

The Lord Reigns Over All – Zech. 1:7-17

I. The Lord's Sovereign Army (7-8)

A. Zechariah is Given a Vision From the Lord

1. Eleventh month – 2 months after Haggai's call to rebuild
2. People had returned physically, not yet spiritually

B. Zechariah is Shown The Lord's Army (8)

1. A rider is standing among myrtle trees
2. Behind him stood other horses

II. The Lord is Sovereign in Darkest Times (9-11)

A. The Lord is still Sovereign over the Earth (9-10)

1. The Angel gives the vision's Interpretation (9)
2. The host of the Lord is sent to walk the earth (10)
 - a. Walking in Hithpael always implies dominion
 - b. The host is God's dominion over earth

B. The Lord is Told the Earth is At Rest (11)

1. The Rider reports they have patrolled the earth
2. The Rider reports the earth is at rest
 - a. The nations that oppressed the Jews were at ease
 - b. The wicked were enjoying their fruits
 - c. God's people were longing for restoration

III. The Lord Will Bring Justice

A. The Lord's Mercy is Ever Upon His People (12-14)

1. The Angel of the Lord Intercedes for God's People (12)
 - a. He pleads for grace and mercy
 - b. He bases the plea on God's promise of 70 years
 - This is Christ interceding for us
 - On the basis of his death and resurrection
2. The Lord Answers with Grace (13)
 - a. Pleas for mercy based on Christ are answered
 - b. When Judgment is complete, mercy is given
 - The judgment of Christ completed God's wrath
 - Now there can be mercy for sinners
3. The Lord Loves His People In Their Trials (14)
 - a. The Lord is Jealous for His people
 - a) He longs for their love
 - b) He places his love on them even though they suffer
 - c) He disciplines his children

B. The Lord's Wrath Will Fall on the Wicked (15)

1. The Lord is angry with the wicked who are at rest (ease)
 - a. they rest in their wickedness
 - b. they rest while God's people suffer
2. The Lord is angry because the nations went beyond his Judgment
 - a. They were the instrument of God's judgment
 - b. They went beyond the judgment the Lord prescribed
 - c. They will receive the Lord's judgment

IV. The Lord Will Comfort His People (16-17)

A. The Lord will return to His people and dwell (16)

1. The Lord will “return” – same word as used of people
 - a. He will bring mercy again to God’s people
 - b. He will have his house built again
 - c. He will dwell with his people

B. The Lord will Mark off Jerusalem again (16)

1. He will hold it in special regard
2. He will return to his people

C. The Lord will Bring Comfort to His People (17)

1. The Lord’s cities will prosper
2. The Lord will comfort His people
3. The Lord will choose Jerusalem.