

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 200--Zechariah 9:9-14:21

Introduction: The last division of Zechariah discusses the relationship of Israel to the world powers showing the complete victory of God's people over them through the coming Messiah. The principle ideas of the section are God's judgment of the pagan nations, Israel's rejection of their Messiah, God's purification of His own people, and His glorification of Jerusalem in the kingdom of the Messiah.

Lesson aim: To understand the relationship of the Jewish people to God's redemptive plan.

The burden concerning Hadrach--Zechariah 9:1-11:17

1. Against what land did the Lord reveal this prophecy? (v. 1) What other cities would also come under judgment? (v. 2-7)
2. In contrast, what did God promise to do for His house? (v. 8)
3. Why was the daughter of Zion urged to rejoice? (v. 9) Describe the king prophesied to come. What N.T. passage reveals the fulfillment of this passage?
4. The king of Zechariah's prophecy would speak what to the nations? (v. 10) What would be cut off from Ephraim and Jerusalem? What would be the territory of the king to come?
5. What does God urge the "prisoners" to do? (v. 11-12) Against whom would God's people be victorious? (v. 13-17) Who would save them from their enemies? (v. 16)
6. What were God's people urged to do in order to receive the blessings of God? (10:1) Upon what thing were they to no longer rely? (v. 2) From whom would God deliver them? (v. 3) What did God reveal would happen to His people? (v. 8-12)

7. The message of Israel's salvation must be qualified by the realization that what will occur first? (11:1-3)
8. What symbolic role was Zechariah urged to occupy? (v. 4-7) What two names were written on the staves of the "shepherd"? (v. 7) What was Zechariah said to do for God's flock? (v. 8) How was he received by the people? (v. 8)
9. What did the shepherd do with the first rod? (v. 10) What were the wages given to him for the care he had given God's flock? (v. 12) What did God instruct him to do with it? (v. 13)
10. What did Zechariah do with the second staff? (v. 14) Thus Zechariah was urged to take up the equipment of what kind of shepherd? (v. 15) What would happen to the foolish shepherd? (v. 17)
11. Thought question: What was God symbolizing through these actions of Zechariah? (See Mt. 27:1-10)

The burden concerning Israel--Zechariah 12:1-14:21

1. What did God say He would make of Jerusalem? (12:2-3) Would the nations gathered against Israel be able to overcome it? (v. 4-9)
2. What would be poured out upon Israel? (v. 10) What would this cause Israel to do? (v. 10-14) What would be opened for the house of David? (13:1)
3. Through repentance, what would no longer be found in the land? (13:2) How would false prophets be treated? (v. 3-6)
4. Once again the glorious message that Israel will defeat all her enemies is qualified by the realization that what event would precede it? (12:7) The scattering of the sheep would result in what result for two-thirds of the flock? (v. 8) What would happen to the remaining third? (v. 8-9).

5. After its destruction, what does God say would happen to the spoil taken from Jerusalem? (14:1) What would the Lord do to help His people? (v. 3-5) What unusual features did Zechariah reveal would exist in Jerusalem? (v. 6-11).

6. What would happen to those among the nations who fought against Israel? (v. 12-15) What would those who are left do? (v. 16) What about those who refused to honor God? (v. 17-19)

7. What would be inscribed on the bells of the horses? (v. 20) What would be true of the cooking pots? (v. 21)