

THE MINISTRY OF ZECHARIAH:  
THE FIRST “BURDEN OF THE WORD OF THE LORD”  
(Zechariah 9:1 – 11:17)

- I. The GREEK Invasion and Beyond (Zechariah 9:1-17)
  - A. Israel will look to the LORD for PROTECTION (9:1)
  - B. Alexander will leave Jerusalem UNTOUCHED while conquering EVERYTHING surrounding the Jews (9:2-7)
  - C. The inhabitants of PALESTINE will be CONVERTED (9:7)
  - D. He will SAFEGUARD the city FOREVER (9:8-10)
    - 1. Promises the coming of CHRIST (cf. Matt. 21:5)
    - 2. Looks to the KINGDOM
  - E. He calls the EXILES to RETURN (9:11-17)
- II. Messianic BLESSINGS (Zechariah 10:1-12)
  - A. The RAIN they need will come from the LORD (10:1)
  - B. The Jews must not return to PAGAN IDOLATRY (10:2-3)
  - C. MESSIAH will come, characterized by STABILITY, DEPENDABILITY, and STRENGTH (10:4)
  - D. The Lord will give VICTORY and UNIFY His people (10:5-7)
  - E. The nation will be RE-GATHERED (10:8-11)
  - F. The nation will be REDEEMED (10:12)

- III. Israel and the GOOD SHEPHERD (Zechariah 11:1-17)
  - A. Israel, especially Jerusalem, will be DESTROYED (11:1-3)
  - B. Messiah will be commissioned to SHEPHERD the flock doomed to be SLAUGHTERED (11:4-6)
    - 1. Their leaders EXPLOITED the people for MONEY
    - 2. The Shepherd would deliver them TO the abuse of “their KING”
    - 3. The Shepherd would “NOT deliver them FROM their power”
  - C. Elaboration on the MINISTRY of the Shepherd (12:7-9)
    - 1. He will Shepherd the WHOLE flock for the sake of the REMNANT
    - 2. He will shepherd with two staffs named FAVOR and UNION
    - 3. He will ANNIHILATE the Jewish socio-political STRUCTURE
    - 4. The survivors would have constant INTERNAL CONFLICT
  - D. He will BREAK the two staffs symbolizing His RELATIONSHIPS (11:10-14)
    - 1. First severed His “covenant...with ALL THE PEOPLES”
    - 2. They valued His service at “THIRTY shekels of SILVER” (cf. Exod. 21:32)
    - 3. Broke the staff representing “the BROTHERHOOD between Judah and Israel”
  - E. God would REPLACE the GOOD Shepherd with an EVIL shepherd (11:15-17)
    - 1. He will DEVOUR and DESTROY the sheep
    - 2. God will COMPLETELY destroy him