1 was in direct reference to the veins of Jesus releasing that soul cleansing power of Jesus.
- c) What can wash away my sins.....nothing but the blood of Jesus.
- d) So was the fountain opened?

What have we seen and learned so far?

- ✚ Well.....From the scripture in Zechariah 13 today we see that by only scratching the very surface of the Chapter and verse 1 it has already revealed to us the power of Jesus Christ.

- ✚ Yet.....very few believers ever get a chance or opportunity to see these references for themselves. So it is a huge blessing when we do get these opportunities for the scriptures to reveal them to us.
 - ✚ If.....we would only take off the blindfolds which have been taught to us by others, and see the scriptures for ourselves we would in many instances have a change of heart and a change of mind about many things which we thought we knew.
- ❖ So now that we know which day Zechariah was talking about we can continue to verse 2.

² And **it shall come to pass in that day**, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

- a) Therefore in that day is referencing the time of Jesus 1st coming that it would be Jesus which will take away all those idols which the people of Israel had been worshiping.
- b) And we can see that this did actually happen, because at the time of Jesus none of the Jews were worshipping any idols. In fact the Jews wanted to stone Jesus because he said that he was equal to God.
- c) So we see that this was fulfilled at the time of Jesus; where even today the Jews do not worship any idols.

So now let's turn to verse 3...

³ And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

- a) So now.....with the false prophets being singled out through a process that God instituted, there was no place for them to hide and practice their lies like they used to do.
- b) Listen to verse 4-6, and see how God did that.

⁴ **And it shall come to pass in that day**, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

⁵ But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

- a) We see in these verses beginning in verse 4 that in that day; which was the day of Jesus 1st coming, that these events concerning the false prophets would come into effect.
- b) The false prophets who spoke lies would be ashamed of themselves. They would be ashamed that the visions that they had spoken of would not come true.
- c) Part of their process of deception was like the pretenses of what the Pharisees used to do, and that was to pull long faces and dress in poor men's clothing to try and show that they were willing to suffer for the Lord.
- d) This same tactic was used by these false prophets, to try and fool people into thinking that they were the real prophets of God. Like John the Baptist.
- e) But.....when they are caught out.....their way to escape being detected and labeled as a false prophet would be to say that "I am a husbandman". Which is to say a cattle farmer from my youth.
- f) But then.....at the same time these people would have other identifying traits about them. Like cuts in their hands. Which they will try to put down as from farming.
- g) But this of course would not be true.....that's what they wanted you to believe.
 - ❖ The wounds in their hands were from something more sinister.
 - ❖ These were men who were being singled out by God were indeed false prophets.

We see the practice of these false prophets cutting themselves in the days of Elijah.

1 Kings 18:22-28.

²² Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

²³ Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

²⁴ And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

²⁵ And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

²⁶ And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

²⁷ And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

²⁸ And they cried aloud, **and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.**

h) These men were false prophets, and the vision of what they said did not come true.

❖ The same can be seen of these false prophets of the Moabites in Jeremiah 48:37 cutting themselves.

Jeremiah 48: ³⁵ Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

³⁶ Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kirheres: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

³⁷ For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped: **upon all the hands shall be cuttings**, and upon the loins sackcloth.

❖ The Moabites also resorted to make cut in their hands as was the custom of the False prophets mentioned in Zechariah 13:6.

Lastly we take another look at Zechariah 13:7-9

⁷ Awake, O sword, **against my shepherd**, and **against the man that is my fellow**, saith the LORD of hosts: **smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.**

⁸ **And it shall come to pass**, that in all the land, saith the LORD, **two parts therein shall be cut off and die: but the third shall be left therein.**

⁹ **And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.**

- a) In these verses we see the reference again to Jesus.
- b) Here God speaks of a shepherd; and what is going to happen in the future when that shepherd is struck down.
- c) Of course we know this is Jesus because Jesus quoted this verse in the NT as we said earlier.

Mark 14:27 (also Matthew 26:31 is the same quotation)

²⁷ And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: **for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.**

- d) Of course we know that when Jesus was crucified, the sheep did scatter.

Matthew 26:56 King James Version (KJV)

⁵⁶ But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

- e) All the disciples fled and went into hiding for fear of reprisal.
- f) In the day of Jesus, which is “that day”, we saw God destroy Jerusalem and two parts therefore were cut off and died.
- g) There was no stone left one upon another as they were all cast down, and destroyed by fire.

❖ Jesus said that the temple would be destroyed. He told his disciples that in Mark 13.

When did this happen?

In **66 AD**, the First Jewish–Roman War began. The revolt was put down by the future Roman emperors Vespasian and Titus. In the Siege of Jerusalem in **70 AD**, the Romans destroyed much of the Temple in Jerusalem and, according to some accounts, plundered artefacts from the Temple, such as the Menorah.

❖ Also Zechariah has many other quotes about Jesus for example.

Zechariah 9:9 King James Version (KJV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Matthew 21:5

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....