

## VISION #3 – BLESSING FOR ISRAEL

--ZECHARIAH 2:1-5--

### INTRODUCTION:

The LORD chose Israel to be His special possession; this choice was made purely out of His sovereign love. As the nation that was graciously chosen by God, Israel was given the task to shine as a light to the world. With this truth in mind, let us pray and then read the third vision God revealed to Zechariah.

#### I. GOD’S CHOICE OF JERUSALEM

- a. God chose and raised up the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ to be the vehicle by which He would magnify His character, reveal His Word, and introduce His Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b. Of all the cities on earth, \_\_\_\_\_, which is also called Zion, is uniquely special to God. (Psalm 132:13; Genesis 14: 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5:7)
- c. Even though this happened, God never forgot His promises about His \_\_\_\_\_ of His people.
- d. For almost 2000 years after that, Jerusalem was controlled by various \_\_\_\_\_ powers—including the Romans, the Muslims, and even the Crusaders for a short period.
- e. The exiles who returned to Jerusalem from Babylon found a destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ that lay in ruins.

#### II. GOD’S MEASURABLE PROMISE (Zechariah 2:1-2)

- a. In the opening verse of chapter two we are again given the words that indicate that Zechariah saw a new \_\_\_\_\_. (Ezekiel 40:3)
- b. Zechariah’s vision of the man with the \_\_\_\_\_ line was similar to Ezekiel’s vision. (Ezekiel 8:2; 10:2; 40:3)
- c. Upon seeing this man, the Messiah, Zechariah asked Him, “*Where are You \_\_\_\_\_?*” (Zechariah 2:2a, NASB95) (Ezekiel 40-48)
- d. The man responded to Zechariah’s question, He said, “*To \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is.*” (Zechariah 2:2, NASB95)

#### III. GOD’S IMMEASURABLE PROMISE (Zechariah 2:3-5)

- a. Though Zechariah’s third vision had just begun, he writes, “*And behold, the \_\_\_\_\_ who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was coming out to meet him,*” (Zechariah 2:3, NASB95)
- b. This message was that “*Jerusalem will be inhabited without \_\_\_\_\_ because of the multitude of men and cattle within it.*” (Zechariah 2:4b, NASB95)
- c. This promise that Jerusalem would one day overflow with people was not new prophecy. (Isaiah 49:19; Jeremiah 30:18-19)
- d. Not only did God promise to fill the city with people, but God also promised that the city would abound with \_\_\_\_\_. (Jeremiah 31:24)
- e. To earlier prophets God had revealed that He would cause \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy great abundance. (Deuteronomy 3:5)
- f. God Himself answered, “*‘For I,’ declares the LORD, ‘will be a wall of \_\_\_\_\_ around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.’*” (Zechariah 2:5, NASB95)
- g. But God’s presence is not only surrounding the city, for the LORD also declared that He would be the \_\_\_\_\_ in her midst.

### CONCLUSION:

We know these promises will be fulfilled for future Israel, God was clear in this third vision that He is the God who remembers. He has not forgotten any of the promises. What do we take from this message for ourselves, how do we apply this to our lives? As I was studying and preparing this message the Lord kept bringing to my mind John 14:1-3. In these verses Jesus is comforting and encouraging His disciples as they share the Passover meal with Him for the last time. Just as the LORD promised Israel that He would restore and rebuild Jerusalem, and He has not forgotten that promise, the Lord Jesus has promised us that He has gone to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house and that He is going to come one day to take us home to be with Him, to dwell with Him forever. And we can know this for sure because God is faithful and He is the God who remembers.