#### Zechariah 10

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

Psalm 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.

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

Scriptures:

<sup>1</sup> 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;

will give them showers of rain, grass in the

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.

### <sup>2</sup> 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.

### envision 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, 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).

God created people to flourish under

These 'spiritual' leaders were not

turning to God for the answers and

direction they needed to lead. They

imagination or to people who would

tell them what they wanted to hear

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

'sheep' - God often refers to His

and flourish best when they are under the care of a compassionate

people as sheep. Sheep are helpless

were turning to their own

for the right price.

shepherd.

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

sheep; they are in trouble because there is no

H6031 – depressed, distressed,

shepherd.

H7462 -

## <sup>3</sup> "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and

H639 -



H5921+H6485 against+visit

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

H6485 – compare with 'I will punish' above.

make them as His royal horse in the battle.

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.

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.

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.

'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

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.

<sup>4</sup> From him comes the cornerstone, from him

H6434 -

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

H3489 - H4421 - H7198 -

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).

every ruler together.

H3162 -

their enemies in the mire of the streets in the

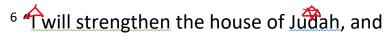
battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with

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.

H3467 -



Twill swe the house of Joseph. Twill bring them

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).

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

back, because Thave mercy on them. They shall

be as though Thad not cast them aside; for Tam

the LORD their God, and Twill hear them.

<sup>7</sup> Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,

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

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

their children shall see it and be glad; their heart

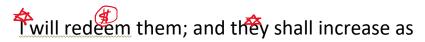
shall rejoice in the LORD.

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



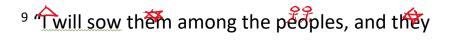
H6908 – assemble, collect

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



H6299 – ransom, deliver,

they once increased.



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.

H2232 – separate, disperse

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### 10 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

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

And strike it in the seven

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,

tribulation

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-

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.

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

H5221 - defeat, punish

the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria

shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt

shall depart.

# 12 "So will strengthen them in the LORD, and

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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