

Zechariah 12:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart (כל המשפחות הנשארות משפחות משפחות בלבד ונשיהם בלבד)—after specifying leadership (David, Nathan, Levi, Shimei), Zechariah adds 'all remaining families,' making clear that every clan, every household participates. No one is excluded from either guilt or repentance. Nish'ar (remain) might emphasize the remnant concept—those who survive tribulation to enter Messiah's kingdom.

The seven-fold repetition of "**apart**" (levad) in verses 12-14 stresses individuality of repentance. Even in corporate mourning, each person must personally acknowledge sin. This isn't mass hysteria but genuine conviction where every family and individual comes under conviction. It pictures Acts 2:37: "**They were pricked in their heart, and said...What shall we do?**" This prepares for 13:1's promise: "**In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness**"—comprehensive cleansing through Messiah's blood.

Historical Context

This panoramic mourning involves all Israel—not just first-century crucifiers but the nation corporately recognizing their Messiah. Romans 11:26 promises: "**And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.**" Zechariah

12:10-14 describes how that salvation comes: through recognition, mourning, and repentance.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What does universal participation ('all families') teach about collective responsibility for sin?
2. How does personal mourning ('every family apart') relate to corporate repentance movements?
3. When have you experienced this combination of individual and corporate recognition of sin and need for cleansing?

Interlinear Text

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