

INTRODUCTION

- * This is the 8th installment in our study of the book of Zechariah; two more weeks beyond today.
- * Last week, as we studied Chapter 9, we began considering the 4th Word of YHWH to Zechariah. As we saw, YHWH gave Zechariah a vision regarding three distinct events in world history – the Coming of Alexander, the 1st Coming of Messiah and the 2nd Coming of Messiah.
- * Today, we continue looking at this vision as it extends into Chapter 10 and 11. In this segment, YHWH transitions His comments specifically to a contrast between the supposed shepherds of Israel and the True Shepherd – the Messiah, YHWH Incarnate! As we shall see at the end of the prophecy because of the failure of those who were supposed to be shepherds and their subsequent rejection of the True Shepherd, YHWH would hand them over to a Foolish (False) Shepherd.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE L_____ OF A R_____ SHEPHERD (10:1-2)****A. The P_____ of YHWH (10:1)****B. The D_____ of Diviners (10:2)****II. THE V_____ OF THE T_____ SHEPHERD (10:3-12)****A. The Promises of YHWH**

1. I WILL STRENGTHEN THEM (v. 6)
2. I WILL SAVE (Deliver) THEM (v. 6)
3. I WILL RESTORE THEM (v. 6)
4. I WILL HEAR THEM (v. 6)
5. I WILL REGATHER THEM (v. 8)
6. I WILL REDEEM THEM (v. 8)

B. The Response of Israel

1. THEY SHALL REJOICE (v. 7)
2. THEY SHALL REMEMBER (v. 9)
3. THEY SHALL RETURN (v. 9)

III. THE J_____ OF THE W_____ SHEPHERDS (11:1-9)**A. The L_____ of the Shepherds (11:1-3)****B. The D_____ of the Shepherds (11:4-5)****C. The D_____ of the Shepherds (11:6-9; cf. Matthew 23:37-38)****IV. THE R_____ OF THE T_____ SHEPHERD (11:10-13)****A. The P_____ of the F_____ (11:10-11; Mt 5:3; 11:25; 18:1-3; 1 Cor 1:26-29)****B. The P_____ of the B_____ (11:12-13; Matthew 26:15; 27:3-10)****V. THE C_____ OF THE F_____ SHEPHERD (11:14-17; cf. John 5:43; Daniel 9:26-27; 2 Thess 2:1-12)****A. The Interpretation****B. The Application (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:1-4; 13-15; 1 John 2:18-19; 4:1-3)****INTROSPECTION**

- * How do you view the return of Israel to the land? Is it prophecy being fulfilled or just a coincidence?
- * Do you believe that Christ will return to establish His kingdom in Jerusalem?
- * Do you believe that there will be an anti-Messiah (anti-Christ) who will come into prominence?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion*It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.*

- * Read Gen 3:1-6,13; Matt 24:4-5,11-13, 23-25; 2 Cor 11:1-4; 2 Thess 2:1-3. According to these verses, what should we be on our guard against?
- * Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17. How does this passage address the situation mention in the first question?