

# The Gospel of Zechariah

Zechariah 13:2-9



# Redemptive History





# Darius: Chronology of the Persian Period<sup>1</sup>

Persian King	Dates	Biblical Correlation	Context
Cyrus	539-530	<b>Declaration of Cyrus</b> (539) Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	Stirred up to rebuild the temple
Cambyses	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	Discouraged and afraid to rebuild
<b>Darius I</b>	522-486	Haggai and <b>Zechariah</b> prophecy (520) <b>Zechariah</b> prophecy (518) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6)	Rebuilding of the Temple begins again
Xerxes	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	
Artaxerxes I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	

1. Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament, John H. Walton, 1994, p. 70



# Gospel of Zechariah (Themes)

Call to repentance

**Return of YHWH**

Restoration of the temple

**The coming of the branch**

Coming judgement on the nations

**Day of the Lord**



## Zechariah 13:2-9

**13<sup>2</sup>** “And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness. **13<sup>3</sup>** And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

**13<sup>4</sup>** “On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive, **13<sup>5</sup>** but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’ **13<sup>6</sup>** And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’



## Zechariah 13:2-9

**13<sup>7</sup>** “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,  
against the man who stands next to me,”

declares the LORD of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;  
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

**13<sup>8</sup>** In the whole land, declares the LORD,  
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,  
and one third shall be left alive.  
and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”



## Zechariah 13:2-9

**13<sup>9</sup>** And I will put this third into the fire,  
and refine them as one refines silver,  
and test them as gold is tested.  
They will call upon my name,  
and I will answer them.  
I will say, 'They are my people';  
and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"



# names

- 13<sup>1</sup> - fountain
  - ...cleanse...from sin and uncleanness
- on that day
  - the already and not yet
- cleansing
  - cut off - idols
    - name something
    - give identity
    - give life
  - remove - prophets (false)
  - remove - spirit of uncleanness
    - contrast with Holy Spirit (12<sup>10</sup>) [next]

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(Zechariah 13:2 ESV)





## names

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

(Zechariah 12:10 ESV)

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(Zechariah 13:2 ESV)



# pierce him

- prophecies
  - false prophecy
  - lies
  - in the name of Yahweh
- father and mother
  - pierce him
  - Deuteronomy 13:6-11 [next]

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(Zechariah 13:3 ESV)



## pierce him

- “If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which neither you nor your fathers have known, some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him. But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you. (Deuteronomy 13:6-11 ESV)

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# pierce him

- pierce him
  - Deuteronomy 13 - stone
  - contrast to piercing of Yahweh

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# ashamed

- on that day
- every prophet
- ashamed
  - unaccepted by a cleansed people
- hairy cloak
  - They answered him, “He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist.” And he said, “It is Elijah the Tishbite.” (2 Kings 1:8 ESV)
  - prophet’s uniform
- deceive
  - false prophet

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(Zechariah 13:4 ESV)



# no prophet

- no prophet
  - farmer
  - servant
- wounds
  - fighting with friends
  - pagan practices
  - prophets of Baal
  - And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. (1 Kings 18:28 ESV)

**13<sup>5</sup>** but he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.' **13<sup>6</sup>** And if one asks him, 'What are these wounds on your back?' he will say, 'The wounds I received in the house of my friends.'

(Zechariah 13:5-6 ESV)



# application

- moral, civil, and ceremonial
  - civil and ceremonial - fulfilled in Christ
  - moral - 10 commandments
- 3 uses of the law
  - reveals the character of God (mirror)
  - restraint against sin
  - reveals what is pleasing to God
- Zechariah 13:2-6
  - picture of the law fulfilled



# against my shepherd

- awake
  - Yahweh acts
- my shepherd
  - man...next to me
- Yahweh of hosts
  - might and power
- strike the shepherd
  - Will of Yahweh - Isaiah 53:10a [next]
  - Peter's denial - Matthew 26:30-34 [next]

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“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;  
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

(Zechariah 13:7 ESV)





## against my shepherd

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
(Isaiah 53:10a ESV)

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”  
(Matthew 26:31-34 ESV)

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# against my shepherd

- turn my hand
  - against the little ones

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## one third

- cut off
  - like the idols
  - two thirds
- left alive
  - remnant
  - one third
- Yahweh is my God

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two thirds shall be cut off and perish,

and one third shall be left alive.

and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

(Zechariah 13:8 ESV)



# into the fire

- into the fire
  - Yawheh will do it
- refine and test
  - like a craftsmen
- chiastic (they, I, I, they)
  - my name
  - answer them
  - they are my people
  - Yahweh is my God

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and refine them as one refines silver,

and test them as gold is tested.

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I will say, ‘They are my people’;

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(Zechariah 13:9 ESV)



# application

- suffering
- unity
- the already
- and the not yet
- 1 Corinthians 13 [next]



# application

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13 ESV)