### Zechariah

## Chapter 10

1‘Then you can ask Jehovah for rain in each season  
 (Both the early and late rains),  
 And Jehovah will do what’s fantastic…  
 To all their pastures and fields,  
 He will send winter rains.  
  
 2‘But [right] now, there are those declaring big things…  
 Things that will only bring trouble.  
 And there are those who are having false visions…  
 False dreams that offer no comfort.  
 So [my people now wander] like sheep…  
 They’re ill and they haven’t been healed!  
  
 3‘So, since those shepherds have provoked [God] to rage,  
 He will come and visit His lambs.  
 Yes, Jehovah God the Almighty  
 Will visit the house of Judah (His flock).  
  
 ‘And as He will do to His handsome horse,  
 He will order up war [on those prophets]…  
 4In His rage, He will look [down] upon them,  
 And [arrows will be shot] against them.  
  
 ‘Yes, He’ll send [His armies] against them  
 5And His warriors will tread mud in battle.  
 For Jehovah will [bless] the attack,  
 And to their cavalry, He’ll bring disgrace.  
  
 6[‘And God says:]  
  
 ‘But the house of Judah, I’ll strengthen,  
 And house of JoSeph, I’ll save…  
 Because I love them, I’ll save them,  
 And they’ll be as before I disowned them.  
 Yes, because I am Jehovah their God,  
 I’ll pay attention to them once again!  
  
 7‘Then they’ll be like Ephraim’s soldiers…  
 They’ll rejoice in their hearts as though drinking wine.  
 They’ll look at their children in joy,  
 And rejoice in their hearts over their Lord.  
  
 8‘I’ll give them a sign that I’ll accept them…  
 I’ll pay their ransom and then they’ll grow  
 To be as many as they’d been before.  
  
 9‘Then I’ll plant them among all the peoples,  
 And I’ll be remembered by those far away.  
  
 10‘They’ll return and nourish their children…  
 From the land of Egypt, I’ll bring them back,  
 And from Assyria also.  
 Then to GileAd and Lebanon, I’ll send them,  
 And none will be left behind (no, not one)!  
  
 11‘Through the narrows of the sea, they’ll march;  
 For, they’ll strike the waves of the sea  
 And before them, the rivers will dry to their depths.  
  
 ‘Then the insolence of Assyria will vanish,  
 And Egypt’s scepter will no longer be.’  
  
 12‘[Yes I swear] by Jehovah their God,  
 That I’ll then make them mighty…  
 And about His Name, they’ll boast.’  
  
...said the Lord.