

"THE KING AND THE KINGS" Zechariah 9 - 11 June 28, 2015

When we accept Jesus as our Savior-<u>Shepherd</u>-King, He <u>transforms</u> life into a place of peace and purpose.

When we <u>reject</u> Him, or any part of Who He is (Savior-Shepherd-King) he leaves us to the kings of this world who will take advantage of us until we are completely undone.

I. Yahweh <u>subdues</u> the kings of the earth. (9:1-8)

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- II. Your King comes. (9:9 10:12)
 - A. The Savior King brings <u>peace</u>. (9:9-17)
 - B. The King transforms His people. (10:1-12)
- III. The King's <u>rejection</u>. (11:1-17)
 - A. The sound of ruin. (11:1-3)
 - B. The <u>shepherd</u> of the flock doomed to slaughter. (11:4-14)
 - C. The <u>cost</u> of rejection. (11:15-17)
 - When we accept the King's saving and shepherding... He transforms us into beautiful <u>name bearers</u>. He provides <u>shalom</u>.

When we reject the King's shepherding of our lives... we lose all <u>protection</u>. we lose shalom.

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"SHEPHERD KING'S KINGDOM" Zechariah 12 - 14

Historical Timeline:

This oracle follows on the oracle found in chapters 9-11. It may have come at the same time or shortly thereafter. The temple has been built and the Lord addresses the heart and hope of worship.

Passage Overview:

The message of these chapters is focused "on that day", a phrase that occurs repeatedly and thrusts the listeners forward into the future and all the way to the eschaton.

In the end times, Jerusalem will be the center of world attention. Nations will move against her, but will end up hurting themselves as they confront the God who jealously guards His people.

The Jewish people themselves will also be confronted with their Messiah, Jesus, whom they have pierced. They will be given a spirit of repentance and deep contrition and will then find the free flow of forgiveness as they turn to their Messiah.

Zechariah prophesies about the death of the Shepherd (Jesus), the refining of His people, and their return to Yahweh through Jesus.

The picture shifts then to the events of the epic, final battle. The Lord's return will by marked by the splitting of the Mount of Olives in two as He descends. His presence will bring perfect light and warmth, with living waters flowing out from His presence in Jerusalem. He will reign over all the earth and all the peoples will come and bow before Him in worship. There will be no more secular / sacred divide. All will be holy unto the Lord, as He rules in majesty and holiness.

This hope prompts worship in times of hardship. It is a hope found only in the promised Messiah, who would be rejected and pierced by them at first. But His return would usher in a time of repentance, forgiveness, restoration, and sublime perfection.

Reading for Next Week: Zechariah 12 - 14