

*Minor Prophets...*

# THE MINOR PROPHETS

The Book of ZECHARIAH  
Zech. 10:1-12

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8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

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Zech. 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Deut. 11:13 And it shall come to pass, **if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments** which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,  
14 That **I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain**, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.  
15 And **I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle**, that thou mayest eat and be full.

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Charismatics believe the *Day of Pentecost* was the “former rain” and the charismatic movement is the “latter rain.”

In Palestine, “the latter rain” falls in March/April and “the early rain” falls in September/October.

1 Kgs. 18:41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* a sound of **abundance of rain**. ...

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and **there was a great rain**. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

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Rev. 11:3 And I will give *power* unto **my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ...

**6** **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not** in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. (See 1 Kgs. 17:1)

Jer. 5:24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth **rain, both the former and the latter, in his season**: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Hos. 6:3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain** unto the earth.

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Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for **he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain** in the first *month*.

Jas. 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive **the early and latter rain**.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for **the coming of the Lord draweth nigh**. (See Jas. 5:17-18)

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### b. Their False Prophet, 10:2

Zech. 10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.

(Deut. 18:9-14)

Jer. 23:30 Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32 Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

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Jer. 27:9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.

### 2. To a Conquering People, 10:3-8

#### a. The Visitation, 10:3-4

##### (1) The Prophet Sees Judgment Coming, 10:3

Zech. 10:3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

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Ezek. 34:2-10

Jn. 10:14 I am **the good shepherd**, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

Heb. 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead **our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep**, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

1 Pet. 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto **the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls**.

1 Pet. 5:4 4 And when **the chief Shepherd** shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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(2) The Prophet Sees Jesus Coming, 10:4

Zech. 10:4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

Mt. 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner**: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Acts 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become **the head of the corner**.

Eph. 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;

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1 Pet. 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion **a chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 **Unto you therefore which believe *he is precious***: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, **the same is made the head of the corner**,

Zech. 10:4 Out of him came forth the corner, **out of him the nail**, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

Isa. 22:23 And **I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place**; and **he shall be for a glorious throne** to his father's house.

Psa. 45:5 Thine arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

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Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and **in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

12 His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and **on his head were many crowns**; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God.**

14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and **he shall rule them with a rod of iron**: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

(See Isa. 63:1-3)

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b. The Victory, 10:5-8

(1) No More Defeat, 10:5

Zech. 10:5 And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, **because the LORD is with them**, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

Mt. 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall **call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**

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(2) No More Division, 10:6a

Zech. 10:6a “And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them...”

(3) No More Dispersion, 10:6b-8

(a) How the Lord Regathers Them, 10:6b

Zech. 10:6b “...and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.”

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(b) How the Lord Rejoices Them, 10:7

Zech. 10:7 And *they of Ephraim* shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

(c) How the Lord Redeems Them, 10:8

Zech. 10:8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

Isa. 35:10 And **the ransomed of the LORD shall return**, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Jn. 10:11-16

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1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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### 3. To a Converted People, 10:9-12

#### a. A Ministering People, 10:9

Zech. 10:9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

#### b. A Mighty People, 10:10-11

Zech. 10:10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

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Jer. 44:26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that **my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth.**

The *Apocrypha* and *Septuagint* originated in Egypt.

Isa. 31:1 **Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help;** and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but **they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!**

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“...the deeps of the river shall dry up...” = Rev. 9:14-16, 16:12, 16

Rev. 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in **the great river Euphrates**.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

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Rev. 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon **the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up**, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The “pride of Assyria” = the antichrist

Isa. 10:24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of **the Assyrian**: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

Isa. 30:31 For **through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down**, *which* smote with a rod.

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Mic. 5:5 And this *man* shall be the peace, when **the Assyrian** shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall **he deliver us from the Assyrian**, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

Isa. 10:5 **O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger**, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

c. A Mindful People, 10:12

Zech. 10:12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

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## **Conclusion**

Eph. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;  
2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ...

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light**:

15 **See then that ye walk circumspectly**, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

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