

## We Don't Have Because...\*

Zechariah

Sermon 12

Zechariah 10:1 – 12

Nutshell: Among the several aspects of prophecy, even future ones contain “What do we do *now?*” aspects. When God prophesies our victory, we still have to ‘step into it’. Though prophesied, it can go unclaimed by us *\*because we do not ask*, Jms 4:2.

Review: God told them to turn, 1:3. They turned, 1:6b.

Jesus (the “Man”) **reconnoitered** the world, 1:8-11, asking the Father for pity on Jerusalem, 1:12.

God laid out His dual *jealousy* for His people and *anger* towards those who hurt them, 1:14-15. *This dual theme is continually repeated.*

God's first **Undo** was pictured in the four builders (ch 1), His FIRST **Redo** in Jesus measuring for an expanded Jerusalem (ch 2). God's Prerequisite Redo was the presently unclean priesthood, chap 3. Tied to it was the **Redo** of the Spirit's empowerment, 4:6. His SECOND **Undo** was ridding His land of liars, chap 5.

The **reconnoitering** was completed, 6:1-8. The real answer would be Jesus Himself, 6:12-13.

Chaps 7-8 are Street-level Redo #1: How to avoid what led their fathers into Babylon.

Chap 9 is the THIRD **Undo**: recompense on lands on Israel's borders. Herein, Christ's offered peace terms are prophesied.

Vision Outline: Chaps. 1 – 6.

A chiastic outline: Themes introduced, Focal point (Vis. 4 & 5), Resolution. Link Vision 1&8, 2&7, 3&6, 4&5.

Vision 1, 1:7-17. Vis 2, 1:18-21. Vis 3, 2:1-13. Vis 4, 3:1-10. Vis 5, 4:1-14. Vis 6, 5:1-4. Vis 7, 5:5-11. Vis 8, 6:1-8.

Vis 2 & 3, God to judge the pagans; Vis 6 & 7, now His people. Vis 8 brings real rest from wrong rest (Vis 1).

Vision 1: The Son's HORSEMEN: the pagans **rest** smugly. God: I'll be with Israel and judge/convert the pagans.

Vision 2: God sends 4 builders to **BRING DOWN** the 4 pagan horns that scatter God's people.

Vision 3: The Son **goes out to measure** Jerusalem for her coming expansion. Pagans to be judged.

Vision 4: Priest Joshua clothed: justification. Satan rebuked. Zechariah appointed; Messiah promised.

Vision 5: Olive-fed Menorah: sanctification. Spirit-filled Zerubbabel to overcome pagan 'mountains'.

Vision 6: A flying scroll **goes out** as a '**measure**' of the ungodly in Israel.

Vision 7: Counterfeit bride measured (ephah), **THROWN DOWN**, sealed over, bridesmaid-flown to native Shinar.

Vision 8: The Son's HORSEMEN go forth to give God's Spirit **rest** (judge or convert (2:11) the pagans).

Review (cont.):

Chap 6:9-15, Make crowns for the High Priest, since Messiah (Shoot) will be the original Priest-King.

Chap 7, Q & A: “Has your fasting been for Me? Or, as your fathers, *have you ignored justice & mercy?*”

Chap 8, “The Big Shift- I'll dwell with you → pleasantness. Many will join. *But are you neighborly?*”

Chap 9, “I'll send Alexander as a type of Messiah, who will come humbly, His victory in the Cross.”

Chap 9 is a large version of the “Then you'll know” prophecies of 2:9, 4:9, and 6:15.

**Kid-speak:** Last time we read a prophecy saying Jesus would come riding into Jerusalem on what

kind of animal?

I. The Command to Ask, 10:1

- A. Even though grain and grapes were just promised, 9:17
- B. A command repeated by Jesus, Lk 11:9-13
  - 1. If we believed God's goodness, we'd be asking
  - 2. If we believed Jesus' finished work, we'd be praying, Jn 16:24

II. The Reasons to Ask, 10:1-2

- A. Yahweh has the goods
  - 1. He makes thunder
  - 2. He waters the crops as needed. Hence, whatever our need, He can meet it.
  - 3. Catered individually (though collectively): "each man"

**Kid-speak:** Did God *promise* to take care of His people? Yes. So do we have to *ask* for things that we need? Yes! That's how we show we believe Him.

B. The alternatives don't deliver, 10:2

- 1. Their sources of deliverance speak (by whatever means) what won't hold together
  - a. Idols = *teraphim*, root, *rapha*, healing
  - b. The idols' market = our hurts
- 2. Their representatives are (confident, sincere) con men
  - a. They feed on our need, emotional and physical
  - b. Willing to brazenly steal God's words to their own ends
- C. 10:2b, You've seen it! That's what sent Israel into captivity: listening to false teachers
  - 1. The **captivity** showed the real state of things. No more prognosticators.
  - 2. As long as things are OK, just about anyone's prognostications can sound convincing.
  - 3. Ps 81:8-10
    - a. Ps 49:9
    - b. Isa 44:3

**Kid-speak:** Are there lots of people in the world who say they can show you the right way to live? Yes! But who's the only one we can trust? God!

III. God's Determination to Fix the Situation, 10:3

- A. God was fed up with the falsehood
- B. He held liars to account. He *holds* liars to account, 2 Tim 3:9.
- C. He held the four horns to account, chap 1: "He-goats."
- D. God would *visit* the liars and tyrants one way, because He'd *visit* His people another
- E. God would transform Judah into a powerhouse
  - 1. *We* inherited this. What power do we lack (in our meekness)? Col 1:11
  - 2. God has blessed His body with many faithful shepherds... but you have to find them

**Kid-speak:** Does God get tired of people hurting His children? Yes. Will He do something about it? Yes. Should we ask Him to? Yes.

#### IV. God had to Build a New Structure, 10:4-5

- A. Going back to Tabernacle parts, God implies His rebuild, 10:4
- B. But His rebuild would have a decidedly military function
- C. Forged in the furnace of affliction, as before. He made and makes “each taskmaster alike.”
- D. Again, *we’ve* inherited this shape! 1 Thess 5:8; Rom 13:12; 2 Cor 6:7
  - 1. We are armed warriors! Eph 6”10 ff. Or are we?
  - 2. Thriving in our warfare (10:5), Acts 4:31. Or are we?
  - 3. We are better than the trained philosophers! 2 Cor 10:4-5; Acts 6:10. Or are we?

**Kid-speak:** Are Christians an army? Yes. If you’re a Christian, are you a soldier? Yes. How do we fight? By saying and doing only what is right and true, like Jesus.

#### V. The Original Recipients Will Still Inherit, 10:6-12

- A. In the meantime, we’re grafted in too, Rom 11:24
- B. They are “beloved for the sake of the fathers,” Rom 11:28. Beloved is beloved. God doesn’t forget or change. Their punishment is just (and severe!), but He refuses to cast them off, 10:6

**Kid-speak:** Do most Jews believe in Jesus? No. But will they one day? Yes!

- C. Israel will be reunited, as promised in the promise of the New Covenant, Jer 31:31, 10:7
  - 1. The further removed Jews will move in right alongside the body of repatriated ones
  - 2. Their children will fully adopt their inheritance of old
- D. When “the fulness of the Gentiles has come in,” God will signal (Jdg 5:16, same word) His old flock, 10:8
  - 1. They will enter into their full benefits
  - 2. Including their old earthly ones in the Millennium

**Kid-speak:** When will God bring all the Jews back to Jesus? When He has saved all the Gentiles He has planned to save.

- E. Right now, they’re where God has them. There are Jews all over the world, citizens of every nation, 10:9
  - 1. When God calls them, they’ll experience household conversions
  - 2. They’ll come back to God, as Zechariah’s generation had done, Zech 1:6b
- F. God returns to Egypt. He brought them out of there. He still will, 10:10.
  - 1. The descendants of the many Jews who stayed where the Assyrians transplanted them will be collected as well

2. They'll overflow in their land, into the territories north of Israel, Gilead and Lebanon, Isa 49:20-21
3. We overflow, Eph 3:20. Or do we?

**Kid-speak:** Has God promised to give us a lot-lot-lot? Yes! But what if we don't believe Him?  
- *Oh well!*

G. Past History Pictures Future History, 10:11

1. Just as God delivered His people at the Red Sea, so He will do greater wonders
2. Ps 66:6, "There we rejoiced in Him."
3. Whatever ascendancy of Egypt or Assyria remains (which is much- in their successors), it will go into descent

H. God will freshly forge a link between His people and Himself, 10:12

1. Making all *their* doings *His* doings
2. As we do, Col 3:17, 23. Or do we?

**Kid-speak:** Who or what is the Trinity? Which one of Them can give us power every day to live for Jesus?

Wrap-up: Zechariah 10 is a big 'payoff' after the book's biggest "The you'll know" section, the whole chapter of Zechariah 9.

Zechariah 10 easily translates (as designed) into our Christian paradigm. The language is already there in the NT. Zechariah 10 helps us pay better attention to the NT language we already knew.

Do we need the help?

Do we want the help?