

Book of Zechariah

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XXV. First Oracle (Part 3 of 4), Future, The Lord will Bless, Strengthen, and Regather Israel, 10:1-12 ¶

- A. 1 Ask rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain—The LORD who makes the storm clouds;
 1. And He (the Lord) will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man.
- B. 2 For (Reason) the teraphim (Gods) speak iniquity,
 1. And the diviners (God seekers) see lying visions
 2. And tell false dreams;
 3. They (teraphim, diviners) comfort in vain.
 - a. Therefore (because of that) the people (of Israel) wander like (Simile) sheep,
 - b. They (the people) are afflicted, because (Reason) there is no shepherd (sheep tenders).
- C. 3 “My (the Lord's) anger is kindled against the shepherds (sheep tenders),
 1. And I (the Lord) will punish the male goats (leaders);
 2. For (Reason) the LORD of hosts has visited His flock (sheep), the house of Judah,
 3. And (the Lord) will make them (Judah)
 - a. like (Simile) His (the Lord's) majestic horse in battle.
 4. 4 “From them (Him) will come the cornerstone, (Ps 118:22, Lk 20:17, Eph 2:20, 1 Pet 2:6)
 - a. From them (Him) the tent peg (hanging place),
 - b. From them (Him) the bow of battle,
 - c. From them (Him) every ruler (oppressor), all of them together.
 5. 5 “They (Judah) will be as (Simile) mighty men,
 - a. Treading down the enemy in the mire of the streets in battle;
 - b. And they (Judah) will fight, for (Reason) the LORD will be with them;
 - c. And the riders on horses will be put to shame.
- D. 6 “I (the Lord) will strengthen the house of Judah,
 1. And I (the Lord) will save (Zech 9:16) the house of Joseph,
 2. And I (the Lord) will bring them (Judah, Joseph) back (Zech 8:8),
 3. Because (Reason) I (the Lord) have had compassion (sympathy) (Zech 1:16, Deut 30:3, Isa 14:1-2, Isa 54:8) on them (Judah, Joseph);
 4. And they (Judah, Joseph) will be as (Simile) though I (the Lord) had not rejected them,
 5. For (Reason) I am the LORD their (Judah, Joseph's) God and I will answer them.
- E. 7 “Ephraim (N. Israel) will be like (Simile) a mighty man,

1. And **their** (Ephraim's) **heart** will be glad **as** (Simile) if from wine;
 2. Indeed, **their** (Ephraim's) **children** will see it and be glad,
 3. **Their heart** will rejoice in **the LORD**.
- F. 8 “**I** (the Lord) will whistle for **them** (Ephraim) to gather **them** together,
1. For **I** (the Lord) have redeemed **them** (Ephraim);
 2. And **they** (Ephraim) will be **as** numerous **as they** were before.
- G. 9 “When **I** (the Lord) **scatter** **them** (Ephraim) among the peoples,
1. **They** (Ephraim) will remember **Me** in far countries,
 2. And **they** (Ephraim) with **their children** will live and come back.
- H. 10 “**I** (the Lord) will bring **them** (Ephraim) back from **the land of Egypt**
1. And gather **them** from **Assyria**; (**Hosea 11:1, Isa 11:11-12**)
 2. And **I** (the Lord) will bring **them** (Ephraim) into **the land of Gilead and Lebanon**
 - a. Until no room can be found for **them** (Ephraim).
- I. 11 “And **they** (Ephraim) will pass through **the sea** of distress
1. And **He** (the Lord) will strike the waves in **the sea**,
 2. **So that** (in order that) all the depths of **the Nile** will dry up;
 3. And the pride of **Assyria** will be brought down
 4. And the **scepter** (royal authority) of **Egypt** will depart.
- J. 12 “And **I** (the Lord) will strengthen **them** (Ephraim) (**Zech 10:6**) in **the LORD**,
1. And in **His** (the Lord's) **name** **they** (Ephraim) will walk, (**Zech 10:6**)” declares **the LORD**.

Questions of the Text: **Zechariah 10:1-12**

First Oracle (Part 3 of 4), Future, The Lord will Bless, Strengthen, and Regather Israel ¶

In **Verse 1**, (**God's people** are Told to) **Ask** (for) **rain** from **the LORD** at the time of **the spring rain**

And **He** will give **them showers of rain**, **vegetation** in the field to each **man**.

This is an “**Ask** and **You** will receive” kind of statement, as in (**Matt 7:7-8**). This means **they** should Trust in **the Lord** for **their Needs**. All **they** need to do is Ask and **the Lord** will give **them** all **they** Need.

Q1: In **Verse 2a**, WHAT are some REASONS given that **the people** should Trust in **the Lord** ?

A1: (1)
(2)

Q2: In **Verse 2b**, WHAT is the result of **the people** Listening to: the **God's iniquity**, the **lying visions**, and **false dreams**, that aim to Comfort **the people** ?

A2:

Q2b: WHO are “**the sheep**” and “**the shepherds**” ?

A2b:

Q3: In **Verse 3a**, WHAT is **the Lord's** response to **the Shepherds** and **the Male Goats** ?

A3:

Q4: In **Verse 3b**, WHAT will **the Lord** do for **the house of Judah** ?

A4:
(1)

Q5: In Verse 4, WHAT will come from **them** (Judah) or **Him** (the Lord)? Translated “**them**” or “**Him**”?

- A5:** (1)
(2)
(3)
(4)

Q6: In Verse 5, WHAT **main things** will occur for **them** (Judah) and WHO will be with **them**?

- A6a:** (1)
(2)
(3)
(4)

A6b:

Q7: In Verse 6a, WHAT **3 Things** will **the Lord** do for **the house of Judah** and **the house of Joseph**?

- A7:** (1)
(2)
(3)

Q8: In Verse 6b, WHAT are the REASONS given for **the Lord** doing **these things** for **Judah** and **Joseph**?

- A8:** (1)

(2)

So far **the Lord** has been speaking of: **the house of Judah** (Southern **2 tribes of Israel**)
and **the house of Joseph**, **Zech 10:3b – 10:6**, being **strengthen** and **saved**
Now **the Lord** changes to speaking of **Ephriam** (Northern **10 tribes of Israel**), **Zech 10:7 – 10:12**

Q9: In Verse 7, WHAT will **Ephriam** (Northern **10 tribes of Israel**) be, “**Like**” OR “**As**”?
WHAT about **their Heart**?

- A9:** (1)
(2)

Q10: In Verses 8 and 9, WHAT will **the Lord do** for **Ephriam** and WHAT will **Ephriam do**?

A10: **The Lord** will:

- (1)
(2)

Q: WHAT does **Redeemed** mean?

A:

- (3)

Ephriam will:

- (1)
(2)

Q11: In Verse 10, WHAT else will **the Lord** do for **Ephriam** ?

A11: **The Lord** will:

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)

Q12: In Verse 11, WHAT else will **occur** for **Ephriam** with **the Lord's** help ?

A12: **The Lord** will:

- (1)
- (2)

- (3)
- (4)

Q12: In Verse 12, WHAT finally will **the Lord** do for **Ephriam** ?

- (1)
- (2)

Read (Zech 10:6 + Jer 31:20)

The Lord spoke of: **the house of Judah** (Southern **2 tribes of Israel**) and **the house of Joseph** (Joseph and Ephriam and Manasseh), being **strengthen** and **saved**, Zech 10:3b – 10:6

Then **the Lord** changed to speaking of:

Ephriam (Northern **10 tribes of Israel** or **the son of Joseph**), Zech 10:7 – 10:12

But there is all this discussion about **the 10 Northern Tribes of Israel** being **Lost** !

“In **722 BC**, the **Ten Tribes** who comprised the **Northern Kingdom of Israel** (Ephriam) **disappeared**. Conquered by the **Assyrian King, Shalmaneser V**, they were **exiled** to upper **Mesopotamia** and **Medes**, today modern **Syria** and **Iraq**. The **10 Tribes of Israel** have never been seen since.”

These are the **10 Tribes** supposedly **Lost**:

Reuben, Simeon, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, (Manasseh, and Ephriam)

But here in **Zech 10:7-12** it says:

7 “**Ephriam** and **their children** will be **mighty**, will **be glad** and will **rejoice**

8 (**the Lord**) will **gather them** and **redeemed them** and numerous **as they** were before.

9 (**Ephriam**), with **their children**, will **remember** (**the Lord**), and will **live** and **come back**.

10 (**the Lord**) will **bring** (**Ephriam**) **back** and **gather them** from **Egypt, Assyria**;

gather them into **Gilead** and **Lebanon**, **Until** no room can be **found** for **them** (**Ephriam**).

11 **they** (**Ephriam**) will pass through **distress**

(**the Lord**) will **strike** the waves in **the sea**, **So that** (in order that):

the Nile will dry up; **Assyria** will be **brought down**, and the **scepter** of **Egypt** will **depart**.

12 (**the Lord**) will **strengthen** (**Ephriam**), (like **Judah**, **Zech 10:6**) in **the LORD**,

And in (**the Lord's**) **name** (**Ephriam**) will **walk**, (like **Judah**, **Zech 10:6**), declares **the LORD**.

Ephriam (10 tribes), like **Judah** (2 tribes), will be **Restored** to **their** former **Glory** and **Walk** in **the Lord**, when **the Lord** Comes again.

Therefore, Prophecy tells us that these **10 Tribes of Israel** are Not really **Lost** !

The Lord will bring **them** back, according to **His** Plan and Purpose.