



Series: The Minor Prophets

Lesson: 47. Zechariah, pt. 3 – God Will

Act

Passage: Zech. 1:18–2:13

The Eight Visions of Zechariah’s Second Prophecy

1. The Night Patrol: Israel’s judgment is over, and God never forgot about them.

● **Vision 2: The Four Horns (1:18–21)**

- This fulfills what was hinted at in 1:15.

- The horns represent _____.
 - Horns are fundamentally symbols of _____ in Scripture.

*Ps. 18:2 – The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
My shield and the **horn** of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*Ps. 75:10 – And all the **horns** of the wicked He will cut off,
But the **horns** of the righteous will be lifted up.*

- This idea is used in prophecy to represent nations and/or their kings (cf. Dan. 7:24; Rev. 17:12).

- The main point is not *which* nations, but what God will do to nations that harm His people.
- Four craftsmen ‘throw down’ the four horns.
 - The nations that subdued Israel will be subdued themselves.
 - Some of those ‘craftsmen’ may end up as ‘horns’ themselves.
- God is assuring Israel that its tormentors will be judged by showing how it will happen.
 - They will be judged _____ (cf. Obad. 15).
 - Each major power falling to another is not a ‘mundane’ event; it is God’s _____ in action!

Important Principle #1: Human history fulfills God’s purposes!

- **Vision 3a: The Measuring Line (2:1–5)**
 - This fulfills what was promised in 1:16.
 - Jerusalem will eventually be so big it can’t be contained by walls, but this raises an important practical question...

Important Principle #2: God’s blessings are never shortsighted!

- Verse 5 ties together some very important Old Testament threads:
 - Reminding them of the _____
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - Undoing and expanding on what _____ prophesied (cf. 10:18, 19; 11:23; 43:2–5).
- Verses 4–5 had some near fulfillments, but these are ultimately _____ prophecies awaiting far fulfillment.

- **Vision 3b: The Oracle That Follows (2:6–13)**

- This poetic oracle tells the people how to respond to the vision.
- Verses 6–7 tell the remaining exiles to return to the Promised Land because judgment is coming to Babylon.
 - This is a major reversal of what they were told in Jer. 29.
- The judgment is explained in verses 8–9 (cf. Deut. 32:10).

Important Principle #3: God's people are not merely some possession: He protects them as if He were personally harmed.

- The people can 'sing for joy and be glad' because _____ will be in their midst.

*John 1:14 – And the Word became flesh, and **dwelt among us**, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- Verse 11 looks ahead to the fulfilment of the _____ Covenant (cf. Gen. 22:18).
- Verses 11–12 together give us a balanced view of how Gentiles will be 'grafted in' to Israel (cf. Rom. 11).
- All people should be in awe as God is about to enact what He promised in both visions.

What Do We Do with This Text?

1. Christianity is NOT just platitudes: God is moving ALL people toward either _____ or _____.

Blanks: Nations, strength, appropriately, sovereignty, Exodus, Ezekiel, Millennial, YHWH, Abrahamic, blessing, judgment