

Ten Indictments and Propositions Against & For America

Scripture: Zechariah 9:9-17

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south,

¹⁵ and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling^[c] the corners of the altar.

¹⁶ The LORD their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.

¹⁷ How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

I. Reminders

A. God will bring His justice (Esther 4)

1. Nation acquiescence to repentance and humility
2. A queen's acquiescence to repentance and humility
3. Intercession, Fasting, and Intervention

B. Implications

1. Judgment comes first
2. Cleansing comes second
3. Restoration comes third

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II. Ten Indictments (Zechariah 3, 5, and 7)

- A. Indictment 1 – The American Church Is Filthy (Zech. 3:3)
- B. Indictment 2 – Thievery and False Oaths Apparent in the Land (Zech. 5:1-3)
- C. Indictment 3 – America Is A Harlot of Sin (Zech. 5:6-8)
- D. Indictment 4 – America Is the Seat of Jezebel (Zech. 5:11)
- E. Indictment 5 – America Does Not Seek the Lord (Zech. 7:2)
- F. Indictment 6 – America’s Priests and Called Ones Seek the Lord Unrightfully (Zech. 7:3-5)
- G. Indictment 7 – America Is Ungrateful Towards God’s Provisions, Grace, and Mercy (Zech. 7:6)
- H. Indictment 8 – America Does Not Practice God’s Word and Commands (Zech. 7:9-10)
 - 1. See Jer. 5:28 – and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not seek justice. They do not promote the case of the fatherless; they do not defend the just cause of the poor.
 - 2. See Jer. 7:23 – but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.
- I. Indictment 9 – America Does Not Hearken to the Word of the Lord (Zech. 7:11)
- J. Indictment 10 – America’s Heart Is Stubbornly and Consistently Hard Towards the Lord (Zech. 7:12)

III. Focus on God’s Plan of Redemption – Zechariah 9:9-17

- A. Rejoice and shout (v. 9)
- B. Examine Christ’s Characteristics (v. 9)
 - 1. Righteousness
 - 2. Salvation
 - 3. Humility
 - 4. Modesty
- C. Christ’s Warfare: Peace (v. 10)

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1. Hosea 1:7 – Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the LORD their God, will save them.”

D. Christ’s Redemption (v. 11-13)

1. Movement towards prayer (stronghold of security and prosperity)
2. Involved Participants
 - a. Zion
 - b. Jerusalem
 - c. Ephraim – seed of Joseph and received more land than his brother Manasseh
3. Hope Given
4. Restoration Ensued (Double Portion)
5. God’s weapons
 - a. Judah (bow) = name meaning is “praise”
 - b. Ephraim (arrow) = name meaning is “double fruitfulness” or “being fruitful”
 - c. Young folks
 - d. Israel (sword) = name meaning is “God contends”

E. The Result of General Redemption (v. 14-17)

1. Divine protection
2. Divine warfare action
3. Divine victory
4. Divine salvation from trouble
5. Divine merriment
6. Divine familial fulfillment

IV. Ten New Propositions for America – Zechariah 3 and 10

- A. Proposition 1 – God will clean the American church (Zech. 3:3-4)
- B. Proposition 2 – God will clean the mind of the American church (Zech. 3:5)
- C. Proposition 3 – God will give instructions that is conditional to His Servants (Zech. 3:7)
- D. Proposition 4 – God will restore American community relations among the people (Zech. 3:10)
- E. Proposition 5 – God will remove wicked shepherds (Zech. 10:2-3)

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- F. Proposition 6 – God will allow His people to promote and participate with Christ in serving justice (Zech. 10:4-5)
 - G. Proposition 7 – God will strengthen God’s people to praise (Judah) and worship Him at increased (Joseph) rates (Zech. 10:6)
 - H. Proposition 8 – God’s people will increase tremendously in the land (Zech. 10:8)
 - I. Proposition 9 – God’s people will return gracefully back to the presence of the Lord (Zech. 10:9)
 - J. Proposition 10 – God’s people will be strong and walk by faith in the Lord (Zech. 10:12)
- V. Chapter Summaries from Zechariah 3, 5, 7, 9, and 10**
- A. Chapter 3:1-7 – Joshua the High Priest represents disobedient and sinful Israel. Although Satan accuses him, the Lord chooses salvation. There was a total removal of sin, replaced with forgiveness and righteousness. The Lord provides a conditional statement to Joshua, indicating that there is possibility for the Lord to fully restore him (including Israel), but that is predicated on his obedience to serving and governing the Lord’s house rightfully and consistently.
 - B. Chapter 3:8-10 – this is God’s promise to restore Joshua and prepare the way for the Lord Jesus Christ, as His chosen vessel.
 - C. Chapter 5:1-11 – A flying scroll approaches Zechariah, and the document has two sides, one representing those who steal and the other for those who swear falsely. Each side will both have a fatal punishment, which is being “cut off” and remain in the homes of thieves and those who swear falsely. Another visual is show to Zechariah, an ephah with a woman inside, personifying sin. This symbol is being brought to the land of sin, which is Shinar, a prophetic indication that sin belongs and remains with an unruly, unrighteous crowd.
 - D. Chapter 7:1-14 – During a time of seeking the Lord on Dec. 7, 518 B.C., a group of men from Bethel came to fast with the priests, but the Word of the Lord came to Zechariah, to call out the hypocrisy of their deeds, specifically questioning the motives for their fasting and praying while in Babylonian captivity. On a second occasion, God spoke to Zechariah, illustrating consistent former words spoken to the Israelites about the requirements for righteous activity in the nation and local communities. The Israelites did not obey God’s command, forming a heart of flint, causing mutual connection to cease, resulting in judgment, being exiled and making the land a desolation.

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- E. Chapter 9: 1-10 – God will judge specific nations surrounding Judah, some of whom will attach themselves to the Lord’s Kingdom. After this, the Lord will set His eyes to plant His Messiah, Jesus Christ, in the land of the living, in Judah. And, salvation will come across the ends of the earth.
- F. Chapter 9:11-17 – The Lord demonstrates His majesty, might, and power, like a lion, to fight for His chosen people, who are being afflicted, but the Lord goes forward first to fight and save His people.
- G. Chapter 10:1-12 – The Lord will reestablish and rededicate His blessing to both Judah and Ephraim, both of whom will receive deliverance and strength, through a wilderness journey similar to the Israelite going through the Red Sea.