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APPLIED FORMAT ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 13

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

Verse (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.

What this verse revealed is the God-Man of Scripture.

1. The events of history are not disputed in history by believing and non-believing people at the time of occurrence that the Scripture is 100% accurate in this matter of Jesus Christ. No dispute at all. To not take this fact into account is a gross infraction of investigative principles of life.

2. Jesus Christ being from the house of David pours out Salvation in this verse being inclusive of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The New Testament reveals the New Jerusalem which is further inclusive of all believers as adapted into the house of God (Revelation Chapter 21 through Revelation Chapter 22). Zechariah Chapter 12 discusses the piercing of Jesus Christ's side as a Great Mourning; Zechariah Chapter 13 discusses this event as a Fountain of Cleansing.

3. The human generation of Jesus Christ is revealed in Matthew Chapter 1 the whole chapter. In Matthew Chapter 1, Jesus Christ came from the human lineage of David (Kingship) and Abraham (The Promise) (Scofield, 1996). Notice, Joseph the human husband of Mary (Jesus Christ's mother) is discussed. Jesus Christ's birth came about from the miraculous virgin birth of the Holy Spirit of God almighty and Matthew Chapter 1 also reveals God's divine lineage.

God is fully 100% human and God is fully 100% God = The God-Man without sin.

For emphasis, I added the Covenant of Kingship and the Covenant of Promise from: Scofield, C. I. (Ed.). 1996. *The holy bible*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press

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Verse (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.

1. Notice in Verse (2), God declares “...I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land”.

Notice the contrary of Revelation Chapter 3:5 (King James Version) where God explicitly declares of His children “...I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels”.

2. Notice in Verse (2), God declares “and they shall no more be remembered”.

Notice the contrary of Revelation Chapter 3:12 (King James Version) where God explicitly declares “...will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is the New Jerusalem...”

The worship of the Jewish idols (who rejected the Christ) will have the idols, in perfection, blotted out of the book of life which lead them into captivity in the first place but were victors over the idols out of captivity (Henry, 2008) – note that as generations pass into eternity this truth of God is etched as a fact that lasts forever as a way to distinguish the children of God from earthly unbelief (Merz, 2020). As the idols are blotted out then the sequence of events is that the prophets and the unclean spirit will be driven out of the land.

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Verse (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.

The earthly mother and father shall be the first to chastise false teaching by the prophet because they teach contrary to Scripture. According to Scripture, this is a testimony of first mention much like the law of first mention in scholarly works.

Come on down to Verse (4) where truth in testimony is self-evident in God. The earthly mother and father understand the Greatness of God's testimony. For this is the strongest testimony of all according to Scripture – the Greatest testimony being the law of first mention.

It is further taught that the false teaching would in fact draw people away from God that brings about the sharp chastisement of the law of first mention – it is the duty to God (Henry, 2008).

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Contrarily, the testimony that is true will be factually Greatly Received in the community as direct and indirect evidence.

Verse (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:

Notice the "...prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive". The false prophet shall come to see their conscious debacle (Henry, 2008).

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Notice the contrary of Revelation Chapter 3:4 (King James Version), "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy."

It becomes a matter worthy of the Gospel of God and not a legal matter anymore because God enables to walk the Gospel (Henry, 2008).

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The Christ fulfilled all the law – so notice it shall come to pass meaning a contention for the faith shall be gained – this is not given, but gained. It is part of the process of the context of the calling of God. However, legalities were weighed in the process of the calling of God.

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

The conscious confession comes forth that they are not a prophet or not called unto the office of prophet. Instead they are keepers of cattle. From confession comes repentance and from repentance comes remorse.

Verse (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.

The wounds of the false prophet are from the call out of being a false prophet as discussed in verse (3) to reclaim the ownership of the person which is possible in this case because of the false prophet's confession, repentance, and remorse (Henry, 2008). In the case of Jesus Christ, He is the only true Son of God who had to take on the chastisement even though innocent. There was no cause to chastise Jesus Christ, but He was chastised, nonetheless. Jesus Christ took on the mocking of being the great deceiver (lower case) so that Jesus Christ could in fact win the Great Salvation (upper case) (Henry, 2008).

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It is most plausible that this application is both for the false prophet as well as Jesus Christ the true Son of God referring back to Verse (3).

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Verse (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.

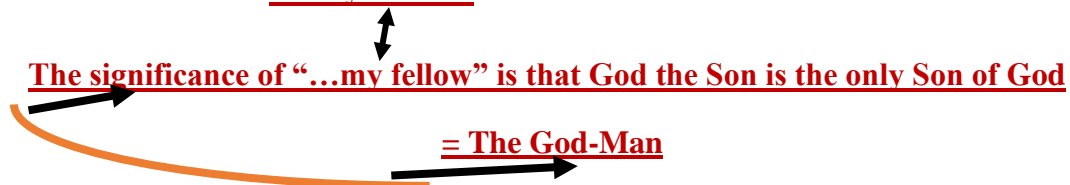
John 1:1-51 reveals that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God but three persons. All the persons of the Trinity are in John Chapter one.

In verse (7) of this Chapter of Zechariah, notice God the Father authorizes the offering up of God Son as the only possible redeemer of mankind.

Notice the significance.

- 1. John 1:1 “...the Word was God” (King James Version),**
- 2. John 1:4 “In him was life, and the life was the light of men”, (King James Version) and**
- 3. John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...the glory as of the only begotten of the Father...” (King James Version).**

The Word is the testimony of God the Son – Scripture. The Revelation of the Christ is the Word of God. Come on over with this Ministry Website Owner to see in Verse (7) God the Father calls God the Son “...my fellow”.



The Disciples here are the “Little Ones”. The Disciples who at times in Scripture boasted about who is the Greatest Disciple of all time in Luke 22:24 scatter – “The Little Ones”.

Luke 22:24 “And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest” (King James Version). God calls them “The Little Ones”.

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Verse (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.

See verse (9) this chapter where God confirms His calling from verse (8) by officially putting this historical event in the record of Scripture to refine the True Followers unto Himself.

Verse (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.

God refines His called and when they are faithful God hears them and God calls them “My People”. The testimony of God will always exceedingly expound because the hand of God is everywhere on all people groups, all Nations, all races, all genders, and all age groups.

There is a general and specific understanding. The 1/3 parts that remains from verse (8) after the testing, are the true called of God having been found legitimate in the eyes of God and in the eyes of the world (Henry, 2008). It is in verse (8) where the real testimony of Jesus Christ is confirmed. It is also understood that the 2/3 also was from the destruction of false Jewish worshipers in the of time the Roman Empire; where it is noted that the Roman Empire, at this time in history, sided with the true Jewish followers of God and converted the entire Roman Empire to the true God at a point in history (Henry, 2008).

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