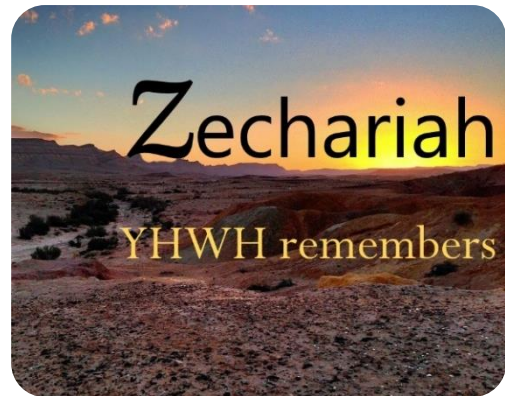


# ZECHARIAH 12 vs 1

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Zechariah wrote around 500BC, when roughly 50,000 -- about 10% of the population of the **House of Judah** in captivity... returned to Jerusalem, to rebuild the desolate region in advance of Messiah's first coming. Most of Judah had grown comfortable in their new home of Babylon... where they lived for the next several centuries, having rejected the Torah of Moses. In the preface to this chapter... Matthew Henry commented: The apostle distinguishes between "Jerusalem which is now; and is in bondage with her children" -- the house of Judah that rejected the Christ, and "Jerusalem that is above, that is free, the mother of us all" -- **Galatians 4:25**.



The prophet mentions Jerusalem 42 times -- half of those times are in this and the last chapters -- earlier he said, Jerusalem will be called a city of truth -- tragically this city of David will rise to that tribute, only when Messiah comes again to complete the 3 days still on His calendar, 3 days equal to Passover and Pentecost. Clearly this chapter identifies **the 6<sup>th</sup> great day belonging to the Lord**, to be fulfilled by something the Messiah does; apart from Jesus, those very important days have no meaning. Moses told us about them in **Leviticus 23**.

**<sup>1</sup> The burden of the word of the LORD for **Israel** -- for **those ruled by God**, says the LORD, who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him / this chapter speaks mostly to the Jewish people in Jerusalem** who are also from their father Israel. How did Zechariah know **the heavens were expanding**? Well, the Creator told him. That was only verified by modern astronomical devices less than 100 years ago. The creative Lord who has an army of resources at His command, asks Zechariah to look around and affirm His handiwork. Israel, does not mean the state in the middle east. The **house of Israel** was led by Ephraim -- Joseph's ½ Egyptian son who received all the birthright promises given to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Ephraim. **Ephraim and his brother Manasseh were both given promises Ephraim would become a community of nations, and Manasseh would become a great nation; both at the center of the earth.** They were to be a blessing to the world. Neither Ephraim nor Manasseh were Jewish. Prophet Isaiah last **saw Ephraim in the islands**.

**<sup>2</sup> Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling** / Jerusalem will be a cup that sets the nations reeling. We see worthless world-institutions such as the EU -- that fragmented Europe, thinking they could emulate America while hoping to forget its exceptionalism: born in the blood of those who rejected roman tyranny. The United Nations = another roman institution of criminals that unites nothing ... its Jesuit projects crash on themselves as the world will enter a final period of violence, and once started it will end ugly. The godless do not comprehend the awesome God of the People of the Book; who will rise up in total revolt to the thugs and thieves who plotted in darkness, while they fulfill what the prophets announced in the bright light of the Lord: **in this chapter we learn 6 details about this day:**

**I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the surrounding nations; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it is also against **Judah**.**

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<sup>3</sup> **On that day,** I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples, and all who try to move it will injure themselves, though all the nations of the earth be gathered together against it / an immovable rock for all nations; God will use Jerusalem as a hook to grab the nations; no exception like the local town drunks in competition one after another; they will have one enormous hernia; it won't matter how many take on Jerusalem; they will all be injured, limping about 1 or 2 steps before they drop dead.



<sup>4</sup> **On that day,** says the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness, and I will keep My watchful eye on the House of Judah / as her citizens use their 15 seconds wisely to find shelter; whatever rapid military assault takes place, their best will be like second-rate foolish terrorists banging their heads against a brick wall: did some start singing a Song of Ascents, [Our help comes from the Lord: pray for the peace of Jerusalem, may those who love you prosper](#) – all the Psalms from 120 – 134; it makes you hope that the mama's of Jerusalem taught their children to sing, doesn't it? If you don't know any joyous song of David, then start here: [Psalm 150](#),

**and will strike every horse of the nations with blindness** / so: The Lord is ready to teach every nation a simple lesson: stop horsing around with God's Jerusalem; every attack will be answered.

<sup>5</sup> **And the leaders of Judah** will say in their heart, **The residents of Jerusalem are strong because the LORD of hosts is their God** / and don't you hear the Lord shout **Finally!** someone down there knows I meant what I said: [it's not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit](#).

<sup>6</sup> **On that day,** I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood, and like a torch of fire among sheaves; and they will devour all the surrounding nations, on the right and on the left: and Jerusalem will be inhabited again, even in her own places in Jerusalem.

<sup>7</sup> **The LORD will also give victory to the tents of Judah first in order, that the glory of the house of David** / king David is mentioned in the Bible 1139 times; Jesus, 983 times; Moses, 849 times; and Abraham, 250 times. So, who is David? We learn: God found this one to rule over His people. Because David was a man after God's own heart – David, on the front lines pursued God. David wanted to know why God was the way He was; and why [His goodness and mercies followed him all the days of his life](#) -- [Psalm 23](#); [1 Samuel 13:14](#); [Acts 13:22](#). Obviously, the Lord God looks for men and women like David -- courageous to the core. God isn't looking for pretenders who spend their time hiding in Judah's shelters.

**The LORD will also give victory to the tents of Judah first in order, that the glory of the house of David; and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not themselves brag over Judah** / so, nobody gets to brag, not the govt nor Mossad, or Aman, or IDF can boast they pulled this off; the ordinary families of Judah did their part; the Lord used them to make the victory happen.

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**<sup>8</sup> On that day,** the LORD will defend the residents of Jerusalem; and even the weakest among them that day will be like David; and the house of David will be like God, as the angel of the LORD before them / the events of this day will cause all to step up; from the seemingly insignificant to the big names; it will be a terrible day, a bloody day, **the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the Lord**.

**<sup>9</sup> On that day,** it will happen, I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem / behind the scenes He works.

**<sup>10</sup> And I will pour on the house of David, and on the residents of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of prayer** / and in their fierce battle as horrors mount do they sense God's grace? With His grace there will be peace; an outpouring of His gracious spirit enabling them to call Him Abba Father:

and they will look on Me whom they pierced, and they will mourn as one mourns for his only son and they will weep bitterly for Him, as one bitterly weeping for his firstborn. / Wow! the Lord of glory will again come to Jerusalem; just imagine? Why did they not know Proverbs 30: [Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name?](#) Surely you know.

**<sup>11</sup> On that day,** there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo / the mourning will be great; all had part in the reason for God's anger; **and it is over after all these millennia, after the prophets warned, the great battle is history.**

**<sup>12</sup> And the earth** 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 / every family, there won't be many; all will recognize they contributed to the guilt; so they share in the grief. Who can imagine? it was Armageddon – mother of all battles. Many will not return. Is this why: [seven women will take hold of one man... in that day](#) – **Isaiah 4.**

The prophet Daniel, greatly loved by God, said: [many will be whitened and brightened and purified](#)... which required much courage as the Lord turned up the heat... on each individual who had come to Jerusalem;

**<sup>13</sup> The family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;**

**<sup>14</sup> All the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.**

These 3 verses represent the prominent and ordinary families who survived the assault on Jerusalem, that touched the whole world; they all will welcome Messiah who was rejected when He came the first time.

**His name is Yeshua!** He will **save** His people.

