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The Book of ZECHARIAH  
Zech. 12:1-14

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11 **In that day** shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

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Zech. 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

- i. To Look Up at the Heavens, 12:1a –  
“...which stretcheth forth the heavens...”
- ii. To Look Around at the Hills, 12:1b –  
“...and layeth the foundation of the earth...”
- iii. To Look Within the Heart, 12:1c –  
“...and formeth the spirit of man within him.”

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### Four Options for Creation

- 1) The universe has always existed. The eternality of the matter is a violation of the *Second Law of Thermodynamics* (entropy.)
- 2) The universe evolved naturally from nothing. Through a “Big Bang” or “something,” the universe appeared, and is a violation of the *First Law of Thermodynamics*, also known as *the Law of Conservation of Matter and Energy* – matter and energy cannot be created or destroyed naturally.
- 3) The universe is an illusion, and not really here. There is no science, nor objective truth. You are the originator of your existence, and nothing truly exists apart from what you imagine.
- 4) The universe was created out of nothing, supernaturally and miraculously, by a Supreme Intelligence that is Self-Existing. God is the Creator of the universe for His glory, Isa. 43:7. The Creator will hold each individual accountable regarding a personal relationship with Him.

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### b. What the Nations Find, 12:2-3

Zech. 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

(1) Something That Makes Them Tremble, 12:2

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Psa. 75:8 For **in the hand of the LORD *there is a cup***, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, **all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.**

Isa. 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, **O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury**; thou hast drunken the dregs of **the cup of trembling**, *and wrung them out.*

...

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand **the cup of trembling**, *even* the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

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Jer. 25:15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take **the wine cup of this fury** at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them.

17 Then took I **the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink**, unto whom the LORD had sent me: ...

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take **the cup** at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink.**

Ezek. 23:33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with **the cup of astonishment and desolation**, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

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Rev. 14:10 The same shall **drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev. 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her **the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

(2) Something That Gives Them  
Trouble, 12:3

Zech. 12:3 And **in that day** will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Dan. 2:44-45

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Zech. 14:2 For **I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle**; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

### Joel 3:9-16

Rev. 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

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c. What the Nations Face, 12:4-9

(1) Their Forces Are Incapacitated, 12:4-5

Zech. 12:4 **In that day**, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

Deut. 28:28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

Jud. 5:22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones. **...Major Message**

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Psa. 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psa. 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

Zech. 12:5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

Neh. 8:10 "...for **the joy of the LORD is your strength.**"

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

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(2) Their Foes Are Invincible, 12:6-8

(a) Judah, 12:6-7

Zech. 12:6 **In that day** will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

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Jer. 9:23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:

24 But **let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me**, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for **in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**

1 Cor. 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. ...

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 Cor. 10:17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

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(b) Jerusalem, 12:8

Zech. 12:8 **In that day** shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

(3) Their Fate Is Inescapable, 12:9

Zech. 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* **I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.**

2. A Time of Woe, 12:10-14

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### a. Israel Convicted by the Spirit, 12:10

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

(1) Salvation, 12:10a – “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace...”

(2) Supplication, 12:10b – “...and of supplications...”

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(3) Sorrow, 12:10c – “...and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.”

Jn. 19:37 And again another scripture saith, **They shall look on him whom they pierced.**

Rev. 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him**: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

(cf. Isa. 27:9; 59:20-21; Jer. 31:31-37; Amos 9:11-15; Rom. 11:25-27; Rev. 1:7)

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### b. Israel Confessing to the Savior, 12:11-14

#### (1) The Example of Israel's Sorrow, 12:11

Zech. 12:11 **In that day** shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

#### (2) The Extent of Israel's Sorrow, 12:12-14

Zech. 12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;  
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### (a) The Highest, 12:12

Zech. 12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

### (b) The Holiest, 12:13

Zech. 12:13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

### (c) The Humblest, 12:14

Zech. 12:14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

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## **Conclusion**

Rev. 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

**Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

6 And hath made us **kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.** Even so, Amen.

8 **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

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