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APPLIED FORMAT ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 10

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse King James Version (KJV)

Verse (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.

This needs to begin with the subject, which in Scripture is Judah and Ephraim from the reading of the twelve verses of text.

Dictionary.com compares the two:

- Judah is the kingdom of the South and Ephraim is the kingdom of the North (Dictionary.com, 21 January 2023).
- Judah is the 4th son of Jacob and Leah and is one of the tribes of Israel (Dictionary.com, 21 January 2023).
- Ephraim is the younger son of Joseph and is one of the tribes of Israel (Dictionary.com, 21 January 2023).

Dictionary.com. (21 January 2023). *Judah*..

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/judah#:~:text=Definition%20of%20Judah&text=one%20of%20the%2012%20tribes,Hebrew%20word%20meaning%20%E2%80%9Cpraised.%E2%80%9D>

Dictionary.com. (21 January 2023). *Ephraim*. <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/ephraim>

Coming back to Verse (1): Everything was built from Prayer for a total reliance upon God, but in this critical daily life needs are met because that was significantly missing. This required the searching for, contending for, and holding onto the faith clearly displayed.

There is a literal life growth so that all receive benefits from the faithful and there is spiritual growth for the called (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

How fitting it is for ALL the negligence to come together for God to display his absolute sovereignty (Henry, 2008).

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In the fitting negligence was total “vanity or uplifted highness” that was not reality. Turns out that the self-proclaimed uplifted highness was brought into public view to be humbled ALL together.

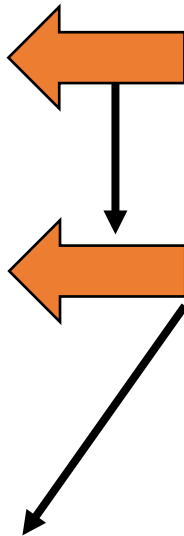
The words are very clear, “they comfort in vain” but instead “were troubled”. They became confounded because ALL their self-proclaimed highness could not stop the truth from being brought forth.

God allowed ALL the vanity to come together for a succession of perceived victories so God could in fact humble them ALL Together instead. Out from the humbling, God brought true togetherness from the truth. The “vain” were in fact humbled and the faithful were in fact secured.

Verse (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.

It is understood from Scripture that this applied specifically to identified leaders because they are responsible for the environment and what occurs. God's Joint had to take this route to be aligned together.

God's anger was evident, and his anger was against the shepherds and in fact God punished the goats. God's House / Judah was made to be a sizeable Horse in the Battle. This was a fact to be brought into full effect of vanity being exposed and the faithful being strengthened.



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Verse (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.

The created are what God determines and the created do not get the luxury to make this determination (Henry, 2008).

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God moves about the Earth not to humble all Greatness but specifically does humble self-proclaimed Greatness. **The truth is that only God is truly Great from which God then imparts Greatness. This truth is revealed in Genesis 1:31 (King James Version) where the creation itself reached Very Good status nothing more.**

Greatness is to be applied in only specific instances and not to the whole self, God is the one who imparts Greatness and / or humbles. Only specific instances of Greatness can be applied because Greatness will never be applied to the whole self in this present life – only portions of life can be Great.

God will take the Very Good creation of Genesis 1:31 (King James Version) and make it Great after the rapture in the New Heaven and the New Earth as seen by the Great Cloud of Witness who are passed and who are with God in Hebrews 12:1-2 (King James Version).

Verse (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.

To expound here, this verse moves beyond just the Jews but does have an etching of Israel, it is more inclusive of the universal Church – this is the pillar of what is known as all the rest (the LORD is with them). God's Joint.

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Verse (6) 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.

God uses undoubtable guarantees, "...I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them".

Notice, God guarantees unlike humanity where something may or may not occur. God will hear and they shall not be cast off even though they were because God will make it as though the casting off did not take place to begin with as only God can do in mercy.

Verse (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.

Nothing takes the place of the Joy of the LORD; nothing.

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

The increase will be (Great) according to Scripture as confirmed by distant far Countries in Verse (9) such as Canaan, Gilead, and Lebanon (Henry, 2008). God will (Greatly) expand His church through the called to far Countries reaping (Great) amounts of fruit as the House of The Christ will be full (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

Building off Verse (8), God is so thorough that far Countries will also Join in making sure the called of God occurs. This is especially important to understand God's Joint. In this, God will be remembered in far Countries and God will sow among the people.

God Sows to the point that FAR Countries know God's name and that God has their best interest (Henry, 2008). The Christ's House will be full as God gathers until the End of Time and it will be a Great gathering of Jews and Gentiles (Henry, 2008). Even more, converts of The Christ shall have their children and they shall teach them the knowledge of God – and this will continue as a permanent seed during this present age (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

After reading the Easy-to-Read Version of Scripture:

The important aspect of this verse is that as God disperses, He is **(Greatly)** building His church as God brings them back out of Egypt to Israel, back out of Assyria, takes them to Gilead, and then lets them stay in Lebanon because of the fulness of God almighty. Otherwise, God would have limited Salvation to just Israel and that is not God's plan of Salvation.

Israel had to be dispersed to **(Greatly)** expand God's church, but then come back to Israel to **(Greatly)** continue the increase as we saw together in Verse (8) and Verse (9) to FAR Countries that will remember God and **(Greatly)** increase God's universal church (Jews and Gentiles).

Verse (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.

After reading the Easy-to-Read Version of Scripture:

There will be a sea of trouble. However, the waves of trouble shall stop. The Nile River will dry up, the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the power of Egypt shall be taken away.

Verse (12) And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

God's Joint will be strengthened in Israel, God will strengthen all the way to FAR Countries to understand God's Joint in this verse that is applicable to all Nations. This cycle will not cease. However, the increase of God's universal church will be GREAT.

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