

Zechariah 13-14.

The Day of the Lord.

Is there a time when your car has been super dirty? What does it feel like to get it clean after that?

Read Zechariah 13:1-6

1. In Zechariah, we've already seen someone cleansed (Joshua the High Priest in ch. 3). In 13:1, what is it that the people can now be cleansed of?

2. Prophetically, "a fountain" is provided for cleansing. But what does the sign point to? Or, how are people actually cleansed of sin & iniquity? See also Hebrews 9:14.

Read Zechariah 13:7-14:7

3. Who do you think "the shepherd" of these verses is? See also Matthew 26:31.

4. In verses 7 & 8, is being "struck" a good thing, or a bad thing?

Why do you think 'the shepherd' needed to be struck?

5. In 14:2-3, the nations are gathered to fight against Jerusalem, as an act of judgment on The Day of the Lord. Does God endorse *all* of their behavior? (Think about verse 3).

6. How does God provide for salvation in 13:8-9 and 14:4-5?

7. What happens at the end of verse 5 to put an end to all the chaos?

8. How does this Old Testament 'Joshua/Jesus' prepare us for the New Testament Jesus?

Read Zechariah 14:8-21.

9. 'The Arabah' (mentioned in verse 10) is a very desolate place. In the language of judgment, God speaks of making all of the land like this. But in the midst of judgement, will His special city be OK?

Read Revelation 21:1-6.

10. If Revelation shows us a picture of a *spiritual, holy Jerusalem*—prepared by God—as the ultimate blessed city; how does that help us to interpret the promises we find in Zechariah regarding the city of Jerusalem? Do you think they're supposed to be read on to the current city of Jerusalem, or do Christians look for something bigger?

Implications and reflection.

11. If God is going to overhaul His kingdom, His people and His city in this way, how should that affect the way that we live our lives now?

12. What's one thing you've taken away from the book of Zechariah?