

SLOW FOOD BIBLE STUDIES

ZECHARIAH 9-14 (18 studies)

Zechariah is a complex and fascinating book. Its imagery and structure are puzzling, and commentators differ about how its sections divide, particularly in the second half. Yet we find in it the clear and unmistakable footprints of Christ, particularly in the later chapters, but also in the earlier ones.

Some useful commentaries: John Calvin (Banner of Truth 1986, tr from Latin of 1559); Joyce Baldwin (Tyndale 1972); Carl Laney (Moody Press 1984); Barry Webb (BST 2005); John Goldingay *Daniel and the Twelve Prophets for Everyone* (SPCK 2016).

For Zechariah 1-8 see TNV 74, January 2018. For accompanying notes see the TISCA website under Resources.

- 9:1-8** Do I tend to be unsettled by external events in the world? Ought I to be? *Ps 46.*
- 9:9-10** What kind of rule will God's King exercise? Am I depending on him rather than on worldly weapons? *Isa 9:6-7; 11:1-5; Mt 11:28-30; 2 Cor 10:3-4.*
- 9:11-13** Am I in a 'waterless pit'? Where do I rest my hope? *Gen 37:24; Jer 38:6; Rom 7:21-25.*
- 9:14-17** What is God going to do for his people? How might this stimulate my prayers? *Isa 62:8; Jer 31:10-14; 2 Cor 1:10-11.*
- 10:1-5** In exercising responsible leadership, do I look to the Lord or to other sources for guidance and strength? *Isa 22:14-25; 28:14-29.*
- 10:6-12** Can I find promises here to apply to my own need for restoration and strength? *Hos 14; 2 Tim 2:1.*
- 11:1-11** If I am experiencing a lack of closeness to Christ, is it because he has given me up as hopeless? *Ps 88:1-5; Isa 54:7-8; Heb 12:11.*
- 11:12-17** How Christlike are my relations with my 'flock'? What do I pray for them? *Lk 22:31-32; 1 Th 2:3-8; 1 Pet 5:2-3.*
- 12:1-5** I may feel 'under siege' and far from victorious – if so, what is there in this passage to encourage me? *2 Ki 6:13-17; Zech 4:6; Rev 13:7-10.*
- 12:6-9** 'The feeblest among them will be like David' (v8). Do I need this promise today? *Ps 18.*
- 12:10-14** Am I satisfied with my present experience of God? *Ps 63:1; Isa 32:15; Ezek 39:29; Tit 3:6.*
- 13:1-6** Are there fraudulent elements in my profession of faith which need bringing to the foot of the Cross? *Isa 1:18; Isa 6:5-7; 1 Jn 1:6-7.*
- 13:7-9** What is God's way of making me genuinely one of 'his people'? *Mal 3:3; Rom 8:28-30; Heb 12:4-11.*
- 14:1-5** When apparent disaster strikes, do I have the resources to get through? *Exod 14:10-15; Ps 66:8-12; Jer 12:5; 2 Tim 4:16-17.*
- 14:6-9** In the light of the coming 'day of the Lord', what can I do for him at the present time? *Jn 7:37-39; 2 Cor 6:1-2; Rev 22:17.*
- 14:10-15** What assurance do I have that evil will not be finally triumphant? *Gen 3:14-15; 1 Cor 15:24-28; Col 2:15; 1 Jn 3:8b; Rev 20:7-10.*
- 14:16-19** What can I offer those around me who 'attack Jerusalem'? *Isa 55:1-5; Jn 3:16; Rom 12:17-21.*
- 14:20-21** How consecrated am I? *Isa 35:8-10; 1 Cor 6:18-20; 2 Tim 2:15-22.*