

and will find themselves under a judgment very severe indeed. The key phrase throughout all of this, as I see it, is "believe and do" but to disbelieve is not to have done. While this may seem to beg the question it is the way in which I approach and see the whole

C. Analysis and Discussion of 12-14

1. Division of the Material

The material of these three chapters is complicated by the utterance "in that day" which, following 12:3 seems to continue with no suggested interruption until 13:6, at least. Of course we do not think it means a single day but rather a period of time. But a continuing or exact in reference period of time seems apparent. Therefore our first division is 12:1-13:6 with sub-sections at 12:1-7--the deliverance of Judah; 12:9-14--the spiritual renewal of David's house (actually through 13:1); and 13:2-6, the episode of the prophets. 13:7-9 is the capstone to this section and we will treat it as a separate unit.

The final divisions are 14:1-15, another poem of deliverance, and 14:16-21, an epilogue to the book that ties in tightly with the concluding remarks of chapter 6.

This is the portion that I refer to as the burden of the oppressed although that title does not cover all the material.

2. More detailed study of 12:1-8

a. Character of the passage:

The passage is built around a time when Jerusalem will be surrounded with enemies and when God will bring a remarkable deliverance. The Lord identifies himself in the creatorial role as the powerful God who can accomplish these things.

b. Verse by verse analysis:

12:1 (compare with the beginning of chapter 9)