

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we began considering the writings of the prophet Zechariah who lived during the time of Israel's return from the Babylonian Exile.
- * This is an important book regarding the declaration of YHWH's coming to Zion. We considered the telescopic nature of prophecy during the beginning of last week's message – that much of Biblical prophecy considers "high points" of history and as one looks to the future many things might seem blurred. Hence, there are times when Biblical prophecies actually have split/partial, or dual, fulfillments.
- * As we consider the promise of YHWH's coming to Zion, we will see that there are multiple fulfillments: the first coming (to bring spiritual redemption – a spiritual reign) and the second coming (to deliver Israel and rule the nations – a physical reign).
- * As we consider Biblical prophecy, we must consider the historical context, Biblical precedent and, most importantly, what is specifically declared within the prophecy.
- * Last week, we considered the 1st vision given to Zechariah – YHWH's call for the repentance of Israel. YHWH had been warning Israel that He would bring disaster and they had rejected His Word. Hence, YHWH chastened them – first, northern Israel and then southern Israel (Judah). To do so, He used various nations as tools of His justice. However, those nations became self-glorious and self-gratifying. While Israel was scattered throughout those nations, YHWH continued to call to them through prophets (such as Jeremiah and Ezekiel). Finally, the people repented. This was all foretold by Moses! (cf. Deuteronomy 4:23-31).
- * YHWH is a faithful God! He will not forget His covenant, nor forsake His people. ... This is the theme as we begin to consider "The 2nd Word of YHWH"

INSTRUCTION**I. THE R_____ OF YHWH (1:7-21)****A. The Portents of His Return**

The Use of "Four" in Scripture ...

- * *Genesis 2:10; Numbers 2; 1 Kings 18:32-35; 2 Kings 7:3ff; 1 Chronicles 9:24; Job 1:19; Prov 30:15-31; Jeremiah 49:36; Ezekiel 1:5ff (v. 17); 10:8ff (v. 11); Ezekiel 7:1-3; 37:9; Daniel 11:4; Matthew 24:31 (Mk 13:27); Revelation 4, 5; 7:1-3; 20:7-8*

1. THE FOUR H_____ (1:7-11; cf. Revelation 6:1-8; Zechariah 6:1-8)
2. THE FOUR H_____ AND C_____ (1:18-21)
 - a. Their Identity
 - i. *THE HORNS* (v. 18-19; cf. Daniel 7:7-8; 8:3-9)
 - ii. *THE CRAFTSMEN* (v. 20-21; cf. 2 Samuel 5:11)
 - b. Their Importance

B. The Demeanor of His Return

1. HE IS COMING WITH P_____
2. HE IS COMING WITH C_____

II. THE R_____ OF YHWH (1:16-17; 2:1-13)**A. The P_____ of YHWH (1:16-17; 2:1-2)****B. The P_____ of YHWH (2:3-9)****C. The P_____ of YHWH (2:10-11; cf. Isaiah 48:12-16; Zechariah 8:3,8)****D. The P_____ of YHWH (2:12-13)****III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF YHWH (3:1-10) ... Next Week****INTROSPECTION**

- * What is your view of the future of Israel?
- * What is your view of God? Who is YHWH to you? Is He your Shepherd?
- * 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.

- * Why do you suppose that the majority of the "church" has not shown support for the nation of Israel?
- * What promises of Scripture, given to Israel, can we "claim" as New Testament believers? Why?