

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) **For** (Reason) **the teraphim** (Gods or Idols) **speak iniquity**,

(2) And the **diviners** (God seekers) see **lying visions** And tell **false dreams**;

They (teraphim, diviners) **comfort in vain**. [The opposite of what **the Lord** will do for **them**.]

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** ?

A1: **Therefore** (because of that) **the people** (of **Israel**) wander like sheep,

They (**the people**) are afflicted (anxious), **because** (Reason) there is **NO shepherd** (sheep tenders).

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

A2b: “**the sheep**” are **the People** and “**the shepherds**” are **those** who oversee **the people**.

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

A3: “**My** (the Lord's) **anger** is kindled against **the shepherds** (sheep tenders),

And **I** (the Lord) **will punish** **the male goats** (Leaders or Rams);

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

A4: **For** (Reason) **the LORD of hosts** has visited **His flock** (sheep), **the house of Judah**,

(1) (the Lord) will make **them** (Judah) **like** (Simile) **His** (the Lord's) majestic **horse** in battle.

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

- A5:** (1) From **them** or **Him**, will come **the cornerstone**, **Read Ps 118:22** and **Lk 20:17** and **Eph 2:20**
(2) From **them** or **Him**, the **tent peg** (hanging place),
(3) From **them** or **Him**, the **bow of battle**,
(4) From **them** or **Him**, every **ruler** (oppressor). (All of **them** or All these things) together

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

- A6a:** (1) “**They** (Judah) will be **as** (Simile) **mighty men**,
(2) **They** (Judah) will be **Treading down the enemy** in the mire of the streets in **battle**;
(3) **They** (Judah) will **fight**,
(4) **the riders** on horses will be put to **shame**.

A6b: WHO will be with **them**? **the LORD** will be with **them** (Judah)

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

- A7:** (1) **I** (the Lord) will **strengthen the house of Judah**,
(2) **I** (the Lord) will **save the house of Joseph**, **Read (Zech 9:16)**
(3) **I** (the Lord) will **bring them** (Judah, Joseph) **back**, **Read (Zech 8:8)**

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

- A8:** (1) **Because** (Reason) **I** (the Lord) have had **compassion** (sympathy) on **them** (Judah, Joseph);
Read (Zech 1:16 and **Deut 30:3** and **Isa 14:1-2** and **Isa 54:8)**
And **they** (Judah, Joseph) will be **as** (Simile) **though I** (the Lord) had **NOT rejected them**,
(2) **For** (Reason) **I am the LORD their** (Judah, Joseph’s) **God** and **I will answer them**. **Read (Zech 10:1)**

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 **Ephraim** (Northern **10 tribes of Israel**), **Zech 10:7 – 10:12**

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

- A9:** (1) **Ephraim** (N. Israel) will be **like** (Simile) a mighty man,
(2) **their heart** will be glad **as** (Simile) if from wine;
Indeed, **their** (Ephraim’s) **children** will see **it** (Mightiness + Gladness) and **be Glad**,
Their (Ephraim’s) **heart** will **rejoice** in **the LORD**.

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

A10: **The Lord** will:

- (1) “**I** (the Lord) will **whistle** for **them** (Ephraim) to **gather them** together,
(2) For **I** (the Lord) have **redeemed them** (Ephraim);

Q: WHAT does **Redeemed** mean?

A: to **Buy Back** or **Restore** something for a price, **like** **Redemption** of **Sins**

Re = Again and **Deem** = to consider in a particular light or way

And **they** (Ephraim) will be **as numerous as they** were before.

- (3) “When **I** (the Lord) **scatter them** (Ephraim) among **the peoples** (Nations),
Ephraim will:

- (1) **They** (Ephraim) will **remember Me** in far countries (where scattered),
(2) And **they** (Ephraim) with **their children** will **live** and **come back** (from being scattered).

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

A11: The Lord will:

- (1) “**I (the Lord)** will **bring them (Ephraim) back** from **the land of Egypt**
- (2) And **gather them** from **Assyria**; **Read (Hosea 11:1 and Isa 11:11-12)**
- (3) And **I (the Lord)** will **bring them (Ephraim)** into **the land of Gilead and Lebanon** **Read (Jer 50:17-20)**
Until no room can be **found** for **them (Ephraim)**. [Speaks of Crowded returned **Israel** !]

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

A12: The Lord will:

- (1) **they (Ephraim)** will **pass through the sea** of **distress**
- (2) **He (the Lord)** will **strike** the waves in **the sea**,
So that (in order that) all the depths of **the Nile** will dry up;
- (3) the pride of **Assyria** will be **brought down**
- (4) the **scepter** (royal authority) of **Egypt** will **depart**.

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

- (1) **I (the Lord)** will **strengthen them (Ephraim)** in **the LORD**,
- (2) **they** will **walk in the LORD's name** **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 **Ephraim** and **Manasseh**), being **strengthen** and **saved**, **Zech 10:3b – 10:6**

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

Ephraim (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 (Ephraim)** **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 Ephraim)

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

7 “**Ephraim** 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 (Ephraim), with **their children**, will **remember (the Lord)**, and will **live** and **come back**.

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

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

11 they (Ephraim) 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 (Ephraim)**, (like **Judah, Zech 10:6**) in **the LORD**,

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

Ephraim (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.