February 25, 2007 Carl Jones Sunday School Immanuel Baptist Church 214 Castle Heights Avenue Lebanon, TN 37087 carljones.sermonaudio.com

## Zechariah 10:2-12

**Vs2:** idols are little gods that people prayed to. They are little teraphin. These are like a Will, like the leader of the family. Whoever had the teraphin had all the rights to the family property. God said these diviners and teraphin are telling lies. Diviner means divide in Hebrew. The diviners looked at livers and told the future. They comfort in vain...the lies are exposed. Then they left as a flock without a leader.

**Vs3:** God is angry with the diviners, the liars, and He calls them goats. In farms, they use one goat to lead the flock of sheep up the ramp to be slaughtered, so it's called a Judas goat. God is going to change all that. He's going to give the good people a real honest leader to follow, one that won't lie and hurt them. **Vs4:** God will take care of any oppressor of Israel.

**Vs5:** Now Zechariah is moving on to the end times, when Israel will be attacked in the end times. They will fight like great and might men in the streets. God will be with them. Christ will come down and fight this battle with them.

**Vs6:** there are 2 different groups mentioned here: the house of Judah is the southern 2 tribes, and it's called Judea. The house of Joseph is the 10 northern tribes. God will bring all of them back together. God is putting Israel back together in our lifetime. God will put them back together, forgive them and love them like they had never turned away from Him, like all is new and wonderful.

**Vs7:** Ephraim means the 10 northern tribes...these people are going to be so happy and mighty, all who see them fight are going to be amazed.

**Vs8:** God will hiss for them... that means He'll whistle for them to come along.

**Vs9:** they will all remember God, in any country they may be, but they will take care of their families and then come back to their homeland.

**Vs10:** Bringing them out of the land of Egypt means the whole world, not just the literal country.

**Vs11:** It doesn't matter where they are or what physical obstacles they may face, He will open up the rivers and oceans and mountains so that His people may come home. It doesn't matter about political laws or anything that may try to stop Jews from going home. God will open the way. All WWI did was open up the land of Israel. WWII drove the Jews back to Israel en masse. Two years after WWII ended, 1848, Israel became a country again.

**Vs12:** God will strengthen His people when they get back to their homeland. Walking up and down means he is in control, no one has power over him, and this is how the land of Israel will be at that time. No one will tell Israel what to do, and Israel will be the leading dominant nation of Earth at that time.