

"God's Final Words in the OT"

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Thirty-seven of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament had been written when Zechariah began his work as a prophet. What had God not reveal to His chosen nation? What more needed to be said before the close of that part of the Bible? The answer to these questions emphasizes the importance of the words of this prophet.

In the final three chapters of Zechariah, God's messenger looks to the future to show the Jews that God had some remarkable actions He would take in the New Testament age. It is obvious that these chapters are Messianic because in them God affirms the deity of

Jesus and the fact that He would be pierced. "Then they will look on Me whom they have pierced" (Zech. 12:10). Do not overlook the importance of the use of the word "Me" in this prophecy. When that soldier pierced the side of Jesus, he likely did not realize he was fulfilling a prophecy made over 500 years earlier about God being pierced, but John quotes Zechariah's words as being fulfilled by that action (John 19:34, 37).

This same verse in Zechariah speaks of Pentecost. "I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication." Joel is not the only OT prophet who foretold the outpouring of the Spirit.

In chapter thirteen, the Messianic aspect of God's final words to the Jews is seen even more clearly. "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1). One cannot read the New Testament without knowing who that Fountain is. Peter said, "You were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19). The last book of the New Testament describes those who had washed their robes white and made them clean in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:15). Before God closed the Old Testament, He wanted the Jews to know that someday full redemption would come from the Fountain opened in Jerusalem.

God was just about finished with the writing of the Old Testament prophets. When the final two books were finished, God would stop sending prophets to the Jews for the next 400+ years! For two thousand years that had been prophets, but when Zechariah penned his words all OT prophecy was about to end. Yet, God wanted them to know that the time would come when there would be New Testament prophets to reveal His plan for all mankind. The remarkable thing is that even as He foretold the coming of more prophets, He foretold there would be a day when, having finished their works, there would be no more prophets. "It shall be in that day...I will also cause the prophets ...to depart from the land" (Zech. 13:2).



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nov.

"Surely He has
borne our griefs and
carried our
sorrows."

Isaiah 53:4

21st

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM.....The Tears of Jesus
PM.....The Praying Son of God

Men to Serve

Announcements.....
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatrick
Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Secret Sister will draw names this Wednesday and the party will be Dec 19th after second service.
- Today is the last day to turn in questions for next weeks Q&A sermon.
- If you have other announcements to be added to next week's bulletin, please give them to Corey.

Nov 25th – Thanksgiving
Dec 5th – First Sunday Fellowship

Records

Sunday AM..... Wednesday PM.....N/A
Sunday PM..... Contribution.....N/A

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams
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Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright
- Kyle Shavers
- Danny Roberts
- The Walter's family
- Steve Martinka
- Shawn Gunter
- Susan Golden
- Kyle Tantillo
- Donna Melton
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