



**Zechariah
Chapter 10**

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Zech 10:1 “Ask rain...”

Deut 28:1-2,12

“...if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today.... All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God....The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season....”

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Zech 10:1 “Ask rain...”

Deut 28:15, 23-24

“But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God...that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you....The heaven...shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron. The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust...until you are destroyed.”

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Teraphim = figurines or images in human form consulted in telling the future.



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I Sam 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry (TERAPHIM)...."

Hos 3:4-5 "...the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols (teraphim). Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD...."

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Jer 23:16 "...Do not listen to the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; they speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the LORD."

Jer 23:25 "...the prophets...prophesy falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a dream, I had a dream!'"

Jer 23:32 "Behold, I am against those who have prophesied false dreams...and led My people astray...I did not send them...nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit...."

Jer 27:9-10 "...do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers or your sorcerers who speak to you, saying, 'You will not serve the king of Babylon.' For they prophesy a lie to you...."

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Zech 10:3 "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the male goats"

Ezek 34:15,17 "I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest, declares the Lord GOD....Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats."

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3 images describing the Messiah:

1. **Cornerstone** = gives stability & strength to a building

- Ps 118:22 "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Cornerstone."
- Is 28:16 "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone....He who believes in it will not be disturbed."
- Quoted in I Peter 2:4-8, applied to Jesus.
- Luke 20:17-19 Jesus quoted these passages of the rejection of the Cornerstone; the scribes and chief priests understood the meaning.

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3 images describing the Messiah:

1. **Cornerstone** = gives stability & strength to a building
2. **Tent-peg** = a peg or nail on the center pole of the tent used to secure valued possessions.
 - Is 22:22-24 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder....I will drive him like a peg in a firm place, and he will become a throne of glory to his father's house. So they will hang on him all the glory of his father's house...."
 - Ezra 9:8 "... grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in His holy place..."

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3 images describing the Messiah:

1. **Cornerstone** = gives stability & strength to a building
2. **Tent-peg** = a peg or nail on the center pole of the tent used to secure valued possessions.
3. **Bow of battle** = strength in battle leading to victory

The 3 images combined = the ultimate Leader in contrast to the poor leaders Israel had.

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" The ancient rabbinic Targum correctly understood these to be figures for the King Messiah, coming from Judah. As cornerstone, He would be the foundation upon which Israel would find stability (Is 28:16); as tent peg, He would secure Israel to Himself; and as battle bow, He would bring the strength of military victory."

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Zech 10:8 "I will whistle for them..."

John 10:3-4 "...the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out....and the sheep follow him because they know his voice."

John 10:16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd." (Rom 11:25)

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Zech 10:10 “I will bring them back...”

Is 11:11 “Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time ...the remnant of His people, who will remain from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.”

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Zech 10:10
“I will bring them
back...into the land
of Gilead and
Lebanon”

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Zech 10:11 “sea of distress”

Dan 12:1 “...there will be a time of distress such as never occurred ...and at that time your people [Israel], everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.” (Rom 11:26-27; Zech 12:10-13:1; Zech 13:9)

Zeph 1:14-15 “Near is the great day of the LORD....A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress...”

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Zech 10:11 “sea of distress”

Jer 30:7 “Alas! For that day is great...it is the time of Jacob's distress, but he will be saved from it.”

Mt 24:21 “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.”

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Zech 10:11 "Assyria....Egypt"

Isaiah 19:23-25 "In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria...and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth...."

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Zech 10:12 "in His name they will walk"

Is 43:1-3 "...thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob...Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched....For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...."

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Lessons from Zech 10:

1. "Ask the LORD" (v.1) rather than ungodly sources who only give false comfort (v.2).
2. The Lord is aware of corrupt, false leaders ("shepherds, male goats") and He will judge them (v.3).
3. Our secure hope is in Christ, the Cornerstone, the Tent-Peg, the Battle Bow, and our firm Foundation. (v.4).
4. God has a future planned for the nation of Israel, and He will restore them to their land, even through times of distress (v.6-11).
5. The Lord is the Source of our strength; we need to walk in His name (v.12).

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