

## The Victory and Deliverance of God's People (Zech. 10)

### I. God Calls His People Back To Himself (1-2b)

#### A. Pray to the God who Can Provide (1)

1. Ask the Lord for rain
2. It is the Lord who makes the storm clouds
3. The Lord will bring rain to provide food
  - i. God is the only God who can provide
  - ii. Only God is Sovereign over creation

#### B. False Gods Can Provide Nothing (2a)

1. False Idols (the teraphim) only speak iniquity
  - i. They are man made idols
  - ii. They neither see nor hear
  - iii. The only thing they give is sin against the true God
2. Diviners (those who see dreams)

#### C. False Religion Only Gives False Hope (2b)

1. Those who promote false religion comfort in vain
2. Lying visions and dreams give a false hope
3. They speak of good things but they are wrong
  - i. A message of hope is only hope if its true
  - ii. If its not true, it's a horrible deception

### II. God Has Promised Deliverance to His People (2c-12)

#### A. God Will Deal With the False Shepherds (2c-3)

1. The People Suffer Because they have no Shepherd (2c)
  - i. God's people wander like lost sheep
    - a. They are disobedient
    - b. They are ignorant of God's will
    - c. Ignorance is no excuse
  - ii. God's people suffer because of their disobedience
  - iii. There is no good shepherd for the people
    - a. A good shepherds cares for the sheep
    - b. A good shepherd protects the sheep
    - c. A good shepherd does not seek his own good
2. God will Punish the False Shepherds (3a)
  - i. God's anger is kindled against them
    - a. God does not take false teachers lightly
    - b. God brings his wrath against those who lead his people in the wrong ways
  - ii. God will punish those who lead the people astray
    - a. He calls them "male-goats"
    - b. In a group of sheep, male goats are bullies
    - c. Male goats hurt the sheep for their own purposes
3. God will Protect His Flock and Make them Powerful (3b)
  - i. The Lord of hosts (armies) is with his flock
    - a. Even though there are false shepherds, God has not abandoned His people

- b. He is still with them in their wanderings
  - ii. The Lord will make them strong in Him
    - a. He will make them like His war horse
    - b. He will give them the ability to fight the battles
    - c. He will give them the victory
- B. God will Provide His People a Good Shepherd (4) (Jesus)
  - 1. God will send his people a foundation
    - i. From God's people will come a cornerstone
      - a. A cornerstone is the foundation of the building
      - b. A cornerstone is the model for the other stones
    - ii. From God's people will come a tent peg
      - a. A peg is what holds things up
      - b. A tent peg is what anchors the tent
  - 2. God will send his people a warrior
    - i. From God's people will come a bow of battle
    - ii. From them righteous godly rulers
- C. The Good Shepherd Will Prosper God's People (5-12)
  - 1. God will Give His People Victory (5)
    - i. They will be as mighty men
    - ii. They will tread down their enemies
    - iii. They will fight
      - a. They will make war on their enemies
      - b. For us, the world, flesh, devil
    - iv. The Lord will be with them
      - a. God will indwell them
      - b. The Holy Spirit will Live in us
    - v. The strong enemy will be defeated.
  - 2. God will Redeem His people (6a)
    - i. God will strengthen His people
      - a. The house of Judah
      - b. The house of Joseph
      - c. Representative of the people of God coming back from captivity
    - ii. God will bring his people back in His compassion
      - a. This is not just to the land
      - b. At this time people were already returning to the land
      - c. Zechariah is speaking also about returning to God
    - iii. God will Justify His People
      - a. They will be as though I had not rejected them
      - b. "just as if they had never sinned"
  - 3. God will Answer His People's Call (6b)
    - i. God has not forgotten that He is their God
    - ii. Therefore He will answer when they call to Him
  - 4. God will Bring Joy to His People (7)
    - i. Ephraim (the 10 tribes of the north) will be like mighty men
    - ii. They will have the joy of the Lord as if they had wine

- a. Wine is a symbol of Joy in the OT
  - b. Wine makes the heart glad
  - iii. The new heart of the people will rejoice in the Lord
- 5. God will Grow His People (8)
  - i. God will call His people back to Himself
  - ii. God will redeem them (buy them back) (Jesus death?)
  - iii. They will be as numerous as before (sands of the seashore)
- 6. God will Bring His People Back From their Captivity (9-10)
  - i. The people will repent from their judgment (9)
    - a. God will scatter them but they will turn to him in their far country
    - b. God's people will return
  - ii. God will rescue them from their captivity (10)
    - a. He mentions Assyria and Egypt
    - b. The people are returning from Babylon
    - c. Therefore God is using the "far country" to symbolize the pagan nations as a whole that have captivated His people
    - d. He is calling His people back from their pagan practices and the judgment they have received.
- 7. God will Destroy His People's Enemies (11)
  - i. Although his people will go through distress they will win
    - a. They will pass through the sea of distress
    - b. but they will strike the Nile and dry it up
    - c. The pride of Assyria will be brought down
    - d. The scepter of Egypt will depart
  - ii. God will not allow the ungodly to continually reign over His people
- 8. God will Strengthen Them in His Authority (12)
  - i. "I will strengthen them in the Lord"
    - a. Notice God speaks of another
    - b. God will strengthen them in the Lord?
      - It seems God is speaking about strengthen them in another who is called Lord
      - This is the Father strengthen His people in the Son
  - ii. God says "in his name" they will walk – who's name?
    - a. The Father says in Jesus name we will walk