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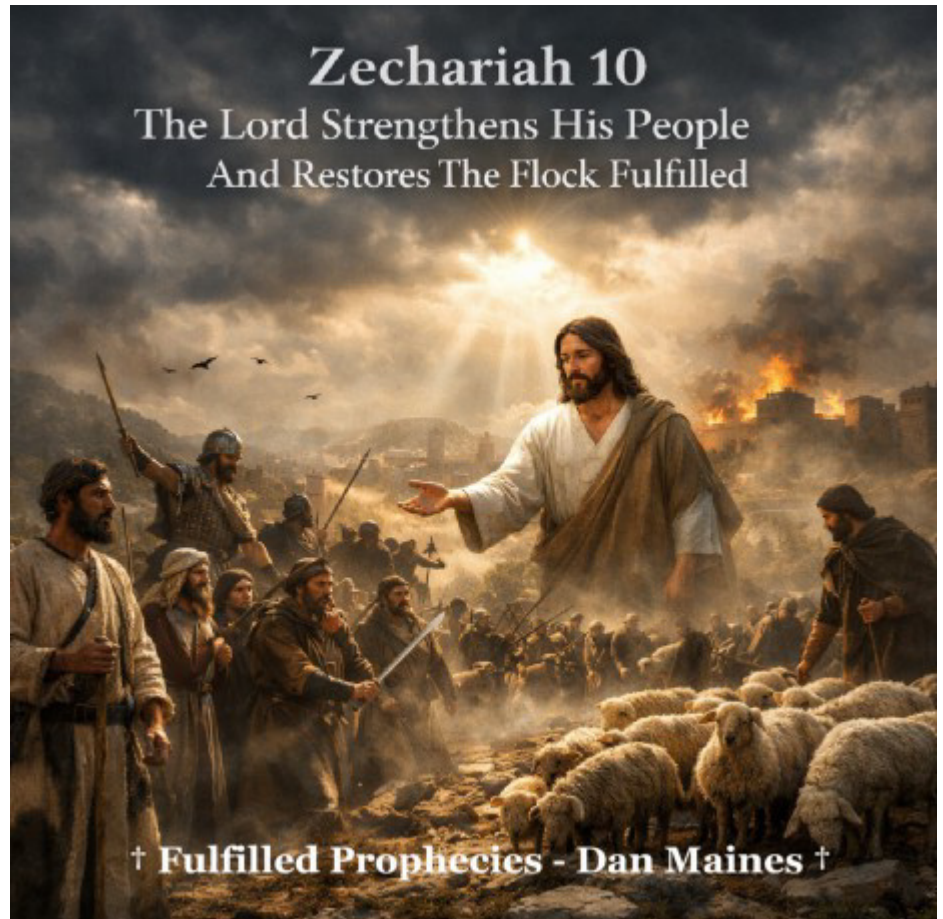
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Introduction

† Zechariah 10 shows the Lord calling His people away from false shepherds and idols and back to Himself, and from the fulfilled perspective this points directly to Christ gathering and strengthening His people before the judgment of that generation (Matthew 23:37-38).

† The promise here is not future to us, it's fulfilled in the first

century when the true Shepherd came and the corrupt leadership of Israel was judged and removed (John 10:11-13). † This chapter ties directly into the transition from the old covenant leadership to Christ as the true King and Shepherd over His flock (Hebrews 13:20).

Zechariah 10:1

Ask rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain, The LORD who makes the storm clouds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each person.

† This shows dependence on God alone as the source of blessing, not religious systems or traditions (James 5:7).

† In the fulfilled perspective, Christ is the one who brings the true spiritual rain, the outpouring that nourishes His people (John 7:37-38).

† Israel had turned to false sources, but God calls them back to Himself as the only provider (Jeremiah 2:13).

Zechariah 10:2

For the teraphim speak injustice, And the diviners see lying visions And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep, They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd.

† This is a direct indictment of false religious leaders in Israel, those who misled the people with lies (Matthew 15:14).

† Jesus echoes this when He sees the people as sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36).

† The lack of true leadership led to spiritual wandering, which Christ came to correct (John 10:3-5).

Zechariah 10:3

My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the male goats; For the LORD of armies has visited His flock, the house of Judah, And will make them like His majestic horse in

battle.

† God promises judgment on corrupt leaders, which was fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem and its leadership (Matthew 23:29-36).

† The Lord visiting His flock points to Christ coming to His people in that generation (Luke 19:44).

† The transformation into a strong people reflects the establishment of the new covenant community (1 Peter 2:9).

Zechariah 10:4

From them will come the cornerstone, From them the tent peg,
From them the bow of battle, From them every ruler, all of them
together.

† The cornerstone is clearly Christ, rejected by men but chosen by God (Psalm 118:22, Acts 4:11).

† The tent peg and bow of battle show stability and strength, fulfilled in Christ establishing His kingdom (Ephesians 2:20).

† This isn't about earthly power, it's about spiritual authority in the new covenant (Matthew 28:18).

Zechariah 10:5

They will be as mighty warriors, Treading down the enemy in
the mud of the streets in battle; And they will fight, for the LORD
will be with them; And the riders on horses will be put to shame.

† This points to the victory of Christ's people, not through physical war, but through the triumph of the gospel (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

† The enemy being put to shame reflects the defeat of the old covenant opposition (Colossians 2:15).

† God being with them shows the presence of Christ with His church (Matthew 28:20).

Zechariah 10:6

I will strengthen the house of Judah, And I will save the house

of Joseph, And I will bring them back, Because I have had compassion on them; And they will be as though I had not rejected them, For I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.

† This restoration includes both Judah and Israel, fulfilled in the unity of all believers in Christ (Ephesians 2:14-16).

† The idea of being restored as though not rejected shows full covenant reconciliation (Romans 11:1-5).

† God answering them is fulfilled through Christ as mediator (Hebrews 7:25).

Zechariah 10:7

Ephraim will be like a mighty warrior, And their heart will be glad as if from wine; Indeed, their children will see it and be glad, Their heart will rejoice in the LORD.

† This describes the joy of salvation fulfilled in Christ (1 Peter 1:8).

† The strengthening of Ephraim shows the inclusion of the scattered tribes (John 11:52).

† The generational joy reflects the lasting impact of the gospel (Acts 2:39).

Zechariah 10:8

I will whistle for them to gather them together, For I have redeemed them; And they will be as numerous as they were before.

† The gathering is fulfilled in Christ calling His sheep from all nations (John 10:16).

† Redemption is already accomplished through His sacrifice (Ephesians 1:7).

† The increase reflects the expansion of the church (Acts 2:41).

Zechariah 10:9

When I scatter them among the peoples, They will remember

Me in far countries, And they with their children will live and come back.

† The scattering refers to exile, but the remembering shows God's covenant faithfulness (Deuteronomy 30:1-3).

† This is fulfilled as Jews throughout the nations come to Christ (Acts 2:5-11).

† The return is not to land, but to covenant relationship (Galatians 3:28-29).

Zechariah 10:10

I will bring them back from the land of Egypt And gather them from Assyria; And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon Until no room can be found for them.

† Egypt and Assyria represent bondage and exile, both overcome in Christ (Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:15).

† The gathering shows fullness, fulfilled in the overflowing growth of the kingdom (Colossians 1:6).

† The lack of room reflects abundance in the new covenant community (Acts 4:4).

Zechariah 10:11

And they will pass through the sea of distress And He will strike the waves in the sea, So that all the depths of the Nile will dry up; And the pride of Assyria will be brought down And the scepter of Egypt will depart.

† This echoes the Exodus, showing God delivering His people again (Exodus 14:21-22).

† In fulfillment, Christ delivers from sin and death, not physical nations (Hebrews 2:14-15).

† The fall of Assyria and Egypt represents the end of oppressive powers (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

Zechariah 10:12

And I will strengthen them in the LORD, And in His name they

will walk, declares the LORD.

† This is the final result, a people strengthened and walking in God's name (Colossians 2:6-7).

† Fulfilled in the church, living in Christ's authority and identity (Philippians 2:9-11).

† This is ongoing reality, not future expectation (1 John 2:6).

Historical References

† Josephus records the corruption of the Jewish leadership leading up to AD 70, confirming the judgment against false shepherds.

† Eusebius writes of the church being preserved while Jerusalem fell, showing the Lord gathering and protecting His flock.

† Tacitus acknowledges the upheaval and destruction of Jerusalem, aligning with the judgment spoken of by Christ.

How It Applies To Us Today

† We don't follow religious systems or false teachers, we follow the true Shepherd who has already come (John 10:27).

† We've already been gathered, strengthened, and established in Christ, we're not waiting for this to happen (Hebrews 12:22-24).

† Our identity isn't tied to a nation or temple, it's in Christ and His finished work (Ephesians 2:19-22).

† We walk in His name now, not someday in the future, this is present reality (2 Corinthians 5:17).

† The warnings against false shepherds still stand, so we stay grounded in Scripture, not tradition (Acts 20:28-30).

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who are the false shepherds in Zechariah 10?

A: The corrupt leaders of Israel who misled the people, fulfilled

in the first century leadership judged by Christ (Matthew 23:13-33).

Q: What does the cornerstone refer to?

A: Christ Himself as the foundation of the new covenant (Acts 4:11).

Q: Has the gathering of God's people already happened?

A: Yes, fulfilled in Christ gathering His people from all nations (John 10:16, Acts 2:41).

Q: Is this prophecy about a future restoration of national Israel?

A: No, it's fulfilled in Christ and the new covenant people, both Jew and Gentile (Galatians 3:28-29).

Q: What does it mean that God strengthens His people?

A: It refers to spiritual strength in Christ, already given through the new covenant (Colossians 2:6-7).

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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