

Bible Reading Class - The Book of Zechariah
September 7, 2023 - Chapters 8-10

Chapter 8

1. In **chapter 7**, men from _____ came to _____ to inquire of the _____ should they continue with their _____; in **chapter 8**, God continues to give an _____ to Zechariah regarding their _____.
2. God knowing the _____ of all men informed them that their _____ was not out of _____ to His law, but out of _____ (**habit**) (**cf. Zech. 7:6**); the people engaged in fasting, but their _____ were not really into it.
3. Based on **Zechariah 7:12**, the people had made their _____ as hard as a _____; the more they heard of God's word, the _____ they made their _____ - the people had given their hearts to _____ (**materialism**). In **verse 2** of this chapter, God tells the people that He is "**_____ for Zion with great _____, with great fervor I am zealous for _____.**" God desires to have _____ complete devotion!
4. In **verses 3 through 8**, God turns His attention to the _____ when He will _____ to Jerusalem; God sees the day when the glorious day that _____ prophesied about would come as _____ in **Isaiah 9:1ff**. Jerusalem will be called the "**City of _____**" and "**The _____ of the Lord of hosts, The Holy _____.**"
5. The phrases of **verse 3** are synonymous with the future _____ (**church**) of God to be established in _____ (**cf. Isa. 2:1-3; Heb. 12:22ff**); the future establishment of the kingdom or church indicates a purging of the unlawful practices of idolatry and devising evil within the hearts of the people, that is, **God's dwelling [the heart of people] place shall be _____ and _____.**
6. In **verses 4-6**, Zechariah sees a time of _____ and _____ awaiting the people of God who turn and give their hearts completely to Him; the _____ returns to God and God returns to the _____ (**His people**).

7. In **verses 7-8**, God says that He will _____ His people from countries in the _____ and _____; these regions are symbolic of _____ - God is going to help turn His people's hearts from the desires of this _____ to His _____; God's _____ ("**truth and righteousness**") is going to dwell in their _____ and _____ them (**cf. 2 Cor. 6:17-18**).

8. In **verses 9-13**, Zechariah informs God's people that the _____ for their _____ and _____ would be removed, if they would love and obey His _____; the people had been idle for _____ years from working on _____ the temple.

9. God assures His people that _____ between _____ would be restored; the _____ would also be restored to them with rain in **verses 12-13**. In **verses 14-17**, Zechariah informs the people of God's _____ for the curse to be removed; God reminds the people why He allowed _____ and _____ to put them into captivity, it was because of their _____. Now, God has _____ them and rather than bring _____ against them, and withhold His _____ of rain and crops, He has determined to _____ them.

10. In **verses 16-17**, God states for the removal of the curse, they had to do the following four things:

- 1) speak each man the _____ to his _____,
- 2) give _____ in your gates for _____, justices, and _____,
- 3) let none of you think _____ in your _____ against your neighbor, and
- 4) do not love a _____.

11. The chapter ends with God stating the _____ of _____ will be observed by other _____; that is, the people in the world will be able to see God blessing His people, and in the future a difference in the lives of those in the kingdom/ church.

Chapter 9

1. **Chapter 9** opens with God pronouncing His _____ against the _____ who put their trust in things other than Him; these _____ and _____ had put their trust in worldliness – Hadrach, _____, Hamath, _____, and _____.
2. **Chapters 9-14** contain two “_____” or “oracles.” The **first oracle** is in **chapters 9-11** and the **second oracle** is in **chapters 12-14**.
3. The nations of _____ and _____ were destroyed by Alexander the Great; the cities of the _____ (Ashketon, Gaza, Ekron, and Ashdod) will see the destruction of the nations of Tyre and Sidon and be moved with _____. The Lord will save some as a _____, and they will be numbered with God’s _____.
4. **Verses 8-10**, Zechariah declares to God’s people that a time for _____ for “**your _____ is coming to you.**” The prophet cites _____ characteristics of the King of the people:
 - 1) He is _____,
 - 2) He will bring _____,
 - 3) He will come “_____” riding on a _____ (**this is seen in the way Jesus made His triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem, cf. Matt. 21:5ff**),
 - 4) His kingdom will have no _____.
5. In the previous **verse 10**, Jesus entered the city of _____ on the back of _____; He gathered His apostles together and _____ the Lord’s _____; in **verse 11**, the prophet predicts, some believe, its establishment; **notice** Zechariah says the following about the King, “**Because of the _____ of your (His) _____.**” This concur with **Matthew 26:28**, when Jesus says, “**For this is My _____ of the new _____, which is shed for many for the remission of sin.**”
6. **Notice** also in **verse 11**, that the _____ was going to set the _____ free; this relates to Paul’s description of Christians in **Romans 6:17-18**. Those who come into _____ with the precious blood the King are set free from the _____ of _____.

7. The rest of this chapter describes God's _____, _____, and _____ for His people; **verses 16-17**, Zechariah predicts the people of God will shine like a precious _____, will display the _____ of God to the world.

Chapter 10

1. **Zechariah 10** opens with the prophet calling upon the people of Jerusalem to put their _____ in God to _____ their needs; this God will do, but it's predicated upon them _____ Him.

2. Zechariah warns them of the _____ of putting their trust in _____, and _____ (**fortune-tellers**); these people offer false _____ and _____, put your trust in God.

3. Furthermore, the people are exhorted _____ to put their trust in the " _____ **or** _____ - _____;" these refers to the _____ of the wicked nations. God declares in **verse 3** that He will make _____ as His battle _____; earlier in **Zechariah 9:13-14**, God referred to Zion as His _____, _____, and _____.

4. In **verses 4-7**, God assures those who are associated with the kingdom that the _____ of **chapter 9** will be the _____; He also assures not only those of the house of _____ (**Southern Kingdom**) and the house of _____ (**Ephraim - Israel, the Northern Kingdom**) that He will be with them; they shall be _____ over the foes of this world.

5. In **verses 8-12**, God declares that He is going to " _____" or call all people and the true Zion shall faithfully respond to His _____; this is a prophecy of God that He will have His _____ poured out on all _____ as spoken by the prophet _____ in **Joel 2:28-32**.

6. God is going to bring the _____ of sin out of their _____ likened to the days of _____ and _____; and all powers opposed to God and His people will be _____; Assyria and Egypt stand _____ for those who oppose God.

7. God ends this chapter with the _____ that He will always be with His people; they have nothing to _____ - be faithful unto death (**cf. Rev. 2:10**).