

## Him Whom They Have Pierced

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Zechariah 12:1-14

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### "On that day" - 14x in chps 12-14

- What is "that day"?
- To what people does it apply: National Israel or Spiritual Israel?
- 'populist view' - national Israel: Zec 12 describes last great battle: Armageddon (Rev 16:16). Description of Jews just prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- 'traditional Reformed view' – describes Spiritual Israel – Israel means God's chosen. Romans chps 9-11; Rom 9:6-7
- Struggle: Zec 12:12-14 speak of specific clans & houses: does this speak of characteristics of repentance and need for individual repentance?

### Our Active Creator & Sustainer God

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- God's activity described with 3 active participles: stretching, founding, forming. God not a clock-winder: but actively involved in His Creation. Col 1:15-17
- So what? God who created, sustains, and continues to support His creation – He is not asleep but will CONSUMMATE all things: 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ!

### God's People will Prevail – "on that day" 2-9

- Though God's people seem insignificant, God will protect them & use them!
- "on that day" – concept all throughout Scripture: Amos 5:18
  - a specific time – when God will dramatically intervene in human affairs. Isa 34:8; 13:13; Amos 3:14; Ezek 33:33; Jer 27:22
  - a day of judgment – God will judge. Ob 15-16; Ezek 7:7; Isa 10:3; 63:4
  - a day of deliverance & salvation – for God's true and faithful Obd 17!
  - time - near & far futures blurred: All future to prophet, but not necessarily to the reader. Time collapsed: Zec 9:3-4, 9 destruction of Tyre and then 1<sup>st</sup> coming of Messiah
  - NT 'on that day' – 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ: 1 Thes 5:2; 2 Cor 5:5; 1 Cor 1:8; Phil 1:6; 2:16; 2 Thes 1:10 – same idea as OT!
- So when is "that day"?
- don't get bogged down in debating chronological scenarios...
- FOCUS on fact "that day" is a moral event: a judgment of the unbelieving and the unrepentant & the salvation of those who trust in Lord
- Are you ready?

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10-14

- Jewish commentators attempt to apply to nation of Israel - doesn't work!
- This is God talking – 'I' & 'me' is Jehovah (v1)
- How can someone pierce or wound God?
  - See Isaiah 53:4-6. God becomes man!
  - God will conquer His own with grace & mercy!
- So is it national or spiritual Israel? Rev 5:9
  - It is those that Christ has/will purchased with His blood covenant
  - Have you mourned your sins which pierced Christ?
  - Not all mourning : Zechariah 13:1,9... cleansing for the people of God

### To Think About & Discuss:

- Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How does looking forward to the future help the believer in Christ?
- Can a believer spend too much time on "chronological scenarios"? What should a person do with all the "on that day" prophecies of Scripture?
- Consider Peter's sermon Acts 2:14-39. How does his application of prophecies help us understand and apply this to our lives and evangelism?
- What does it mean to you that details of the gospel age were predicted centuries ago?
- How can this help us have confidence in our present world? In the prophecies of Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?
- Read Isaiah 53:4-6. Who does this describe? Why was He pierced? How does Zech 12:10 relate?
- How does mourning over sin fit in with our responsibility to "rejoice always" (Phil 4:4; 1 Thes 5:16)?