

Zechariah 10 **Restoration is Coming**

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This chapter encourages the remnant of Zechariah's time with diverse precious promises; both near-term and far-term: at the Second Coming.

I. The Lord Hears His People v 1 - 3a

1. His Provision

v 1 *latter rain* (7x) - **Deu 11:14**, Job 29:23, Pr 16:15, Jer 3:3, **Joel 2:23**, Zech 10:1, **James 5:7**
 hist: rain for Israel spir: Christ's first advent doct: second coming
bright clouds - Job 37:21-23, 1611 MR - lightnings These refer to the second coming.

Hist: The land was parched for the seventy-year captivity. God promised to send the former rain (in the autumn) and the latter rain (in the spring) to provide a bountiful harvest for the remnant. God had denied the rain as a token of His displeasure.
 The remnant are told to *Ask*, i.e. pray for the rain as a token of God's favor.

2. His Punishment

v 2 *the idols* 1611 MR - teraphims, (also the MR in Gen 31:34, 2 Kings 23:24)
 hx: Teraphims were human shaped idols (from small figurines to large statues). Micah's teraphims, (Judges 17-18) were used by diviners to obtain 'oracles': provided by devils. King Josiah abolished them (1K 23:24); and God judged Israel for them, Hosea 3:4. **Jeremiah 10 :8**
 spir: Idolatry in the church : (1) the attempt to 'divine oracles' by dreams. **Jeremiah 23:25-28**
 This is one of the major sins of the pentacostal/charismatic movement (1901 AD).
 (2) Modern *idols*, i.e. Hebrew/Greek scholars who speak *vanity* in 'new bibles'.
2 Peter 2:1-2, 18-19 Jude:16-17

v 3 . . . *mine anger was kindled against the (false) shepherds.* **Isaiah 56:10-12**
and I punished the goats. who: **Matthew 25:33 + 41** why: **Matthew 15:14**

II. The Lord Helps His People v 3b - 5

3. His Presence

v 3 *the Lord ... hath visited* hist: **Genesis 50:24-25, Exodus 3:16 & 4:31**
 doct: 1st - **Luke 1:68, 78, & 7:16;** 2nd - **Acts 1:9-11 & Heb 9:28**
 v 4 *Out of him = Judah (v3) came forth :* (1) *the corner* (-stone) Psalm 118:22
 (2) *the nail* **Isaiah 22:22-24**
 (3) *the battle bow* **Psalm 64:7** e.g. 2 K 13:15-17

(4) *oppressor* MR - exactor **Isaiah 60:17**

4. His Power

v 5 *they as mighty men ... they fight ... they tread down their enemies
riders on horses . . . confounded* MR - ashamed **Psalm 20:7-8**

III. The Lord Heals His People v 6 - 12

3. His Peace

v 6 *I will save Joseph = peace with God
as though I had not cast them off* hist: **2 Kings 17:23**

v 7 *Ephraim shall rejoice = peace with the brethren (i.e. Judah, v 6)
The nation of Israel will be restored in unity.* **Ezekiel 37:16-19**

4. His Posterity

v 8 The children of Israel shall greatly *increase* .

They'll be made, as in the days of David and Solomon. **Isaiah 60:22**

v 9 They will replenish the earth in *remembrance of their Redeemer*.

v 10 Christ's posterity will be restored to their land. **Isaiah 11:11, Jeremiah 16:15**

v 11 They will flourish without opposition.

The pride of Assyria shall be brought down. hist: **Isaiah 52:4**
doct: **Jeremiah 51:31-32**

The sceptre of Egypt shall depart. **Psalm 113:8**

v 12 *They shall walk in his name.* **Exodus 15:2, Psalm 118:14, Isaiah 12:2**