

Text: Zechariah: "Yahweh has remembered" (ze-kar-yah; זָכַרְיָהּ)

*This theme dominates the whole book: Israel will be blessed because Yahweh remembers the covenants He made with their forefathers (Abraham & David).*

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. "Oracle (= burden)" - refers to something heavy, a load to be lifted and bear. In context (chs. 12-14), the "oracle" is a weighty message from the LORD concerning 1) a yet future siege against Jerusalem and 2) the eventual salvation of Israel.
2. The setting for the fulfillment of these prophecies is "on that day", a phrase used 16 times in the last three chapters. It refers to the Day of the LORD, a time of God's wrath and blessing that extends from the beginning of the future seven-year Tribulation to the end of the Millennial Kingdom.

#### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ISRAEL (12:1-14)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem (vss. 1-4)  
Any nation that invades Jerusalem during the Day of the LORD will suffer severe judgment.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah (vss. 5-9)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem (vss. 10-14)

#### ISRAEL'S \_\_\_\_\_ REMOVED (13:1-9)

1. Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1)  
The fountain of cleansing is the shed blood of the pierced Messiah (12:10)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ cut off (vss. 2-6)  
God will remove all idols & false prophets from the land. Parents will participate in the eradication of all false prophets (including family members).
3. Afflictions of \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 7-9)
  - A. The Shepherd is the Messiah (11:4-17; 12:10).
  - B. The Sword - Man's wrath or God's wrath?

- C. The Sheep that reject the Shepherd suffered (A.D. 70 & 135). Since, Jewish people were scattered across the earth in what is commonly called the Diaspora. They have suffered 2,000 of persecution & are yet to face the greatest holocaust of their history during the Great Tribulation (Jer. 30:7; Rev. 12:1-17).

### THE MESSIAH'S GLORIOUS \_\_\_\_\_ (14:1-7)

Zechariah closed his prophetic predictions with a sweeping overview of Israel's future. The prophet described five major events that will take place:

1. The Massive \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1, 2)
  - A. Near the midpoint of the seven years, a huge army from the north, south, and east will try to capture and plunder Israel. It will be led by a leader called Gog from the land of Magog (Ezekiel 38-39).
  - B. The Tribulation closes with another attack on Israel. This invasion is commonly known as Armageddon (Joel 3:9-16; Rev. 16:14, 16; 19:11-19) and "the battle of the great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14). See Daniel 11:40-44.
2. The Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 3, 12-15)
3. The Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 4-10)

When the Messiah intervenes militarily on Israel's behalf, His feet will touch the Mount of Olives (see Acts 1:9-12). Note that these verses emphasize the physical, personal, public, literal, & visible return of the Messiah to earth in His glorified body.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Glorious \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 8-15)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kingdom (vss. 16-21)