

Exegetical Notes – Zechariah 2:10-13
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(Zechariah, along with Haggai, was a post exilic prophet. In 538 B.C., Cyrus, the King of Persia, issued a decree allowing the Jews to return to Judah and to begin rebuilding the temple of YHWH there. About 50,000 Jews went back to Judah. They began rebuilding the Temple and in 536 its foundation was completed. But then work on the Temple stopped. The people began working on their own homes and the city walls. They grew tired of building God's house. Zechariah wrote to encourage the remnant to begin again to do the Lord's work by reassuring them that God had great plans for their future. He encouraged them to not grow weary in doing the work of YHWH.)

Verses 10

“Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the LORD.

- YHWH speaks to His children.
- YHWH calls His people “the daughter of Zion.” These are those returned to Judah from Babylon to rebuild the city of Jerusalem and, in particular, the Temple, the house of the Lord.
- YHWH calls His children to “SHOUT.” It means to praise and rejoice; to have a party.
- They are to shout and rejoice because YHWH is coming to live among them. Immanuel, “God is with us,” is the reason for God's children to rejoice.

Verses 11-12

¹¹ “Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. ¹² The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.

- Many nations outside of Judah, the non-Jewish world, will come to YHWH in that day. People who are not God's people will come to Him. THIS DID

NOT HAPPEN THEN. The reference to “that day” is to “THE DAY OF THE LORD,” the day when the Messiah, Jesus, comes. Those who come to God then, will become the Children of God. We have seen the fulfillment of this promise! People from many nations have come to YHWH since the day of Jesus’ resurrection.

- The sentence “I will live among you and you will know...” Is the word of God spoken from the mouth of the prophet. God, in the person of the Holy Spirit lives among His people today. God’s people know that YHWH lives with us.
- “YHWH Almighty has sent me to you.” It is the Messiah who is speaking through the prophet’s mouth. Jesus is YHWH. Jesus has all the power of YHWH. YHWH sent his only begotten Son to His people so that they might believe in Him and be saved. They rejected Him. But the prophecy is fulfilled in our time.
- When the last day comes, the kingdom of God will be restored to the NEW Jerusalem. Judah will be God’s place and Jerusalem will be the city in which He dwells.

Verse 13

13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

- To “be still” is to wait on the LORD in full confidence that He will do as He has said He will do.
- The people of God know that He is moving and that His plans will be accomplished in His time. They know that God is among us!

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