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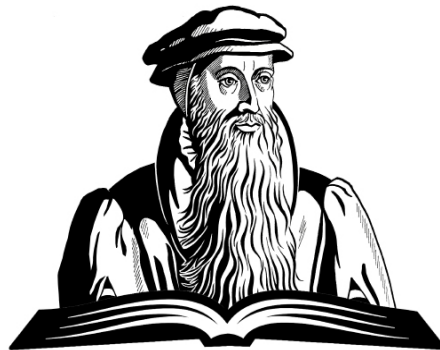
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Lesson 112

Zechariah Prophecies of Christ

Zechariah, chapters 6 through 14

Memory Verse

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.”

—Zechariah 13:7

Christ in the Old Testament

Does the gospel, the good news of a Saviour for sinners, begin in the book of Matthew, or in the book of Genesis? A man of God named J.C. Ryle said: “The Old Testament is the gospel in the bud; the New Testament is the gospel in full bloom.” Already in Genesis, when Adam and Eve broke the covenant and knew they deserved to die, God promised to send “the seed of the woman” to bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). As time went on, the promises, prophecies, visions, and types pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ became more and more clear, rejoicing the hearts of all those who felt their need of a divine Redeemer. Jesus himself said, “Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad” (John 8:56).

Christ in the Book of Zechariah

Remember how the Lord sent Zechariah to encourage the dispirited Jews? The temple would be completed. Christ would be born. God would save his people. The second half of the book of Zechariah abounds with wonderful promises and prophecies of Christ and the saving work he would come to do.

In Zechariah 6, we read that three men arrived from Babylon. They had gold and silver with them for the building of the temple. The Lord tells Zechariah to take the gold and silver and have two crowns made from it. When this was done, the crowns were placed upon the head of Joshua the high priest. Solemnly, Zechariah said: “Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH... he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne” (verses 12, 13). Clearly, Zechariah spoke of Christ, who will be a royal Priest (Psalm 110). A priest is a mediator between a holy God and sinful man. A king governs and protects his people. No king in Israel was permitted to be a priest. This honour was reserved for Christ alone.

There is much figurative language in the book of Zechariah. There are also very clear prophecies pointing out specific future events. In Zechariah 9:9, we read: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of

Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of an ass.” Find Matthew 21, and read for yourself the exact fulfillment of these words, when the Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Matthew says: “All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet” (verse 4). Christ humbled himself so deeply! He was given a crown of thorns, and only the dying thief recognized him as King (Luke 23:42).

In Zechariah 11, we read much about false shepherds and abused sheep. When the good shepherd asked for his wages, he was paid thirty pieces of silver, which was the price of a slave who had been gored by an ox (Exodus 21:32). With sarcasm, the Lord said “Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them” (verse 13). Matthew describes how Judas was paid thirty pieces of silver for betraying the Lord Jesus. He was soon filled with remorse however, and threw the thirty pieces of silver on the temple floor. With this money the priests bought a potter’s field. Again Matthew refers back to the book of Zechariah: “Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet” (Matthew 27:9).

As the Lord Jesus was walking to Gethsemane, he forewarned his disciples: “All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad” (Matthew 26:31). Jesus was quoting from Zechariah 13:7, confirming that this prophecy also directly applied to him. He was “the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts,” meaning that he was both man and God. Christ is the good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep. He would rise again however, and “turn his hand onto the little ones.” As you read these and other wonderful revelations of Christ in the book of Zechariah, pray that he may be your Shepherd in life and in death.

Review Questions

1. Why did the two crowns have to be stored in the temple? (Zechariah 6:14)
 - a. So Joshua could wear them when he sacrificed.
 - b. So Zerubbabel could wear them when he became king.
 - c. To prevent theft: it was the most secure place.
 - d. For a memorial, to remind the Jews that Christ would come.

2. In chapter 7, what did the Lord require of his people?
 - a. To fast in the fifth and seventh month
 - b. To sacrifice more faithfully
 - c. To execute judgment, show mercy, and not oppress any
 - d. Both a and b

3. How did Zechariah encourage the Jews in chapter 8?
 - a. They would soon have their own king.
 - b. Old men and women would safely rest in the streets of Jerusalem.

- c. Boys and girls would safely play in the streets of Jerusalem.
- d. Both b and c

4. Which verses of chapter 8 foretell that men from all tribes and nations will embrace the gospel?

- a. Verses 2 and 3
- b. Verses 11 and 12
- c. Verses 16 and 17
- d. Verses 22 and 23

5. In Zechariah 10:9 and 10, what does the Lord promise the Jews?

- a. He will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph.
- b. He will place them as precious stones in his crown.
- c. He will tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets.
- d. He will sow them in far countries and gather them again.

Discussion Questions

1. In Zechariah 6, what do the two crowns placed on the head of Joshua point to? How does Christ fulfil both these offices?

2. What is the third office of Christ? (Deuteronomy 18:15) How does he fulfil it?

3. Some shepherds play a special note on their flute to get their own sheep out of a large mixed flock. The word “hiss” in Zechariah 10:8 means “to whistle.” What is the Lord speaking of in this verse?

4. Copy the phrase from Zechariah 12 which John is quoting in John 19:37.

John is quoting Zechariah 12: _____

How was this verse fulfilled on Golgotha?

5. In Zechariah 14:8 we read about living waters going out from Jerusalem. What other details do you read in Revelation 22:1, 17 and Ezekiel 47?

What did the Lord Jesus mean in John 4:10?
