

ZECHARIAH – Jehovah Remembers

"Our God is Mighty to Save"

Zechariah 10:6-12

INTRODUCTION:

1. Zechariah 10:1-5

2. Sheep are one of the most intellectually challenged and physically weak animals in God's creation.

a) **Isaiah 53:6** KJV

1) *"All we like sheep have gone astray..."*

b) **Psalms 119:176** KJV

1) *"I have gone astray like a lost sheep..."*

3. Here's the problem - We are weak!!

a) We need someone to guide us and protect us.

1) In **Zechariah 10:1-2** *"The Futility of False Shepherds"*

4. Many of the shepherds of God's people were not just inadequate for the task of leading people, but they were deviant and self-serving so that the sheep had no direction.

5. Zechariah 10:6-12

6. GOD'S POWER IS MANIFESTED IN THE REDEMPTION OF HIS PEOPLE

7. Charles Spurgeon said this, that the place where the glory of God is most seen, *is in the raising of Jesus from the dead.*

a) As a result, *whenever a person gets saved, God's supernatural power is on display.*

THREE MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD'S POWER

I. THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

A. GOD DOING WHAT ISRAEL CANNOT DO

1. Vs 6a

a) *"I will strengthen"*

1) It's a word of victory.

b) "***I will save***"

1) Speaks of salvation - physically and spiritually.

c) "***I will bring them back***"

1) The people will be saved from their enemies and He will bring them back.

2. Very important - God is acting for His people.

a) Messiah (the Shepherd King) will personally act for His people.

B. GOD HAS COMPASSION ON ISRAEL

1. 6b

a) "***I will bring them back because I have compassion on them...***"

1) "**compassion**" - refers to the pity God has for His people because He sees their neediness.

2. God always looks on us in our need and is always moved to act for us.

a) **Matthew 9:35-36**

3. **REMEMBER THIS:** The only way you will ever know God's compassion, is if you have a need or you've been broken.

a) **Psalms 103:13-14**

4. Vs 6b

a) "***for I am the LORD their God***"

1) He is YHWH (Covenant God) to them.

2) He is bound (obligated) to help them, and He will.

3) **Romans 11:26-29**

C. GOD RESTORES THE NATION AS A UNIFIED NATION

1. Vs 6a

a) "***He strengthens the house of Judah***"

1) the southern 2 tribes of Judah and Benjamin

b) He will save "***the house of Joseph***"

1) Which refers to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh - two prominent tribes among the 10 northern tribes.

2. That means that the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom will again become one nation.

3. Vs 6

a) *"I will bring them back"*

1) That speaks of RESTORATION

b) *"and they will be as though I had not rejected them"*

D. THE RESULTS OF THIS RESTORATION

1. Vs 7a

a) *"Then Ephraim shall become as a mighty warrior"*

2. God will strengthen the nation and she will be strong"

a) Vs 9:13

3. Vs 7b

a) *"and their hearts shall be glad as with wine"*

4. Not only will they have victory, but they will have joy!!

5. Vs 7c

a) God is asserting that they will be controlled by gladness and joy.

6. 7d

a) Joy is pervasive. *"Their children shall see it and be glad"*

7. The entire nation, from the oldest warrior to the youngest child, will be filled with triumphant exuberance.

II. GOD WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE

A. GOD WILL ACT ON BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE

1. Vs 8

a) *"I will whistle"*

3. John 10:27

4. Vs 8

a) *"for"*

1) The whistle is for the purpose bringing them back into the land.

5. Vs 8

a) *"for I have redeemed them"*

1) To redeem someone is to purchase them out of slavery.

b) **Deuteronomy 7:8**

6. **Romans 6:1-14**

a) If you are not a follower of Jesus Christ, the only way to have your sins forgiven is to believe by placing your trust in the Gospel, and have your sins forgiven.

7. **Vs 8**

a) ***"and they shall be as many as they were before."***

1) Full restoration.

B. GOD SCATTERED HIS PEOPLE

1. **Vs 9a**

a) **"scattered"** - or sowed - cast like sees

1) Because of Israel's rebellion God scattered them to the ends of the earth.

b) ***"they shall remember me"***

1) God will bring them back because they repent of their sin.

2. **9b**

a) ***"yet in the far countries they shall remember me"***

3. God connects the scattering to remembrance.

a) The scattering was for the purpose of awakening them to their need for God to redeem them.

4. **2 Corinthians 7:10**

C. THE NATION WILL BE SAVED

1. **Vs 9b**

2. **Ezekiel 36:24-28**

3. Have you ever been discouraged by a loved one who is trapped in sin?

a) And then they get saved and are set free? !

1) That's the power of God to Redeem!!!

b) One day God will do that on a national scale with Israel.

III. GOD WILL REVIVE HIS PEOPLE

A. GOD WILL PERSONALLY CARE FOR HIS PEOPLE

1. Vs 10

a) These give the original boundaries of the promised land.

2. The return to the land will be so extensive that "no room can be found for them.

B. GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

1. Vs 11

2. All the enemies of Israel - both natural circumstances and political oppressors will be defeated.

C. GOD PERSONALLY PROVIDES

1. Vs 12

CONCLUSION:

1. What does prophecy tell us about God?

a) That Messiah has come and will come again.

1) 9:9-10

b) Messiah will come with blessings.

1) 9:16-10:1

c) False Shepherds can never satisfy

1) 10:2-5

d) When King Jesus (the True Shepherd) comes, he will fulfill all His promises.

1) Israel must look to Him, and so should we.