

# A Fountain for Sin

## Introduction

### Scripture Reading: Zechariah 13:1-9

1. Zechariah is a prophet to Israel after they come back from Babylonian captivity.
2. He tells of a day when a fountain will be opened for sin.

Zechariah 13:1 "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

## In That Day

1. There will come a day in which they will see the one that they pierced.

Zechariah 12:10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- A. The one is Jesus.  
**John 19:31-34**

2. Not only does Zechariah point out that a "fountain will be opened" but that the "idols" will also be cut off.

Zechariah 13:2 "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.

### **3. It is further prophesied that they will strike the shepherd.**

Zechariah 13:7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

#### **A. Once again, this shepherd is Jesus.**

Matthew 26:31 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED.'

## **A Fountain of Blood**

- 1. The fountain of blood is not animal blood – it is something more.**  
**Hebrews 10:1-4**
- 2. The fountain of blood would flow from God's holy Son, Jesus.**  
**Hebrews 9:12-14**
- 3. This is important because we learn and know that it is only Jesus' blood that redeems us from sin.**

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

#### **4. Only the blood of Jesus washes, cleanses, and reconciles us.**

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

#### **Colossians 1:19-21**

### **Our Obligations**

1. **God shows mercy toward us. He gave us the best, the perfect, His only begotten Son to die for us!**
  - A. **Therefore, if we want to go to heaven, to live eternally with our Lord and Savior, we are obligated to.....**
2. **Be a living sacrifice in our daily life for Him.**  
**Romans 12:1-2**
3. **Live fully and completely for Him daily.**  
**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

#### **4. Serve Him and Follow Him (following in His steps) daily.**

Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

##### **A. To "take up his cross" means:**

- 1) Embracing and accepting the challenges, burdens, and sacrifices that come with following Jesus Christ.**
- 2) A total commitment and dedication to living a life of faith, obedience, and selflessness.**
- 3) Choosing to deny our own self-will and lusts when tempted.**
- 4) Associating with Christ and sharing His rejection, even in the face of persecution.**

## **Conclusion**

- 1. Fulfilled prophecy is one of the proofs of God's word, and Zechariah's prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus.**
- 2. Animal blood reminded the people of their sin, but Jesus's blood was the perfect sacrifice to take away sin.**
- 3. Have you been washed in His blood? Have you been baptized to wash away your sins?**
- 4. As Ananias said to Saul (Paul), "Why are you waiting?"**

