

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

Sunday Sermon

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Text: Zechariah 10:1-12

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 10:1-12

Subject: Strengthening of Judah and Ephraim; their dispersion and regathering in one view

In the last two messages, we examined the 9th chapter of Zechariah. In the 2nd message from chapter 9, we studied verses 10 through 17 concerning the future deliverance of Judah and Ephraim, and the world-wide kingdom. What a blessing that was to be reminded of the coming visible kingdom on this earth! Now we come to the tenth chapter which also has two parts, but we will, as the Lord enables us, preach through the entire chapter.

Subject: Zechariah Series, Chapter 10, Strengthening Judah and Ephraim; the Dispersion and Regathering of Israel in one view.

Part 1 – (Verses 1-8) The future strengthening of Judah and Ephraim

We might ask ourselves why it is that Israel is often referred with the name of Ephraim? This question seems to plague several of the LORD's people. Let's see if we can understand the truth of this. Was not Ephraim one of the twelve tribes? Was not Ephraim one of the ten tribes which was part of the northern kingdom? Yes, it was. We remember that the LORD left Judah and Benjamin to compose the southern kingdom whose capital city was Jerusalem. The capital city of the northern kingdom was Samaria, which was a principal city in the tribe of Ephraim. Jeroboam, the first king of the ten tribes, was of the tribe of Ephraim; and Samaria, the metropolis of the kingdom, was in that tribe; hence Ephraim often stands for all the ten tribes, for the kingdom of Israel, as distinct from that of

Judah. For me, this explains clearly why Israel (the northern kingdom) is often referred to as Ephraim.

Zechariah 10:1 (KJV) *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.*

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; -- There was the former and the latter rain, of which see **Hosea 6:3**.

Hosea 6:3 (KJV) *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.*

The former rain was in autumn, a little before or about seed time; the latter was in the spring, and a little before harvest, which is here referred to; and between these two rains there was seldom any more rain in that part of the world.

so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. – O, beloved, it is the LORD who makes bright clouds and gives showers of rain on the earth so that the grass grows in the field. The LORD also withholds the rain as he will also do in the 1000-years-reign on this earth when people do not obey his commandment to come to Jerusalem to worship and keep the feast of Tabernacles.

Zechariah 14:16-18 (KJV) *And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. **17** And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. **18** And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no*

rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

A couple of people have asked me about the nations and the feast of tabernacles just recently. Consider this. Remember, countries or nations send their armed forces into battle, but the bulk of the nation remains at home to support their military. That will be no different at Armageddon. The armies which come under the beast to fight against the LORD shall be utterly destroyed. The nations that sent them will still be alive on the earth. These nations, in the millennial kingdom, will be required to come to Jerusalem every year to worship the King and keep the feast of Tabernacles. The feast of tabernacles (or feast of booths) is a time of joy. The temple will then stand in Jerusalem as the house of glory and a house of prayer for all nations. There will be a perfect worship, grand and glorious, and it will not be confined to Israel, but the nations will join it. We may learn perhaps from this verse that the Lord will leave every year once His place on His throne over the earth and come down to Jerusalem and show Himself in His glory before the worshipping multitudes in the earth. The occasion is the feast of tabernacles. It is the millennial feast. It is a feast kept in remembrance of Israel's journey through the wilderness for forty years and all their subsequent wanderings. It stands also for the ingathering of the full harvest. It is a feast of joy, praise, and thanksgiving. The Jews keep it to the present day, though few know the full meaning of it.

Zechariah 10:2 (KJV) 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.

For the idols have spoken vanity,-- The vanities of the Gentiles cannot give rain; if they promise it, they speak vain things; God only can give it, and therefore it must, be asked of him.

Jeremiah 14:22 (KJV) *Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.*

The word for idols in this 2nd verse is "teraphim", the same as in Genesis 31:19 and here signifies worshippers of idols – for it is also translated as "image, idol and idolatry."

and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams;

-- The word diviners comes from the Hebrew מקס qacam kaw-sam' – it is translated as: divine 7, diviners 7, use 3, divination 1, prudent 1, and soothsayer 1. It is obviously true that this speaks of false prophets who spoke false things to the Israelites. These false prophets saw a lie and told false dreams to Israel.

They comfort in vain: -- Amazing, isn't it? Good words tend to give hope – but when the hope is proven false, it is vain comfort. So it always is with those who preach falsehood.

Therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd. – As a flock of sheep – dumb animals heeding falsehood. They were troubled – in doubt and despair and finally into captivity. There was no pastor or shepherd to guide them aright. The shepherds who were among them cared not for the sheep, but thought of themselves only. There was no man to speak the truth of the God's word to them.

Ezekiel 34:1-6 (KJV) *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that*

do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. 5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Zechariah 10:3 (KJV) *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.*

Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, -- As Ezekiel continued, "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand" (**Ezekiel 34:10**).

and I punished the goats: -- The evil powerful are called the "he-goats of the earth in scripture. Notice this passage and we will consider it.

Isaiah 14:9 (KJV) *Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.*

The words "chief ones" is from the Hebrew עֲתוּד 'attud *at-tood*' or (plural) עֲתוּדִים . This is translated as: goats 26, rams 2, chief ones 1.

and in Ezekiel God says, "I will judge between cattle and cattle, between rams and he-goats."

Ezekiel 34:17 (KJV) *And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats.*

and our Lord speaks of the reprobate as goats, the saved as sheep.

Matthew 25:32-33 (KJV) *And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

God "visited upon these goats His displeasure, "because" He "visited His flock, the people of Judah," to see to their needs and to relieve them.

for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

– Remember, they had gone forth as a flock – as sheep, but now the LORD of hosts has visited his flock the house of Judah with change of state which would change their sheepish weakness and cowardice into strength, courage, and gallantry, like that of a goodly battle horse. See in Job how the LORD Jehovah describes the battle horse!

Job 39:19-25 (KJV) *Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? **20** Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible. **21** He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men. **22** He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. **23** The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield. **24** He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the*

sound of the trumpet. 25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

The LORD will greatly strengthen His people for the fight against the man of sin and defense of Jerusalem. Notice again this passage from the 12th chapter of Zechariah:

Zechariah 12:3-8 (KJV) *And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. 4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. 5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. 6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. 7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. 8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.*

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

Out of him came forth the corner, -- The pronoun "him" refers to the LORD of hosts who visited his flock the house of Judah. The LORD brought forth from the tribe of Judah the cornerstone – Jesus Christ.

Psalm 118:22 (KJV) *The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.*

Isaiah 28:16 (KJV) *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

out of him the nail, -- Out of the LORD of hosts the nail. The nail in the oriental house is a large pin, often very beautifully ornamented, and the most-costly things are hanged thereupon. *"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. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house"* (**Isaiah** 22:23-24).

out of him the battle bow, -- Christ makes war in righteousness; the armies of heaven follow him; he is at the head of them, and fights the battles of his people, and is victorious, and makes them more than conquerors; their spiritual armor is from him, and they are armed by him.

Revelation 19:11 (KJV) *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.*

out of him every oppressor together. – The word "oppressor" is from the Hebrew word: נָגַשׁ *nagas naw-gas'* Including the word oppressor, that word is translated as: taskmasters 5, exact 4, distressed 2, oppressed 2, driver 1, exactors 1, and taxes 1. This word suggests "officer, exactor, collector of tribute." It was from

God that Nebuchadnezzar mightily prevailed, and in the course of his victories oppressed Israel; and it is from God also that Judah is at last made free, then grows up to such power as to be able to cope with his adversaries, to beat them, and to impose tribute on them. The LORD sets up and pulls down as he pleases.

Psalm 9:1-6 (KJV) To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David. *I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. 3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.*

Zechariah 10:5 (KJV) *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.*

As mighty men! The LORD shall have strengthened Judah and Israel for this last and final confrontation with their enemies. They shall tread them in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight (and overcome) – Why? Because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses (their enemies) shall be confounded.

Zechariah 10:6 (KJV) *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: and they shall be as*

though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

The LORD of hosts will strengthen the house of Judah, and will save the house of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) which is Israel. The LORD will bring them again to place them in their land and have mercy on them. Consider this! What a blessing. They shall be as though God had not cast them off! They will rejoice and be blessed as never before! The LORD will hear them! Indeed, he will? Before they call, the LORD will answer!

Isaiah 65:23-25 (KJV) *They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. **24** And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. **25** The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

Zechariah 10:7 (KJV) ***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.***

And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; -- Not with wine, but as through wine. Wine warms the blood, cheers the spirits, and adds life greatly. Their success in battle will cause joy upon joy.

Yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; -- In the days of your children this shall be; and, evidently through the generations of children which shall be born to them. Remember, the restored nation is in their natural bodies and will bear children and those children shall see this and be glad!

Their heart shall rejoice in the Lord; -- the goodness, power, wisdom, and faithfulness of God shall be the cause of this joy which shall be to their children and they shall rejoice in the Lord, and in the Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

Zechariah 10:8 (KJV) *I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.*

I will hiss for them, and gather them; -- The verb "hiss" is to emit a continuous sharp sound as geese or serpents do. The LORD will hiss for his people Israel and gather them. They will hear and they will come.

Isaiah 5:26-27 (KJV) *And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: 27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:*

for I have redeemed them: -- When Jesus Christ hung on the cross and said "It is finished," then yielded up the ghost, he redeemed all his elect including these from Judah and Ephraim. By redeeming them, it means that Jesus Christ paid their sin debt in full. By this offering, the LORD has promised: "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12; 10:17) *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; (Heb. 10:12).*

and they shall increase as they have increased. – The LORD will fulfil his promise to them by increasing them as the sand of the sea.

Jeremiah 33:22 (KJV) *As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I*

multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Ezekiel 36:1, 11, 37-38 (KJV) *Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD: **11** And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. **37** Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. **38** As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.*

Hosea 1:10 (KJV) *Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.*

Part 2 – (Verses 9-12) The dispersion and regathering of Israel in one view

Zechariah 10:9 (KJV) *And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries;*

And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; -- The LORD God shall sow them among the people of the far countries as these two phrases tell us. Remember, as Zechariah writes this the remnant has recently returned from Babylon, therefore, this looks far into the future. When did the LORD sow them into far countries? He did that during

the siege of Jerusalem by Titus, son of Vespasian, emperor of Rome, in 70 AD. What does the LORD say of this?

Luke 21:20-24 (KJV) (Jesus, speaking to his apostles in answer to their question, “When shall these things be?”) *And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

In those far countries, they shall remember the LORD, their God. **and they shall live with their children, and turn again.**—In remembering the LORD they shall turn again – convert and return to their own land. Why is that? Because the LORD has hissed for them – and they shall come speedily.

Zechariah 10:10 (KJV) *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.*

I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; -- As Zechariah writes this, the Jews are present in their own land. Some have chosen to stay in Babylon. The LORD will bring them again also out of the land of

Egypt and gather them out of Assyria. He shall bring them out from the places to which He has sown them.

and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them. – The land of Gilead and Lebanon speaks of the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants to a thousand generations. This is the land called Palestine. Its full extent had never been realized until this time. Remember God’s promise to Abraham concerning the land:

Genesis 15:18 (KJV) *In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:*

See that? The land extends from the river of Egypt in the southernmost extent of Israel all the way to the great river, Euphrates. The land will scarcely be able to contain them for “place shall not be found for them.”

Zechariah 10:11 (KJV) ***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.***

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: --That is, the LORD shall pass through the sea with affliction (trouble, distress) and smite the waves in the sea. The LORD shall smite (trouble) the waves of the sea and all the deeps of the river as he smote the Red Sea when Israel they fled from Egypt overthrowing the Pharaoh and his army; and as the LORD caused the Jordan River to stand in a heap, even so would he deliver them again.

Isaiah 43:2 (KJV) *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

Isaiah 11:15-16 (KJV) *And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. **16** And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.*

And the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, -- the pride of the Ottoman empire, of which the old Assyria is a part, and which has been large and powerful, that shall be destroyed; this will be at the passing away of the second woe; and then quickly comes the third woe as expressed in Revelation 11:14.

And the scepter of Egypt shall depart away. – Egypt is, in scripture, a type of the world. Therefore, this means that all earthly rule and government shall cease. The kingdom of the antichristian beast of Rome is called Egypt in **Rev** 11:8 and it shall be at an end. This is the fulfilment of the stone cut out of the mountain without hands smiting the image of Nebuchadnezzar on the feet and toes.

Daniel 2:41-45 (KJV) *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. **42** And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. **43** And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry*

clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. 44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

Again, concerning the scepter of Egypt... This passage speaks of the death of the two witnesses of the whole earth who the beast overcomes and kills. Notice the language:

Revelation 11:7-8 (KJV) *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

Consider that the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified, to be Jerusalem. Why is it called that? The land of Israel with its chief city Jerusalem was, at the time of our Lord's crucifixion a province of Rome. Jerusalem's chief people were wicked exceedingly and were determined to kill the savior. Thus the city was spiritually called Sodom and Egypt. That is, it would have such a character that the *name* Egypt might be properly given to it. Egypt is known, in the Scriptures, as the land of oppression--the land where the Israelites, the people of God, were held in cruel bondage. The

Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, and Herodians, who were the chief people of Jerusalem were those whose doctrine brought the people into bondage with their own private interpretations and additions to the law. They did not teach the scriptures, but the traditions of men.

Remember, this will occur at the blowing of the seventh trumpet. This is the last trumpet mentioned in the Bible. Hallelujah! At the last trump, the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible; the living saints changed and caught up to meet Christ in the air – to be ever with the LORD.

Zechariah 10:12 (KJV) *And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.*

And I will strengthen them in the LORD: -- I will cause them to prevail", or "overcome in the Lord"; all their enemies, temporal and spiritual; and even to be more than conquerors through him that has loved them.

And they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD – Why is this so? Because they have been strengthened in the LORD! He is their strength! All that the renewed nation shall do or say shall be done in the name of the LORD after the whole nation is born again in a day! What joy there will be in that land with all of its people enjoying the mercies of their God. O, beloved, when the LORD pours upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.
(Zech. 12:10 (KJV))

Zechariah 13:1, 8-9 (KJV) *In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants*

*of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness... **8** And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. **9** And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

Look, brothers and sisters! It's all of grace as it is with all of God's elect!

Ezekiel 36:19-38 (KJV) *And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. **20** And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. **21** But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. **22** Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. **23** And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. **24** For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. **25** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **26** A new heart also will I give*

you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. **30** And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. **31** Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. **32** Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. **33** Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. **34** And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. **35** And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. **36** Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. **37** Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. **38** As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be

filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 39:25-29 (KJV) *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; 26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid. 27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; 28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. 29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.*

Jeremiah 32:37-40 (KJV) *Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: 39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: 40 And I will make an **everlasting covenant** with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.*