

Zechariah 9-11 - The Divine Warrior

Have you ever been in a situation (perhaps playing cards or a board game) where you've been confident in your own victory, before it's revealed to everyone else?

Read Zechariah 9:1-8

Here we have a picture of God's great victory!

1. What is the outcome for any people who stand against God as His enemy? How is this contrasted to the outcome of His people? (v8)

Read Zechariah 9:9-10

2. What elements of the king's description help us to understand his plans, purpose & character as he enters the scene? Has Zechariah been preparing us for this type of representative from God? (See also 3:8-9)

3. What does this king bring with him? (v10) Who is this between & when?

Read Matthew 21:1-11

4. Seeing that God is of course speaking of Jesus as the promised king in Zechariah, what can we conclude about Jesus?

5. Are there aspects of Zechariah's prophecy that are yet to be fulfilled after Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem?

Zechariah 9:11-15 shows us that those who have God's Messiah as their king will have God as their champion. They will still have small battles to fight, but God will be with them and fight for them. However the fighting will not last forever...

Read Zechariah 9:16-17

6. What is the outcome for those who side with God's promised king?

Read Zechariah 10:1-3.

7. As you think about people's relationship to God, discuss the contrast between v1 & v2. What will the outcome be for the poor (bad) leaders of God's people? (v3) What will God provide?

Read John 10:2-4, 11-15

8. Describe the relationship of Jesus (the true shepherd and leader of God's people) and his sheep. (What are the things he does? What are the things they do?)

Bonus (if you have the time): Read Zechariah 11:4-17 and discuss the relationship between the two parts of this acted-out parable (v7-11 & 15-16) Tip: Don't get stuck in the details but look to the overall flow as God delivers them a lesson from their history.)

Implications (choose one or more of the following)

- What are some areas of a Christian's life that can seem hard to let Jesus be the king and lord over?
- How should Zechariah 9:4a serve as an encouragement for Christians living in a world that (for the most part) doesn't acknowledge God's ultimate Victory?
- Why is prayer an important part of the Christian life? (What does it show about us?)
- How important is good leadership in a Church? Why?
- According to 1 Peter 5:1-5, what should leaders in ministry be like?

Give thanks and pray, praising God for His ultimate victory that he shares with those who accept His promised king.