

Zechariah 9-11 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Zechariah 10:1-5 what would God do for Israel (v1, 3b, 5) and what was their part (v1, 2-3a)? Describe the One He would use to do this (v4).

5. Based on 10:6-12 what else will God do for Israel (v6, 7, 8-10, 11, 12) and why will He do this (v6)? What will the results be (v7, 8, 12)?

6. According to 11:1-3 what would happen to Israel and surrounding areas (v1-2)? What effect would this have on them (v3)?

7. Using 11:4-6 what did God tell Zechariah to do (v4)? How did Israel's leaders treat the people (v5)? What would happen to Israel (v6)?

8. In 11:7-11 what did the names of the staffs reveal about God's desires for Israel (v7)? How did He deal with the 3 false shepherds (v8-9) and what did this lead to (v10-11)?

9. Read 11:12-14. How much was Zechariah (symbolizing God) worth to the leaders (v12), and what were they to do with this amount (v13)? What did this devaluation result in

10. Looking at 11:15-17 what do "foolish" shepherds do (v16), what do you think is their equipment (v15), and what will happen to them (v17)?

11. What are the promises of Zech 9-11 and how will Israel generally respond? Why do people tend to devalue God and His promises? How can you personally value Him?

Scripture to Remember

"Behold your King is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Zechariah 9:9 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Why I Love the Word of God—Part 2 (2 Tim 3:10-17)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about a time in your life when living by God's Word was easy, and about a time when it was hard. What made the difference?
2. Read 2 Tim 3:10-12. Discuss what it means "to live godly in Christ", and why this *always* leads to persecution in some form.
3. Read 2 Tim 3:16-17. Talk about what it means to you that "all" scripture is "God-breathed", as well as what this does not mean. What difference should this make?
4. What evidence for inspiration most impresses you (its preparation, permanence, prophecy, perception, or its power). Why?
5. Share about how you allow God's Word to teach you, reprove you, correct you, and train you in righteous living. How could you improve this?
6. In what ways has the Word of God made you more adequate and equipped to do the will of God in your daily life?
7. If there is anything else from the message that impressed you, share it.



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The Price Is Right

Introduction to Zechariah 9-11



It is good when God gets in our face and straightens us up through His Word.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

On the game show, *The Price Is Right*, the contestants win if they correctly guess the value of the items on display. God placed a similar offer before His people—both after the exile and during the time of Christ. Those who valued Him correctly were able to receive His greatest blessings, but those who devalued Him subjected themselves to His punishment. This week’s study in Zechariah 9-11 presents this well. It opens with God’s overcoming of the nations for Israel’s sake. Even though He would allow an oppressor to sweep through the nations around Israel, God would protect Jerusalem from him; His appointed King who would then come in humility, referring to Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Because of the blood of His covenant God

would set Israel’s prisoners free and restore to them double what they had lost. He would defeat the nations through them and make them beautiful. The outlook of Israel’s future presented next was indeed bright. If they would ask of Him rather than turning to false gods and mediums they would receive rain. He would have compassion on them and turn these sheep into majestic war horses. They would defeat their enemies and God would gather them back from the lands into which they had been scattered. They would then be glad, strengthened by the Lord, and would walk in His name. However, most of them would not follow God and Zechariah 11 presents the outcome of rejecting their Shepherd. A fire would sweep through the land in judgment

on those who had become rich at the expense of the sheep. God’s staffs of His favor and union would be broken and He would annihilate the foolish leaders; He would then accept their evaluation of Him, thirty pieces of silver, or the price of a gored slave. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy; and having rejected Him Israel fell not only into disunity, but were also led by foolish shepherds, which were the two outcomes of rejecting the Shepherd. Their valuation, or price, for God had to be right to avoid this outcome and experience God’s blessings.

Daily Study Questions for Zechariah 9-11

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Look at Zechariah 9:1-7. What would God do to each of the nations around Israel and why (v2-4, 5, 6-7)? After His judgment what good thing would happen to them (v7)?</p>	
<p>2. Read 9:8-10. How would God take care of His people during this judgment (v8)? What would their ultimate deliverer be like (v9) and what would His rule be like (v10)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 9:11-17 what promises did God make to Judah and Ephraim (v11-12, 13, 14, 15-16, 17)? Why (v11, 16)?</p>	

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