

## **Zechariah 10**

1 Joel 2:23, 28 This verse connects with the previous verse about God's blessings of abundance. Baal doesn't make the clouds! (Jeremiah 14:22)

2 In spite of the captivity because of idolatry, some were still turning to teraphim instead of the LORD. Diviners were forbidden in Deuteronomy 18:9f.  
Sheep wandering - Ezekiel 34:6-8,10 also Matthew 9:36 and John 10:14 and Revelation 7:17

3 God loves the sheep and can't stand the evil shepherds leading them astray. He will personally come and care for them as He did in the incarnation and through the Holy Spirit.

Baldwin comments, "Those who in their submission to the Lord are like sheep become invincible as warhorses in His service." New American Commentary – Volume 21b: Zechariah.

4-5 These are descriptions of Messiah. (Genesis 49:10) Cornerstone- literally premier stone and could be the capstone. Jesus is both a and z (Psalm 118:22; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20) Tent peg- Called a firm place in Ezra 9:8; son of David in Isaiah 22:23-24 support for the people. Battle bow- victorious conqueror. (Revelation 6:2) Ruler - not a foreign power! *noges* also is translated taskmaster but here used as overseer. The people of Judah will fight alongside their Messiah King.

6 Though they are scattered, if they call out to the Lord, He will answer and bring them back. Makes me wonder how many of the Jews in Israel today are from tribes other than Judah.

7 Though a tribe, Ephraim (Joseph) was sometimes representative of the whole Northern Kingdom. Aleyah - to go up or return to Jerusalem is always connected with joy. Here they are joyful because their enemies cannot stop their return.

8 Whistle was often a call to judgment, but here to restoration. Sometimes shepherds whistle for their sheep. "Redeemed" is in the past tense. This must then be interpreted not as salvation but as buying them back from captivity. In the ultimate future fulfillment it could look back to salvation through the cross.

9 Very far countries - The return in our day has been truly from the corners of the earth. Jews are being brought by various Christian agencies like Bridgebuilders and Ezra International.

10 Only in this day is that passage "till there is no room for them" truly fulfilled, yet it may have even a greater fulfillment in the Millennial kingdom. There is a space problem today in Israel because of all that have returned and continue to return. That is part of the "settlements" issue.

11 Jacob's trouble - but the LORD will make a way for their return even at the expense of humiliating other nations. Assyria=North and Egypt=South.

12 I can't say they walk in His name today, but after the time of Jacob's trouble they will. The immediate fulfillment was the revival that took place under Zechariah and then under Nehemiah. There was an earnest desire to keep the Law that eventually went overboard becoming Pharisaical. Those truly walking in His name today are the Messianic Jews. The day will come when it will be true of the Jewish nation. (Romans 11:26)