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APPLIED FORMAT ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 12

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse King James Version (KJV)

Verse (1) The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

The verbiage is strong:

Burden for Israel. Burden of protection is Great for Israel. **Notice the strength of God almighty in what He does.** God is in control who stretches forth the heavens; God is not limited to just the Earth. God does Layeth the foundation of the earth and does Formeth the spirit within a man.

God does bring Israel into a **“United Israel” in the previous Zechariah Chapters of 9-11** (Fee & Stuart, 2002). **So, understanding the future “New Jerusalem” here in Zechariah 12 is important** because all Nations will stand before God in determining the eternal standing in Matthew 25:32.

Fee, G. D. & Stuart, D. (2002). *How to read the bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan



This Chapter 12 is about the future “New Jerusalem” that is from God above not the Earth below where God personalizes by putting God’s Name in the New Jerusalem (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (2) Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

Notice the verbiage “I will make Jerusalem a cup”. God alone has THE CUP, so humanity has a cup. God has the big cup and humanity has a little portion in a cup. God takes the little portion in a cup humanity has and exponentially expands the opportunity in the big cup. Notice in the heat of the cup that those around the cup could not stop the cup even in the siege of false power. In the permanency of the cup, those round and about the cup did tremble at the truth of God almighty. So much so, that Alexander the Great did not touch Jerusalem because of his astonishment of their mighty protection (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (3) And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Jerusalem will be the world's burdensome stone. Notice very closely that although all the people gather round and about Jerusalem to stop the cup those that come up against the cup will be shattered and exposed.

At some point throughout the history of Jerusalem and the Universal Church many enemies have come and gone, as if it were an easy matter to ride of them, that instead proves to be a GREAT stumbling block to all such attempts (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (4) In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

The gathering of those riders who sought to take the cup discussed in verses (2) to (3) will be struck with madness or incomprehension and shall injure themselves. The horses or the instruments of power in battle that the mad riders possess will be blinded and unable to power the attack with the attack coming upon themselves instead in their astonishment.

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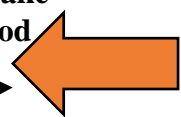
Verse (5) And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

To expound from Verse (4), God will lift the Governors of Judah who determine that Jerusalem is in their heart – by an overwhelming authority or a consuming authority with the vengeance being in God’s hands (Henry, 2008). The Governors of Judah will recognize Jerusalem as a Holy City, a place of prayer, and will leverage the faithful as strength (Henry, 2008).

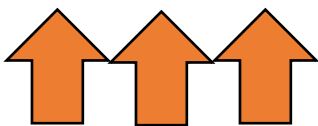
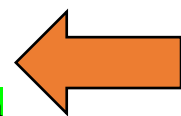
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Verse (6) In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

The Governors stamped out the troublemakers on both the right and the left so that Jerusalem may press forward without the problems. Governors have the ability to make this happen unlike any officials in a Nation because they work through the people. God empowers the Governors because God created the position saying, “I will make the Governors” powerful.



Notice that Jerusalem shall be rebuilt in the same location not relocated (Henry, 2008). There shall be a New Joint Purpose and a New Joint Charter and shall uphold the New Joint Principles (Henry, 2008). Specifically, there shall be what is termed in research as a Happy Agreement to Unite in harmony between the City and the Nation with no separate matters (Henry, 2008).



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Verse (7) The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

Because the Governors of Judah were faithful, God saved them first to demonstrate the glory of God and the glory of bringing Judah and Jerusalem together. God even made sure Jerusalem in their uplifting would not be exalted against Judah. This is the power of God unto Jerusalem and Judah. This is why God created Governors.

- **The Power of David nor the wealth of Jerusalem will be authorized to be put up against the tents of Judah (Henry, 2008).**
- **There will be no distinction between wealthy and poor, nor between high and low, nor between slave and free (Henry, 2008).**
- **All matters before God will be balanced and equal welcomed in The Christ and authorized in all the benefits (Henry, 2008).**
- **Jerusalem shall no longer be the holiest place in Israel, rather in equal holiness with all other parts of Israel (Henry, 2008).**

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Verse (8) In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

This Ministry Website Owner has discussed the significance of the Nation of Israel being birthed in one day after a 2,000-year lapse in time – no Nation on the face of Earth has this significance in God's eyes. This is a historical fact reading Scripture and can be corroborated in research.

No Nation is guaranteed to be saved other than the Remnant of United Israel and the "New Jerusalem". Every Nation (that has not been obliterated by God) has an opportunity through the children of God to rebirth their own Nation as the significant opportunity with unity among all Nations that are saved as the substantial matter.

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Verse (9) And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.



In that Day, God will seek to destroy all Nations that revolt against God's Jerusalem.

In Jesus Christ's first coming, He defeated Death as it will have no place in eternal life and in The Christ's second coming, He will swallow up the grave to be nevermore and will destroy all enemy Nations of Jerusalem; it is noted that the Universal Church is the heavenly Jerusalem (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (10) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

The substantial benefit to surrendering to the will of God is the Spirit of Grace and Supplications. The house of David and Jerusalem will Greatly Mourn piercing the Savior and will be bitter that is a fact. But it is also a fact that the Spirit of Grace and Supplication will Greatly Heal.

The new church is the new Jerusalem and the new adoption (Henry, 2008).

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This is where the Spirit of Grace is eternal. All individuals and all Nations that are saved will be unified through the new adoption and will receive a Godly and Great Eternal Healing.

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Verse (11) In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

The Godly Great Eternal Healing discussed in verse (10) cannot come about until there is an Earthly great mourning for the sins that caused the world chaos.

The Greatness of God's Eternal Healing is not comprehensible without this first step.

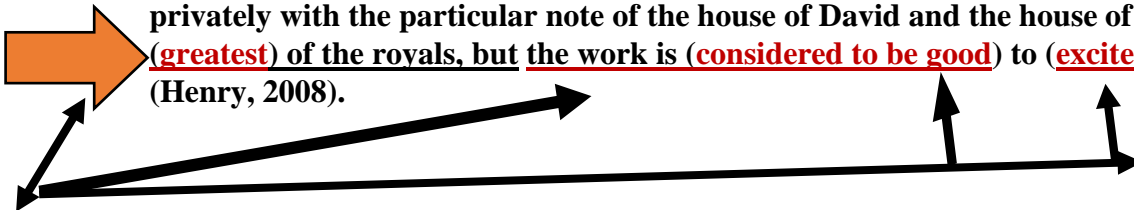
Here in verse (11), God does not label a wise Prince as great, no God labels the wise Prince as good (Henry, 2008). The wise King is a good King who was slain and mourned for which is King Josiah in this verse as the people came to terms with their great sin (Henry, 2008).

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*****The creation was very good; the sin was great; God's healing is Greatly Eternal.**

Verse (12) And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

Man can do some things great, but certainly not consistently great. This verse demonstrates this principle because the land will mourn jointly in a broad sense but also privately with the particular note of the house of David and the house of Nathan as the (greatest) of the royals, but the work is (considered to be good) to (excite) others to worship (Henry, 2008).



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The great mourning is all inclusive leaving no one out. God is always Great at all things all the time and so in the new heaven and the new Earth all will be great.

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Verse (13) The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

Revered members of the house of Levi and family of Shimei are also in the mourning process (Henry, 2008). Preachers/Priests is applied in a broad sense to the house of worship and privately within their houses (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (14) All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart

Everyone joins in the great mourning process in a broad joint sense and privately.

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