

# Zechariah 13:1-6

13:1 – **“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.**

3427 [e]	1732 [e]	1004 [e]	6605 [e]	4726 [e]	1961 [e]	1931 [e]	3117 [e]
u·lə-yo·šə-bê	dā-wīd	lə-bêt	nip-tah,	mā-qo·wr	yih·yeh	ha·hū,	bay-yō·wm
וְלִישְׁבֵי	דָּוִד	לְבֵית	נִפְתָּח	מְקוֹר	יִהְיֶה	הַהוּא	בַּיּוֹם
for the inhabitants	of David	for the house	opened	a fountain	shall be	that	In day
Conj-w, Prep-I   V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc	N-proper-ms	Prep-I   N-msc	V-Nifal-Prtcpl-ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Art   Pro-3ms	Prep-b, Art   N-ms

5079 [e]	2403 [e]	3389 [e]
ū·lə-nid·dāh.	lə·ḥaṭ·tat	yə·rū·šā·lim;
וְלִנְדָּה:	לְחַטָּאת	יְרוּשָׁלַם
for uncleanness	for sin	of Jerusalem
Conj-w, Prep-I   N-fs	Prep-I   N-fsc	N-proper-fs

1. “On that day” here and the two other times in chapter 13 connect these verses to same day.
2. “a fountain opened”
3. It is for the house of David and everyone mentioned previously, or all of Israel.
4. Cleanse from:
  - a. “sin” – *hattat* – means missing the standard and is most frequent words for sins in OT
  - b. “uncleanness” – *niddah* focuses on the outcome of sin. For example, the sin would make a person unclean and breach the relationship between man and God (Lev. 22:1-9; Num. 19; Ezek. 18:6; 22:10; 36:17). This man cannot approach God.
5. 1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

13:2 – **And on that day, declares the Lord of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness.**

6091 [e]	8034 [e]	853 [e]	3772 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	5002 [e]	1931 [e]	3117 [e]	1961 [e]
hā·'ā·šab·bīm	šə·mō·wṭ	'eṭ-	'aḳ·rīt	šə·bā·'ō·wṭ,	Yah·weh	nə·'um	ha·hū	bay-yō·wm	we·hā·yah
הַעֲצֻבִים	שְׁמוֹת	אֶת-	אֲכַרִּית	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	נֹאמַם	הַהוּא	בַּיּוֹם	וְהָיָה
of the idols	the names	-	[that] I will cut off	of hosts	Yahweh	says	that	in day	And it shall be
Art   N-mp	N-mpc	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs	N-cp	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Art   Pro-3ms	Prep-b, Art   N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

2932 [e]	7307 [e]	853 [e]	5030 [e]	853 [e]	1571 [e]	5750 [e]	2142 [e]	3808 [e]	776 [e]	4480 [e]
haṭ·tum·'ah	rū·aḥ	we·'eṭ-	han·ne·bi·'im	'eṭ-	we·gam	'ō·wd;	yiz·zā·kə·rū	we·lo	hā·'a·reš,	min-
הַטְּמֵאָה	רוּחַ	וְאֶת-	הַנְּבִיאִים	אֶת-	וְגַם	עוֹד	יִזְכְּרוּ	וְלֹא	הָאָרֶץ	מִן
the unclean	spirit	and	the prophets	-	and also	longer	they shall be remembered	and no	the land	from
Art   N-fs	N-csc	Conj-w   DirObjM	Art   N-mp	DirObjM	Conj-w   Conj	Adv	V-Nifal-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt	Art   N-fs	Prep

776 [e]	4480 [e]	5674 [e]
hā·'a·reš.	min-	'a·'ā·bīr
הָאָרֶץ:	מִן	אֶעְבִּיר
the land	from	I will cause to depart
Art   N-fs	Prep	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs

1. The idols, false prophets (false philosophies, etc.) that had inspired the worthless shepherds and led people into rebellion against the Lord will be dealt with severely. This is described here.
  - a. Zechariah 10:2 – “For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; they tell false dreams and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.”
  - b. Zechariah 3:9-10 – “For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, [*or, facets*] I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”
2. When all Israel has a spirit of grace and supplication poured out on them and “all Israel will be saved” there are some who remain in the newly established kingdom that need to be removed.
  - a. Romans 11:26 – “And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”
  - b. Isaiah 27:9 –
3. The first thing to establish in the Kingdom is the removal of false teaching, false worldviews.
  - a. Basically, all deception and corruption of Reality are removed
  - b. This is not censorship.
    - i. According to the ACLU: “*Censorship, the suppression of words, images, or ideas that are "offensive," happens whenever some people succeed in imposing their personal political or moral values on others. Censorship can be carried out by the government as well as private pressure groups. Censorship by the government is unconstitutional.*”
    - ii. According to Oxford Languages Dictionary: Censorship is “*the suppression or prohibition of any parts of books, films, news, etc. that are considered obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security.*”
  - c. This is the removal of deception, lies, falsehood. It is the ending of a “non-thing” since this is the removal of ideologies void of Truth and Reality.
    - i. The OT prophets called the “vain” and “empty”
    - ii. This is the cessation of empty nothings.
4. “Cut off” or “banish” is from the word *akrit* meaning “to remove, banish” but the meaning comes from the source of the Hebrew which means “to “cut”, “to cut off”, “to cut down.”
  - a. This same word is used to say “to cut a covenant”
  - b. To “cut off” the name means utter destruction or the consignment of someone to non-existence.
  - c. The idol and false teaching are consigned to non-existence since they are not real. They are a non-thing.
5. “I will remove” from *abar* meaning “to pass over, through, by, pass on” translated as “I will cause to depart.”

**13:3 – “And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the Lord.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies. “**

517 [e] we'im-mōw וְאִמּוֹ and mother Conj-w   N-fsc   3ms	1 [e] 'ā-bīw אָבִיו his father N-msc   3ms	413 [e] 'ē-lāw אֵלָיו to him Prep   3ms	559 [e] we'ā-me-rū וְאָמְרוּ then will say Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	5750 [e] 'ō-wd עוֹד still Adv	376 [e] 'iš אִישׁ anyone N-ms	5012 [e] yin-nā-bē יִנְבְּא prophesies V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	3588 [e] kī- כִּי [that] if Conj	1961 [e] we-hā-yah, וְהָיָה And it shall come to pass Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms
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1856 [e] ū-de-qā-ru-hū וְדָקְרָהוּ and shall thrust him through Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp   3ms	3068 [e] Yah-weh; יְהוָה of Yahweh N-proper-ms	8034 [e] be-šēm בְּשֵׁם in the name Prep-b   N-msc	1696 [e] dib-bar-tā דִּבַּרְתָּ you have spoken V-Piel-Perf-2ms	8267 [e] še-qer שָׁקֵר lies N-ms	3588 [e] kī כִּי because Conj	2421 [e] tīb-yeh, תִּיבְיֶה You shall live V-Qal-Imperf-2ms	3808 [e] lō לֹא not Adv-NegPrt	3205 [e] yō-le-dāw יֹלְדוֹ who begat him V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc   3ms
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5012 [e] be-hin-nā-be'ōw. בְּהִנְבְּאוֹ when he prophesies Prep-b   V-Nifal-Inf   3ms	3205 [e] yō-le-dāw יֹלְדוֹ who begat him V-Qal-Prtcpl-mpc   3ms	517 [e] we'im-mōw וְאִמּוֹ and mother Conj-w   N-fsc   3ms	1 [e] 'ā-bī-hū אָבִיהוּ his father N-msc   3ms
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1. This may be a hypothetical example, not necessarily one that will need to be practiced.
2. The word “stab” or “thrust him through” or “pierce” is the same verb used in 12:10
  - a. The Righteous One unjustly received a piercing
  - b. Now, the lying one will justly be pierced.

13:4 – **“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive,**

5012 [e] be-hin-nā-be'ō-tōw; בְּהִנְבְּאוֹ when he prophesies Prep-b   V-Nifal-Inf   3ms	2384 [e] mē-hez-yō-nōw מִחְזוֹנוֹ of his vision Prep-m   N-msc   3ms	376 [e] 'iš אִישׁ every N-ms	5030 [e] han-ne-bī'im הַנְּבִיאִים prophet Art   N-mp	954 [e] yē-bō-šū יִבְשׂוּ [that] will be ashamed V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	1931 [e] ha-hū, הַהוּא that Art   Pro-3ms	3117 [e] bay-yō-wm בַּיּוֹם in day Prep-b, Art   N-ms	1961 [e] we-hā-yah וְהָיָה And it shall be Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms
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3584 [e] ka-hēš. כַּהֵשׂ deceive V-Piel-Inf	4616 [e] le-ma'an לְמַעַן to of [coarse] Conj	8181 [e] šē'ār שַׁעַר a cloak N-ms	155 [e] 'ad-de-reṭ אֲדַרְתָּ a cloak N-fsc	3847 [e] yil-be-šū יִלְבְּשׁוּ they will wear V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	3808 [e] we-lō וְלֹא and not Conj-w   Adv-NegPrt
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1. The final “on that day” reference in chapter 13
2. “prophet” is assumed to be a worldly successful prophet accepted in the previous administration of the worthless shepherds and deceivers
3. The former prophets will be “ashamed” of their past life spent teaching rebellion to the Lord and now reigning King.
  - a. Read Micah 3:5-8 . . . Micah 5:7 says, “the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.”
  - b. Jeremiah 22:22 – “The wind shall shepherd all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity; then you will be ashamed and confounded because of all your evil.”
4. These false prophets will not be repentant, but they will be scared. They will seek to hide their deception with more deception.
5. “hairy cloak” was the cultural dress for a prophet, but these did so falsely to assume a role to deceive.
  - a. At this time these prophets will change their clothes

b. They will try to blend into the new society

13:5 – “but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’

120 [e]	3588 [e]	595 [e]	127 [e]	5647 [e]	376 [e]	595 [e]	5030 [e]	3808 [e]	559 [e]
'a-dām	kî	'a-nô-kî,	'ä-dä-mäh	'ô-béd	'iš-	'a-nô-kî;	nā-bî	lô	wə-'ā-mar
אָדָם	כִּי	אֲנֹכִי	אֲדָמָה	עֲבָד	—	אִישׁ-	אֲנֹכִי	לֹא	וְאָמַר 5
a man	for	I [am]	a farmer	serve		a farmer	I [am]	no	but he will say
N-ms	Conj	Pro-1cs	N-fs	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms		N-ms	Pro-1cs	Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

  

	5271 [e]	7069 [e]
	min-ne-'ū-rāy.	hiq-na-nî
	מִמְעוּרָי:	הִקְנֵנִי
	from my youth	taught me to keep cattle
	Prep-m   N-mpc   1cs	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms   1cs

1. Besides taking off their deceptive clothes from the previous age these unrepentant false prophets will now try to talk their way out of their punishment.
  - a. I am no prophet
  - b. I work the soil. A laborer. A farmer.
  - c. I have been a laborer since my youth.
  - d. I was sold into labor. Never had a choice
2. This is an attempt to sound like the true prophet Amos who said when Amaziah assumed Amos was a professional prophet:
 

*“And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”*

*Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ 16 Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.*

*“You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ ”*

13:6 – “And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’

	559 [e]	3027 [e]	996 [e]	428 [e]	4347 [e]	4100 [e]	413 [e]	559 [e]
	wə-'ā-mar	yā-de-kā;	bēn	hā-'ēl-leh	ham-mak-kō-wt	māh	'ē-law,	wə-'ā-mar
	וְאָמַר ?	יָדַיִךְ	בֵּין	הָאֵלֶּה	הַמַּכּוֹת	מָה	אֵלָיו	וְאָמַר 6
	and he will answer	your arms	between	these	wounds	what [are]	to him	And [one] will say
	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-fdc   2ms	Prep	Art   Pro-cp	Art   N-fp	Interrog	Prep   3ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

  

	157 [e]	1004 [e]	5221 [e]	834 [e]
	s	mə-'a-hā-bāy.	bēt	huk-kê-tî
	ס	מֵאֵהָבָי:	בֵּית	הַקִּיְתִי
	-	of my friends	in the house	I was wounded
	Punc	V-Piel-Prtcpl-mpc   1cs	N-msc	V-Hofal-Perf-1cs

1. Self-mutilation was part of the false prophet's routine to enter the "gods" presence or to motivate the god to action:
  - a. 1 Kings 18:28
  - b. Leviticus 19:28
  - c. Deuteronomy 14:1
  - d. Jeremiah 41:5
  - e. Jeremiah 48:37
2. "wounds on your back" is literally "wounds between your arms" or "wounds between your hands" which would mean, the "wounds on your back"
3. Wounds at a friend's house is meant to be a flimsy explanation and a poor excuse that is obviously false that the lying prophet used to try to explain their former life.