

Introduction

All nations will come against Jerusalem and the LORD will defend the city.

Questions

- 1. What does the LORD say about the future of Jerusalem?
- 2. What will the LORD do to those nations who come against Jerusalem?
- 3. What will the LORD do for David's house?



Summary Points

- v 1 to 9 All the nations will gather at Jerusalem to besiege the city. The LORD will defend the city and its people. He will seek to destroy the attacking nations
- **v 10 to 14** There will be a time of great mourning as the people recognise the one they pierced, the special person (see theme)

Timeline 500 BC (see below)

Theme

Jesus is the promised special person

Christ means anointed. In Biblical times, kings and priests were anointed as a sign of their appointment. So Christ means someone appointed for a special purpose. Other themes show what the Bible tells us this special person will do. A selection of verses showing that Jesus is the special person referred to as the Christ.

At the start of his gospel, Matthew tells us that Jesus is the Christ:

Matthew 1 verse 16

Shepherds are told that Jesus is the Christ when he is born:

Luke 2 verse 11

The apostle Peter says that he believes that Jesus is the Christ:

Matthew 16 verse 16

A Samaritan woman says that she is expecting the Christ. Jesus confirms that he is the Christ. She then suggests to other Samaritans that Jesus is the Christ:

John 4 verses 25 to 29

The apostle Peter says that the suffering of the Christ predicted by the prophets has happened:

Acts 3 verse 18

When Paul is on trial, as part of his defence, he says that the suffering of the Christ is part of his message:

Acts 26 verse 23



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 9, Q 3: v 10



Bible timeline

