

Zechariah 10

Scriptures:

Zechariah 10:6b - I will
bring them back,
Because I have mercy on
them.

Psalms 103:13 - As a father
pities his children,
So the LORD pities those
who fear Him.

Notes:

The theme of chapter 10 is
compassion, specifically, God's
compassion for His people. The key
verse is [Zechariah 10:6b](#).

Compassion: Deep awareness of the
suffering of another accompanied by
the wish to relieve it. Synonym: pity.

Zechariah introduces the metaphor
of the shepherd as a leader. In this
and the next chapter he will
compare good versus bad leaders.

Title ideas:
The Glory of God's Compassion!

Zechariah 10:1-12 – The Glory of God's Compassion!

Scriptures:

¹ Ask the LORD for rain in the time of the latter

Notes:
The Lord is calling them to put their trust in Him, and in Him alone. They needed rain to flourish – ask God for what you need.

rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds;

He will give them showers of rain, grass in the

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field for everyone.

Scriptures:

Matthew 9:36 - But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

2 For the idols speak delusion; the diviners

H8655 – “teraphim” – a family or household idol

H205 – vanity, mischief,

H7080 - diviner n. – someone who discovers hidden knowledge with the aid of supernatural powers.

Notes:

These ‘spiritual’ leaders were not turning to God for the answers and direction they needed to lead. They were turning to their own imagination or to people who would tell them what they wanted to hear for the right price.

When the leaders are bad, the people will seek others sources of guidance and wisdom.

‘sheep’ – God often refers to His people as sheep. Sheep are helpless and flourish best when they are under the care of a compassionate shepherd.

God created people to flourish under the care of a compassionate shepherd. If they reject the shepherd God provides or that shepherd is not compassionate or does not trust in God, the result is that the people wander. Wandering sheep cannot flourish. Jesus noticed that this was the state of the people in His time (Matt. 9:36).

When the shepherds rebel against God it is the people who suffer the most.

envison lies, and tell false dreams; they comfort

H2372 – see a vision

H7723 -

H2472 -

H5162 -

in vain. Therefore *the people* wend their way like

H1892 -

H5265 – move, travel,

sheep; *they* are in trouble because *there* is no

H6031 – depressed, distressed,

shepherd.

H7462 -

Scriptures:

3 "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and

H639 -

Notes:

God ordains shepherds to lead His people. He blesses and equips them and empowers them for the work of leading God's people to God and His glory. And because they exist to help God's people flourish, it bothers God when they aren't compassionate. Not just because they have disobeyed God but because of the effect upon God's people.

I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts

H5921+H6485 –
against+visit

This should be a warning to all of God's people. If God has placed you in a position of leadership, any position, whether spiritual or worldly, you have a mandate from God to be compassionate and to lead those people toward God. Failure to do so will result in punishment.

will visit His flock, the house of Judah, and will

H6485 – compare
with 'I will punish'
above.

It should also encourage us to pray for those God has placed in leadership over us. Pray that they would be faithful to God and compassionate toward God's people.

'will visit His flock' – visit implies more than just coming to see how they are doing. It implies that God is coming to do something.

make them as His royal horse in the battle.

'royal horse' – God will make them strong, in spite of the bad leaders.

Scriptures:

Isaiah 28:16 -

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation,

A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;

Whoever believes will not act hastily.”

Matthew 21:42 - Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the LORD’s doing,

And it is marvelous in our eyes’?

Isaiah 22:23 - I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place,

And he will become a glorious throne to his father’s house.

4 From  him comes the cornerstone, from  him

H6434 -

the tent peg, from  him the battle bow, from  him

H3489 -

H4421 -

H7198 -

 every ruler together.

H3162 -

Notes:

From him’ = Judah

‘the cornerstone’ – this was the first stone that was used to construct a building. It is also one of the descriptions of the Messiah ([Isa. 28:16](#)).

Jesus applied this description to Himself when He quoted Psalm 118:22 ([Matt. 21:42](#)).

‘the tent peg’ – is another messianic title ([Isa. 22:23](#)).

Scriptures:

5 They shall be like mighty men, who tread down

Notes:

H1368 –
powerful, warrior

their enemies in the mire of the streets in the

battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with

them, and the riders on horses shall be put to

shame.

Scriptures:
Deuteronomy 31:6 - Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

6 [△] I will strengthen the house of [△] Judah, and

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Notes:
God's compassion for His people is great. Even though they have been scattered to the ends of the earth God is going to bring them back. Even though they have been cast away into exile, God has a plan to restore them back to better than they were before. They are God's people and even though they often rebel He will not abandon them (Deut. 31:6).

[△] I will save the house of [Ⓞ] Joseph. [△] I will bring them [△]

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'Juda...Joseph' implies a reunited kingdom.

back, because [△] I have [✓] mercy on them. They shall [△]

be as though [△] I had not cast them aside; for I [△] am

the LORD [△] their [△] God, and I will hear them. [?] [△]

Scriptures:

7 *Those of Ephraim* shall be like a mighty man,

and their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes,

their children shall see *it* and be glad; their heart

shall rejoice in the LORD.

Notes:

Zechariah is speaking to people who are trying to flourish after they have returned from seventy years of exile and are trying to rebuild a land that has lain desolate for all that time. Even though things were not that great for them at that moment, God's plan for them in the future was great.

Scriptures:
Isaiah 55:6 -
Seek the LORD while He
may be found,
Call upon Him while He is
near.

8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for

H6908 –
assemble, collect

Notes:
'whistle' like a shepherd to his
sheep. God is calling out to His
people. God is hoping for a response
(Isa. 55:6).

I will redeem them; and they shall increase as

H6299 – ransom,
deliver,

they once increased.

Scriptures:

9 I will sow them among the peoples, and they

H2232 – separate,
disperse

Notes:
God scattered them and He will
gather them again.

shall remember Me in far countries; they shall

live, together with their children, and

they shall return.

H7725 -

Scriptures:

10 I will also bring them back from the land of

Notes:

Not only will he bring the Jews back, but He will also cause them to multiply greatly. What an encouragement this would have been to the struggling remnant of Israel.

Egypt = slavery
Assyria = exile

Egypt, and gather them from Assyria. I will bring

them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, until

no *more room* is found for them.

Scriptures:

Isaiah 11:15-16 - The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;

With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River,

And strike it in the seven streams,

And make men cross over dryshod.

16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people

Who will be left from Assyria,

As it was for Israel

In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

11 [△] He shall pass through the ^{☞☞} sea with affliction,

H6869 -
tribulation

and strike the waves of the sea: all the depths of

H5221 - defeat,
punish

Notes:

Interesting that the pronouns change from I to He. This still appears to be the Lord as Isaiah says something very similar (Isa. 11:15-16).

God himself will go ahead of them to remove any barriers that might try to prevent them from returning.

'River' = Euphrates

Assyria...Egypt = enemies of God's people.

the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria

shall be brought down, and the [☞] scepter of Egypt

shall depart.

Scriptures:

12 “So I will strengthen them in the LORD, and

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Notes:

The Jews will not do all this in their own power, but because God will strengthen them.

‘walk up and down in His name’ -

they shall walk up and down in His name,” says

the LORD.

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