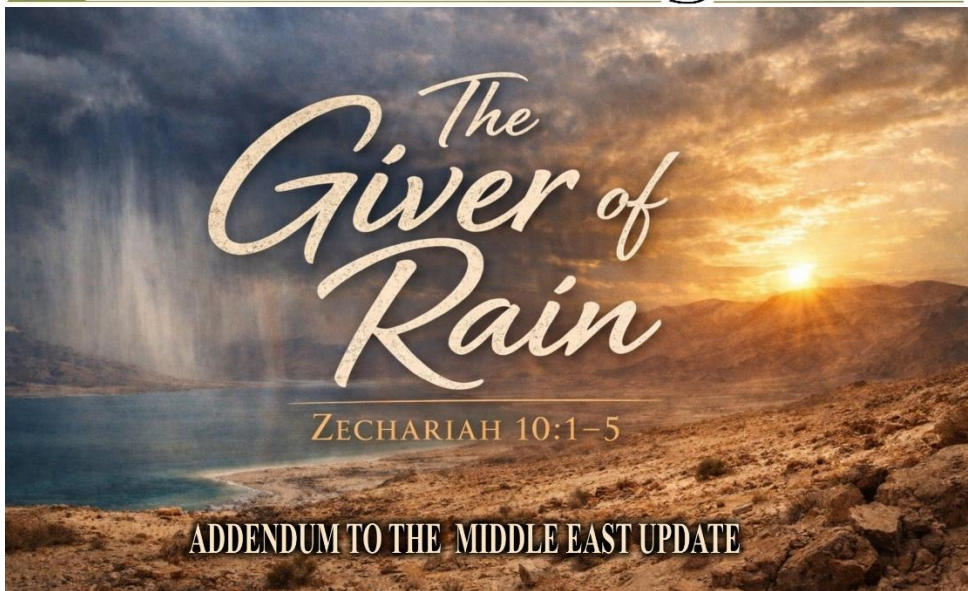




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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

You can locate this passage in your Chair Bible on Page 674 (in the OT Section).

A. An Ancient Word to Israel

Based on Zechariah 10:1-5

1. Seek the Lord for Provision. (v. 1)

Zechariah 10:1, NASB95 - ¹ Ask rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain— The LORD who makes the storm clouds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to *each* man.

2. Reject False Shepherds (vv. 2-3a)

Zechariah 10:2-3, NASB95 - ² For the teraphim speak iniquity, And the diviners see lying vision...and tell false dreams; They comfort in vain...

3. Trust the True Shepherd-King (vv. 3b-4)

Zechariah 10:4, NASB95 - ⁴ “From them will come the cornerstone, From them the tent peg, From them the bow of battle...

4. Walk in God's Strength and Victory (v. 5)

Zechariah 10:5, NASB95 - ⁵ “They will be as mighty men, Treading down the enemy in the mire of the streets in battle; And they will fight, for the LORD will be with them; And the riders on horses will be put to shame.

B. A Middle East Update

1. The Middle East is in the middle of significant upheaval.
2. The United States has significantly changed its objectives there.
 - We have turned from maximal goals to a narrow ceasefire approach.
 - We have made major concessions with very few reciprocal demands.
 - We have shifted from military leverage to diplomacy.
 - The U.S. is currently a focus of some harsh criticism.
3. The U.S. (and all others) cannot take the word of an extremist Muslim during a time of war.

“It is not lawful to lie except in three cases: Something the man tells his wife to please her, to lie during war, and to lie in order to bring peace between the people.” [Source: Asma bint Yazid ibn al-Sakan al-Ansariyyah, prominent early Muslim woman who was a close companion of Muhammad, her title was Khatibat al-Nisā' (“The Orator of the Women”) whose writings were published in Farsi in 1938.]

THE HADITH (quoting Muhammad) states, “At times of war, as a tactic or to demoralize the enemy and win the war especially with an infidel...then you can lie....” [Source: Hadith 13/328 إِذْ لِلْمُجْرِمِ].

4. Our ultimate hope is not in Middle Eastern stability—*nor in the White House*—but in Jesus Christ's return.
5. Believers are called to “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” (Psalm 122:6)
6. Our policy on immigration must be rethought as the Islamic socialists are actively seeking to gain political power in the United States (and the world).

C. A Needed Word to the U.S. Review

Based on Galatians 1:1-9

1. Our Nation needs to turn and seek a fresh Word from God.
2. Our Nation must know only the Gospel provides true freedom.
3. Our Nation must see the danger of turning from the Gospel.
4. All nations must realize the curse of turning from the Gospel.

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

- Galatians 1:8

5. Our Nation must heed God's call to return to the Gospel.

The only hope for America (and the world) is Jesus! - Pastor Joe