

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of Zechariah is filled with many prophecies regarding YHWH's interaction with the nation of Israel and His plan for the end times.
- * Today, we examine the 3rd Word of YHWH to Zechariah. There is no mistaking the divine nature of this passage. At least eleven (11) times in these 37 verses we read that what is being proclaimed is a direct quote from YHWH Sabaoth!
- * As we examine this portion of Scripture, we need to remember that this Word is given while people are rebuilding after the 70 years of exile. Yet, God is exhorting the people to look past this temporal restoration to the ultimate reign of YHWH Himself!

INSTRUCTION**I. THE D_____ OF JERUSALEM (7:1-14)****A. The Request of Bethel (7:1-4)**

1. THE I_____ OF THE FAST (cf. 2 Kings 25:1-11, 22-26; Jer 52:6)
2. THE I_____ OF THE FAST

B. The Response of YHWH (7:5-14)

1. YHWH'S R_____ FOR SUPERFICIAL SPIRITUALITY (7:4-7; cf. Isaiah 1:10-20; 58:1-11)
 - a. When you c_____ the fast ... Did you really fast for Me? (7:4-5)
 - b. When you c_____ the feast ... Didn't you feast for yourselves? (7:6)
2. YHWH'S R_____ FOR ISRAEL'S CHASTISEMENT (7:8-14)
 - a. The Requirement (7:9-10; Exodus 22:21-24; Deuteronomy 10:17-19; 24:17; 27:19; Isaiah 1:23)
 - b. The Refusal (7:11-12)
 - c. The Result (7:13-14)

II. THE E_____ OF JERUSALEM (8:1-23)**A. The P_____ of YHWH (8:1-6)**

1. THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE
2. THE EFFECTS OF HIS PRESENCE
 - a. The P_____ of The Truth (v. 3 – Definitive! ... 1 Tim 2:3-4; John 14:6; 8:32)
 - b. The L_____ of The People (v. 4-5; Ps 36:8-9; Jer 17:13; Ezek 47:1-9; Joel 3:18; John 14:4; Rev 21:5-6; 22:1-2,17)
 - c. The A_____ of The People (v. 6; Matthew 19:26; Jeremiah 32:27; Luke 1:37)

B. The R_____ of the People (8:7-19)

1. THEIR O_____
2. THEIR P_____
3. THEIR P_____ (v. 9-13; Judges 7:11; 2 Sam 2:7)
4. THEIR R_____ (v. 14-17; 7:9-10)
5. THEIR J_____ (v. 18-19)

C. The V_____ of the Nations (8:20-23)

1. THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE PEOPLES (v. 20-22)
2. THE POSTURE OF THE PEOPLES (v. 23)

INTROSPECTION

- * What is your opinion of the nation of Israel? Do you believe God will dwell among men in Jerusalem?
- * How important is truth to you?
- * How would God describe your "heart of worship"? Are you living unto the Lord?
- * 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 Matthew 6:33 (and then consider the context). How do/should we as New Testament believers live in light of the Messiah's return and reign?
- * What can we do individually and as an assembly to help foster a more "God-focused" attitude in life and worship?