

Connection Group Participant Guide

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Zechariah 10

Introduction

God has promised abundant blessings for His people (10:2-12). The text falls into two sections: verses 1-5 outline God's promised deliverance from enemies; verses 6-12 describe God's promises of restoration and strength for His people, whom He will regather into their homeland.

Once more the future has been revealed to encourage steadfastness in the present. Verses like these refer to a literal future blessing upon a regathered and believing Israel. Nevertheless, it is true that we who have been brought to faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord can see ourselves in the points of this prophecy. He has saved us by His death. He has provided for us and encourages us to come to Him in prayer, asking for anything we lack. He is purifying us. Has our Lord not strengthened us as we are conformed to the image of His Son? He has also gathered to Himself both Jew and Gentile from the farthest reaches of this world. He is not merely the Shepherd-King of Israel. He is our Shepherd-King too. Praise be to God for such a Shepherd as ours!

Highlight

What four metaphors are used to describe that which will come from the Lord's flock, the house of Judah? (Zech. 10:4)

Explain

Zechariah's prophecy, more than 500 years before Christ's first coming, called Christ the "cornerstone" (see also Isaiah 28:16), the "tent peg" (Isaiah 22:23), and the "battle bow," here implying that He will crush God's enemies (see also Genesis 49:10; Micah 5:2). Explain how He has fulfilled at least one of these roles in your life or experience.

Apply

How can we know whether a biblical promise applies to us or whether it only applied to those to whom it was written?

Respond in Prayer

Read through Psalm 103 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

