



**Title:** Israel at War, Part 2  
**Date:** November 5, 2023

**Text:** Zechariah 12-13

**“What is the future of Israel and the world?”**

**Five key words that are repeated in [12-13]**

“In that day” - 11 times

“Lord” - 12 times

“I will” - 12 times

“Jerusalem” 12 times

“nations” - 8 times

## **Outline**

**1. Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance (12:1-9)**

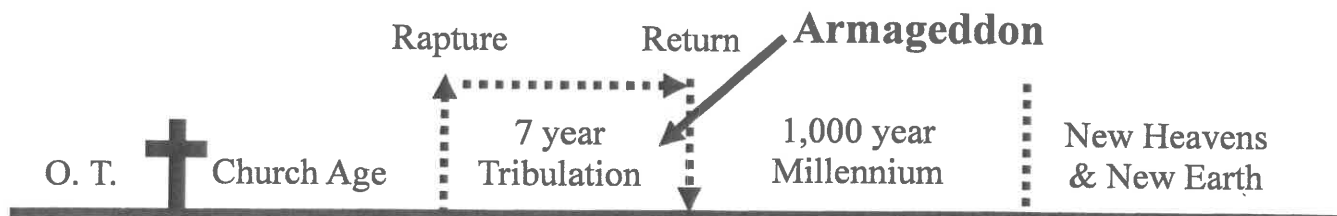
**2. Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance (12:10-13:1-9)**

Zechariah 12:1 The burden of the word of the Lord concerning Israel. Thus declares the Lord who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

**“burden”**

## “Israel”

2 “Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. 3 “It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.



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“in that day” - Rev. 16:13-16

“all the peoples” - “all the nations of the earth”

Zechariah 14:2–3 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

**“I will”**

Yahweh will gather all the nations to do battle against Israel for battle.

Isaiah 45:7 The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these.

**“cup that causes reeling”**

**“heavy stone”**

Revelation 17:6 And I saw the woman ***drunk*** with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.

4 “In that day,” declares the Lord, “I will strike every horse with bewilderment and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

**“horses”**

5 “Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the Lord of hosts, their God.’

6 “In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.

**“fire pot” and a “flaming torch”**

7 “The Lord also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be magnified above Judah.

8 “In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. 9 “And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

1 Sam 18:7

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

**“I will”** - God Himself claims that He will bring about the salvation of His people.

**“pour out” - “the Spirit”**

**The Holy Spirit is described in two ways.**

Spirit of **“grace”**

Spirit of **“supplication”**

**“look on”** - Num. 21:9

11 “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

2 Chron 35 - This refers to the godly king Josiah was mortally wounded in a battle which brought deep grief to the nation.

12 “The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves; 13 the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves; 14 all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.

**“by itself”**

**wives “by themselves”**

**“the house of David”**

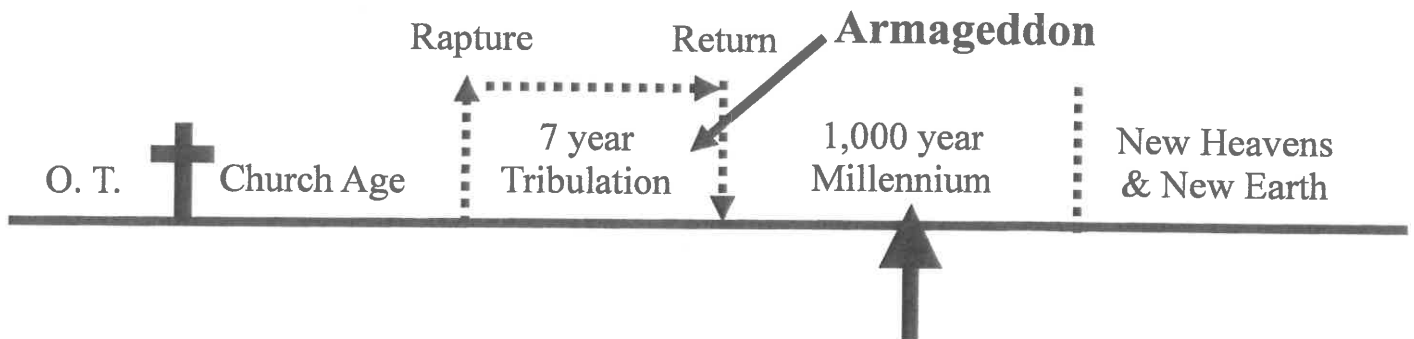
**“the house of Nathan”**  
**“the house of Levi”**  
**“the family of the Shimeites”**

Zechariah 13:1–9 “In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

**“fountain”**

**“sin” / “impurity”**

2 “It will come about in that day,” declares the Lord of hosts, “that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.



3 “And if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you have spoken falsely in the name of the Lord’; and his father and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

4 “Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a hairy robe in order to deceive; 5 but he will say, ‘I am not a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man sold me as a slave in my youth.’

6 “And one will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will say, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’

7 “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man, My Associate,” Declares the Lord of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand against the little ones.

**“the man”**

**“My Associate”** (partner)

8 “It will come about in **all the land**,” Declares the Lord, “That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.

9 “And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’ ”

## Israel must be saved or the return of Jesus

Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Guide

1. Look again at Isaiah 45:7. If God can't sin, how does He create "calamity?" See Romans 1 for a clue.
2. What does our text say about the elimination of the Jews?
3. How does Zechariah 13 reveal the steps of true salvation?
4. Reexamine Zech. 13:3-6 and discuss what these verses teach us about our attitude of false teachers?
5. Which part of today's sermon is most significant as it relates to Israel's current war?



**ANSWERS:** physical, spiritual, lie