

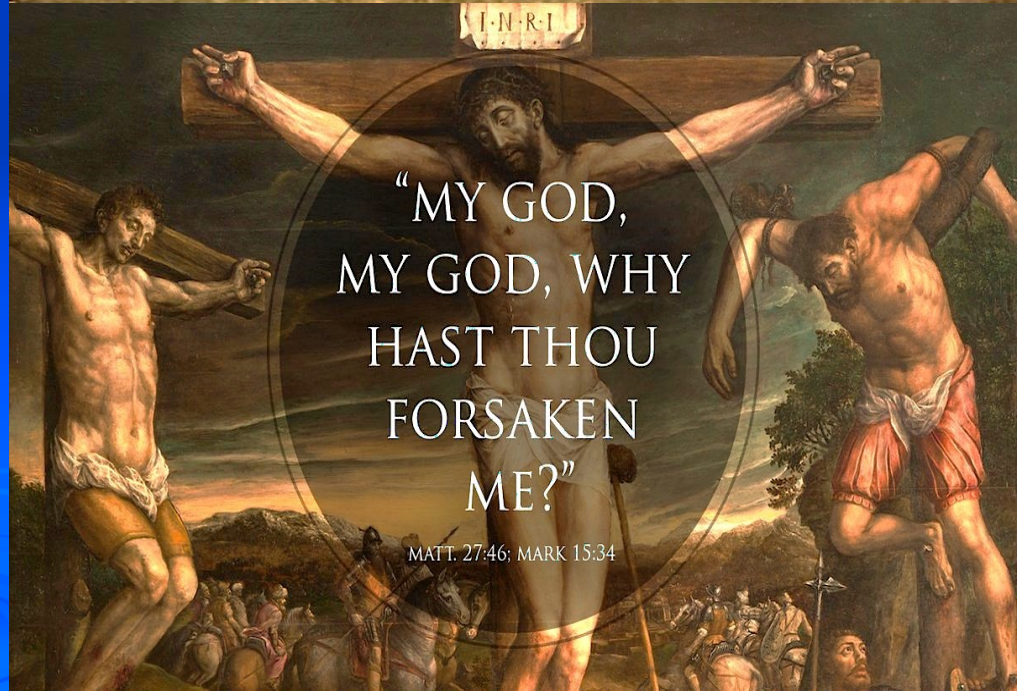


- The entire world comes against Israel
- Jerusalem is the center, most holy, most set-apart place on earth for God
- Jerusalem is the wrong place for God's foes to focus their attention
- Zechariah 12:9 the destruction of the nations

Zechariah 12:10

2 persons, not 1

- “... so they will look to Me concerning the One they have pierced...”
- JPS and RSV also see 2 individuals and not 1
- It is YHWH the people will look to because of His Son Yeshua being pierced
- House of David = government leaders



AS ONE WHO WEEPS OVER A FIRSTBORN

- As Israel begins to lose against the nations, God delivers them
- Israel will see their wrongness, and feel devastated over having rejected their Messiah for so long
- They will look to God for forgiveness
- To lose a firstborn can mean the end of the family name and bloodline



The death of Josiah at Hadad-Rimmon



- Final verses are a “Catalogue of mourners”
- The political and governing class has had a huge change of heart
- In addition to mourning over their error of rejecting Messiah, they also mourn their dead and Jerusalem’s great damages
- 2 Chronicles 35:22 - 25

MOURNING TO BE UNIVERSAL IN JERUSALEM



- *Mishpahot* = clan
- The royalty will mourn
- The women separately because they serve a particular function
- Nathan, David's prophet
- Government leaders and Prophets in mourning
- God blames leadership the most for Israel's plight
- Religious leadership gets the most blame



- There should be no separation between chapters 12 and 13; one continuous thought
- Charles Feinberg: “...continues the theme of Israel’s conversion to the Lord”
- Conversion means to become something different
- From the Church’s view, Jews can have no part in the Church as it is a gentiles-only faith

The Inquisition



- Started in the late 1100s, went on for 2 centuries
- Jews were killed for “masquerading” as Christians
- Church born in 325 A.D., Creed of Constantinople
- Apostles creed recited by millions in the Church, Catholic and Protestant

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.



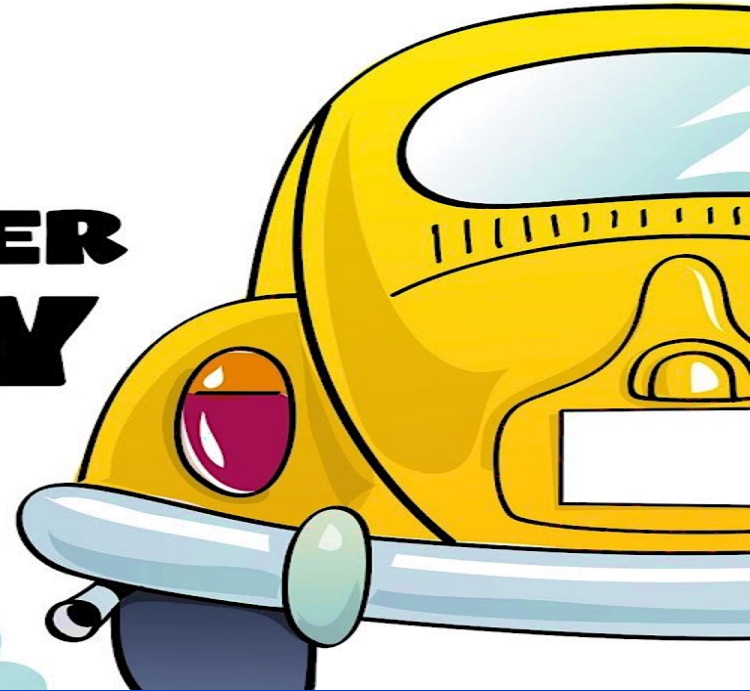
GOD PURIFIES HIS PEOPLE



- Chapter 13 deals with the impurities that were the ruin of Israel
- Israel arrived at this condition because of what we read in Jeremiah 2:9 – 13
- Israel abandoned God, created a hybrid of pagan gods, YHWH, and traditions
- They created a God of their own minds, but were sure they were doing a good thing

Does the Bible really say that?

BUMPER STICKER THEOLOGY



- We have every means to know truth, and every opportunity to turn away from false institutions
- Yeshua was honest about the cost of following the truth and not where the crowds prefer to go
- Luke 14:25 – 27
- Living water purifies, but does not atone
- Blood atones, but does not purify. Both are needed.