

Zechariah – Oh the Visions! Oh the Messiah!

Lesson Seven

Introduction: False shepherds and false prophets.

[13:1-9].....You Don't Get Away With It

Vs.1 “On that day” – is not connected to the previous chapter (12:11). This is another day – a day of cleansing of God's people from idolatry.

Vss.2-3 It's false prophets who have led the Judah in the direction of idolatry. All false prophets will tragically be dealt with.

Vss.4-6 This exposure will be so great that false prophets who survive will cease practicing and will resort to lying to cover the marks of their hypocrisy.

Vss.7-9 This poem is a description of what will happen because of the false shepherds in chapter 10:2-3.

NOTE: Jesus uses “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered” to describe his arrest and crucifixion in Mark 14:27 and Matthew 26:31.

God will not allow the murder of God's anointed one to go unpunished.

vss.8-9 The third is the remnant.

The adversities they'll experience will serve as purifiers as fire does for gold. They will be better, once they come through it.

[14:1-21].....The Messiah Returns to Zion

Vss.1-3 Before the Lord's return, a mighty war between a coalition of “all the nations” against Jerusalem will happen.

Initial victory will go to the coalition.

QUESTION: Why is it when a nation is about to be conquered or threatened to be conquered, the rape of women is included in the description of the disaster?

Again we see God as the Divine-Warrior. God will fight for Jerusalem against this coalition of nations.

Vss.4-5 God's appearance on the Mount of Olives will cause an earthquake with will provide a leveled plain that stretches into the desert.

This path appears to be an escape route for those of Jerusalem to flee the war taking place...but it's not. With God fighting, there's no need to flee.

Instead, this path is the entry road for God and all of God's divine hosts to enter Jerusalem. This path is for a holy processional.

Vss.6-8 The signs of God's presence on the day of the Lord.

Vs.9 On this day, the Lord will rule the world and God's name, Yahweh, will be known everywhere.

Vss.10-15 As Jerusalem rises, everywhere else will be made plain and desolate – uninhabitable.

Security is the promise for Jerusalem. It will be inhabited and never destroyed again.

However, a plague will strike everyone else and everything else.

The possessions of all those struck will plague will be stacked up before Jerusalem.

Vss.16 -21 The king will be worshiped by all. Even the survivors of the nations against Jerusalem will be accepted in worshipping the true king.
No more suffering, as we've seen throughout this book. Now is the time for celebration and joy.
Those who have rejected God have been removed from the city.
Nations who fought against God are reduced to famine and deserts because God will not allow rain to fall on them.

NOTE: The Feast of Tabernacles is rooted in the exodus narrative. In this celebration, God's covenant commandments were read anew. The people would renew their vows to God.

vss.20-21 The holiness of God will be seen and felt everywhere, on that day!
“...there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord Almighty.”
This is not an exclusionary statement, but an anti-discriminatory one.

Conclusion – This is God's Kingdom come on earth.