

The Glory that Awaits God's People (Zech. 2:1-13)

I. The Glory of the New Jerusalem (2:1-5)

A. Jerusalem is measured (1-2)

1. A man with a measuring line coming to measure
2. Jerusalem being rebuilt after exile
 - a. "measuring" means marking the city off to be holy unto the Lord – See also Rev. 11:1-2; Eze. 40-42
 - b. This speaks of a perfected Jerusalem to which the prophets looked.
 - c. The New Testament writers saw OT fulfillment in Jesus and His fulfilling the Kingdom of God
 - i. Gal. 4:25-26 – Paul spoke of two Jerusalems, the one above is free and our mother – the physical Jerusalem was enslaved
 - ii. Heb. 12:22 – The writer tells the Jewish Christians they have come to the true Mount Zion. The heavenly Jerusalem.
 - iii. 1 Peter 1:10-12 shows that although the prophets foretold events in their own day, they ultimately pointed toward the realities which come with Christ.

B. Jerusalem will Expand as a City without Walls (3-4)

1. The New Jerusalem will need no defense
 - a. The people were there building the city – constantly besieged by people who would hinder them.
 - b. There are always enemies who try to hinder our growth and Kingdom work.
2. The New Jerusalem will Be filled with people
 - a. There will be a multitude of in this new Jerusalem
 - b. Revelation says that there will be a multitude which no man can number – comprised of every people, tribe, tongue, and nation

C. Jerusalem will be protected by God Himself (5)

1. God Himself will be her wall
 - a. Nothing can come against God's people unless God allows it
 - b. No weapon formed can come against us and prosper
 - c. God Himself will protect His people from their enemies
2. God Himself will dwell there
 - a. This is fulfilled in multiple ways
 - i. Jesus came and dwelt among His people in the incarnation
 - ii. God will dwell perfectly among His people at the renewal of creation
 - iii. God dwells perfectly among His people now as they are indwelt by the Holy Spirit
3. God Himself will be her glory

II. The Glory of God's Redemption and Justice (6-9)

A. God Calls His People from Exile (6-7)

1. Near Fulfillment – Jews from Babylon
2. Final Fulfillment – All God's People from Sin
 - a. Exile away from God and His blessings
 - b. God's discipline has been fulfilled – it is time for you to come out from under the curse
 - c. God calls us to come out from the curse of sin and death – come to the city of God.
3. Notice here that Zion is not just a place – It is a people. He calls the true people of God to escape from the daughter of Babylon.
 - a. The picture here is that the people are enamored to stay with this woman.
 - b. The Jews were declared to be free to return to their city but some did not desire to do so. They had made lives in Babylon.
 - i. Jeremiah told them 70 years earlier to make themselves comfortable, buy homes, and work there
 - ii. Interestingly enough, the Jews were treated relatively well in Babylon. Many weren't ready to pull up stakes and move
 - iii. Imagine what you have to give up to return to the Lord!!!

B. God Avenges His People (8-9)

1. God's Loves His People Passionately
 - a. Apple of His Eye
 - b. Notice the pronouns here – “The Lord” is spoken of as the one who sends and the one who is sent.
 - i. Here we see a reference to the Father and the Son
 - ii. We also see the fulfillment the Holy Spirit intends. The Father will send the Son to judge the enemies who have plundered her
 - iii. Men are taken captive by sin and death – Even religion which offers to relieve men of the curse, actually enslaves them. – The Father sends the son to deliver His people from the bonds of slavery.
2. God will Visit Judgment on the Oppressors
 - a. Christ turns the oppressors into the oppressed
 - b. Sin no longer has dominion over us – it was defeated at the cross – he spoiled principalities and powers making an open show of them at the cross (Col. 2:15)
 - c. Fear, depression, despair – or any one who

III. The Glory of God's Restoration (10-13)

A. God Will Dwell with His People (10)

1. Foretelling the incarnation and the consummation of all things
2. We have reason to be joyful and sing – even in the midst of the hard labor of this life – even in the midst of trial and suffering

- B. God Will Bring many nations into the fold (11)
 - 1. Other nations will also be His people
 - 2. God will dwell with them as well
 - 3. Jesus calls all men to become God's people and heirs to the promise
- C. God will again Favor His People
 - 1. God will again choose Jerusalem
 - 2. The New Jerusalem
- D. God will Certainly Accomplish It (13)
 - 1. God has Purposed to do it
 - 2. He has begun
 - 3. A picture of God Himself rousing to accomplish victory
 - a. Satan and powers have awakened the sleeping giant
 - b. God stepped off the throne to become one of us