

# Zechariah 13

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## Cleansing from Sin

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.
- <sup>3</sup> And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.
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- <sup>4</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:
- <sup>5</sup> But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.
- <sup>6</sup> And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.
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## The Shepherd Struck

- <sup>7</sup> Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

<sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

<sup>9</sup> And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Repent — שׁוּב / נָחַם (Shuv / Nacham)

To turn back, relent

The Hebrew **shuv** (שׁוּב) means to turn or return—a physical turning that represents spiritual redirection back to God. **Nacham** (נָחַם) conveys grief or relenting, often used of God 'repenting' of judgment.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

### Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

### Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Zechariah 13:1** **Sin:** Psalms 51:2; John 1:29; 1 John 1:7. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 51:7; Jeremiah 17:13; Ezekiel 36:25; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 1:19; 1 John 5:6. **References**  
**Jerusalem:** Zechariah 12:3

**Zechariah 13:2** **Spirit:** 1 Kings 22:22. **Parallel theme:** Exodus 23:13; Psalms 16:4; Isaiah 2:18; 2:20; Ezekiel 36:25; Hosea 2:17. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 29:23; Ezekiel 30:13.  
**Prophecy:** Revelation 19:20

**Zechariah 13:3** **Prophecy:** Deuteronomy 18:20; Jeremiah 23:34; Ezekiel 14:9. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:37

### **Zechariah 13:4**

**Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 1:8; Isaiah 20:2; Jeremiah 6:15; Matthew 3:4; Mark 1:6. **Prophecy:** Revelation 11:3

**Zechariah 13:5** **Prophecy:** Amos 7:14

**Zechariah 13:7** **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 11:7; Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 37:24; Micah 5:2; Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27; 14:50; John 16:32. **References Lord:** Revelation 1:8. **Word:** Jeremiah 47:6

### **Zechariah 13:8**

**Parallel theme:** Isaiah 6:13; 66:24; Ezekiel 5:12; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 22:7; Revelation 16:19. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 30:11; Malachi 3:5; Mark 13:20

**Zechariah 13:9** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:15; 91:15; Isaiah 43:2; 48:10; 1 Peter 4:12. **References Lord:** Acts 2:21; James 1:12. **References God:** Zechariah 10:6; Jeremiah 30:22; Revelation 21:7