

A Fountain Filled with Blood

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**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.**

Zechariah 13:1

What day is this?

- A. It is not a literal, 24-hour day. It is an era – gospel era of the N.T. of Jesus Christ, which Paul taught us (II Cor 6:1-2; Isaiah 49:8; 61:2; Psalm 95:7; Heb 3:13; 4:7; Luke 19:42).
- B. Preceding context told us ... Zechariah 12:10 is quoted about Jesus in Revelation 1:7.
- C. Preceding context told us ... Zechariah 11:13 is quoted about Jesus in Matthew 27:3-10.
- D. Following context tells us ... Zechariah 13:7 is quoted by Jesus in Matthew 26:31,56.
- E. Following context tells us ... Zechariah 14:1-2 of the often promised events of 70 A.D.
- F. When was a solution to sin and uncleanness of Israel found? Gospel era of Jesus Christ!
- G. That day is now – during the time you live – which began with John Baptist and Jesus.

What is a fountain?

- A. A fountain is a rushing or streaming flow of liquid that shoots up or out under pressure.
- B. It is here a metaphor for flowing liquid with cleansing power to wash away men's sins.
- C. It had not yet been opened, but it would be in the future, in the gospel era of Jesus Christ.
- D. The Jews had ceremonial washings of all kinds for purification from sin (Hebrews 9:10; Exodus 29:4; 30:19-21; 40:12; Numbers 8:7; 19:1-22; Leviticus 14:8-9; 17:15-16).
- E. The O.T. washings were imposed on Israel and could not cleanse (Heb 9:10; 10:1-3).
- F. The text ignored Israel's then cleansing ordinances, so it can only be the Christ solution.
- G. The fountain has been opened for almost 2000 years since the apostolic times for you.

Who is the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

- A. They are Christians without distinction of Jews or Gentiles in the N.T. Christian era.
- B. Many O.T. prophecies describe Gentiles as included, but the N.T. clearly confirms it.
- C. James to Jerusalem council declared Gentile converts David's house (Acts 15:12-18).
- D. Paul combined Jews and Gentiles in the church (Rom 1:15-17; 15:8-12; Gal 3:26-29).
- E. Paul limited Jerusalem to that above, not one here (Gal 4:21-31; Heb 12:22-24; 13:14).

- F. Gentiles were grafted into Israel without former division (Rom 11:12-16; Eph 2:11-22).
- G. You are as much a part of the house of David and an inhabitant of Jerusalem as any Jew.

What is the fountain for?

- A. It is to wash away all the sins and iniquities of the elect children of God indicated here.
- B. It is a fountain because it is pressurized liquid to cleanse and purge sin away powerfully.
- C. Sin = sin, and uncleanness is all the filth of sin that must be washed from these persons.
- D. Eliphaz described our dirtiness in Job 15:14-16, *What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?*
- E. Job himself answered God after meeting Him in Job 40:4, *Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.*
- F. David described our filthiness in Psalm 14:1-3, *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*
- G. The prophet Isaiah cried out in fear when he saw God's holiness in Isaiah 6:5, *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*
- H. According to the angel revealing things to John in Revelation 22:11, *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*
- I. You desperately need washing, or holy GOD Jehovah must torment you in hell forever.
- J. Baptism does not put away the sinful filth of our flesh, for it was never intended to do so and its water has no such power, and it is far too late anyway after Jesus shed His blood for sins and we heard the gospel to know what He did for us at Calvary (I Peter 3:21), but baptism does figuratively and symbolically wash our sins away (Acts 22:16).
- K. The true gospel, telling us about the sprinkling of His blood to make our consciences free and good, and the washing of our bodies in baptism by symbolically picturing our Lord, take the old ordinances of Moses and give them new meanings (Heb 10:19-22).

What is the real meaning of the verse?

- A. In the time determined, God sent His Son to die, and His blood washes all our sins away.
- B. Revelation 1:4-6 says so, *John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- C. Hebrews 1:1-3 says so, *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*
- D. An elder explained about some in heaven to John in Revelation 7:13-14, *And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*
- E. Paul described the sinners that made up the Corinthian church in I Corinthians 6:11, *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*
- F. John summarized the life of a Christian in I John 1:7, *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
- G. 2000 years ago, God sent Jesus, the Lamb of God, to wash our sins away by His blood.

We have a song about a fountain filled with blood.

- A. William Cowper (1731-1800), may be pronounced like Cooper, did indeed write one.
- B. This man had horrible depressions, even being committed to asylums for long periods of time and trying multiple times to take his own life, in spite of his friend John Newton.
- C. It is found in our Old School Hymnal (#124) and our Trinity Hymnal (#253), both of which have five verses. Lowell Mason wrote the well-known music for it in 1830.
- D. The title of the song given to it by Mr. Cowper was, *Praise For The Fountain Opened*, which uses two of the terms from our text, indicating the source of his lyrical inspiration.
- E. Note how verses 1-2 are in the third person about the fountain and blood of the Lamb.

***There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.***

*The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*

F. Then note, as it should be, doctrine becomes personal love, praise, and worship in the second person, spoken directly to the Lamb of God whose blood supplies that fountain.

*Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more,
Be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God,
Be saved to sin no more.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.*

*When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,*

*I'll sing Thy power to save:
I'll sing Thy power to save,
I'll sing Thy power to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save.*

G. He wrote two other verses, also in the second person, that are rarely found in any book, but they gloriously mention honoring the Son to the Father and not any other name but His.

*Lord, I believe thou hast prepared
(Unworthy though I be),
For me a blood-bought, free reward,
A golden harp for me:
A golden harp for me,
A golden harp for me;
For me a blood-bought, free reward,
A golden harp for me.*

*Tis strung and tuned for endless years,
And formed by pow'r divine,
To sound in God the Father's ears,
No other name but thine:
No other name but thine,
No other name but thine;
To sound in God the Father's ears,
No other name but thine.*

For great joy ... think of this fountain filled with blood for elect vile sinners.

- A. *When Abel was murdered by a brother's hands ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.
- B. *When Lot died as a vexed and vilely guilty man ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.
- C. *When Jacob on a deathbed reviewed bad sons ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.
- D. *When dying David knew his family had failed ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.
- E. *When Isaiah cried in fear for his filthy speech ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.
- F. *When vile Manasseh humbled himself greatly ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.
- G. *When beggar Lazarus fought for his last breath ...* the fountain must be filled with blood.

- H. *When Mary Magdalene was insane with devils ... the fountain must be filled with blood.*
- I. *When Jesus told two sisters Lazarus would rise ... the fountain must be filled with blood.*
- J. *When Peter wept as Jesus turned to look at him ... the fountain must be filled with blood.*
- K. *When the thief told his mate he deserved death ... the fountain must be filled with blood.*
- L. *When Jesus died shaking earth and tearing veil ... it was to fill the fountain with blood.*
- M. *When Jesus rose and ascended up to His throne ... it was to fill the fountain with blood.*
- N. *When two from Emmaus doubted about events ... there was a fountain filled with blood.*
- O. *When 3000 at Pentecost knew they killed Christ ... there was a fountain filled with blood.*
- P. *When Stephen kneeled down to die by stoning ... there was a fountain filled with blood.*
- Q. *When Cornelius begged Peter for gospel hope ... there was a fountain filled with blood.*
- R. *When Gentiles asked Paul if any grace for them ... there was a fountain filled with blood.*
- S. *When a terrified jailor thought suicide the best ... there was a fountain filled with blood.*
- T. *When your sins and Satan assail your poor soul ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*
- U. *The seven baptized yesterday did so in great faith ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*
- V. *We have committed to live and die in our Lord for ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*
- W. *When you watch a loved one depart from this life ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*
- X. *When you are told you will never leave your bed ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*
- Y. *When you stand before God judged by His books ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*
- Z. *When you see many perish but you declared a son ... there is a fountain filled with blood.*

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