

Zechariah 12:1-13:1

*"The Pierced Savior & the Opened Fountain"*

Intro: The 'little-known' sufferings of Christ

-Christ's sufferings on the cross: Sufferings that involved every part of His body.

-All of Christ's physical sufferings: Pale in comparison with suffering the wrath of God against the sins of His people.

-A powerful reminder: Jesus came into the world knowing that the awful words found in Zechariah chapters 12 and 13 would be fulfilled in His death on the cross.

\*We must marvel at the \_\_\_\_\_ for cleansing through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Incarnate Son of God and the final \_\_\_\_\_ of His people when their \_\_\_\_\_ are destroyed.

-Chapter 12 verse 1: The second time in which Zechariah 'felt the weight' of the message he was to proclaim.

-The mention of God's creation of the heavens, earth, and man: A reminder that the Almighty God doesn't have any problem doing what He declares He will do.

-Those who believe that 'Jerusalem' refers to the literal, physical city: Usually look forward to a future time of national repentance just before the second coming of Christ.

-Those who believe that 'Jerusalem' refers to the heavenly city or the church of Jesus Christ: Usually believe that verse 10 refers to our church age in general.

-"On that day": Can refer to the day in which a sinner is justified in the sight of God or the day in which God's people are glorified in His presence.

-God's people: Likened to a 'cup of staggering,' a 'heavy stone,' a 'blazing pot, and a 'flaming torch.'

-The return of the Lord Jesus Christ: Ushers in destruction, wrath, and condemnation for those who are unbelievers.

-Apart from the Holy Spirit's work of grace in a sinner's heart: No sinner will look in faith to the cross-work of the Savior.

-Personal Application: