

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 11

Visions of Hope (Zechariah)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: Visions of Hope (Zechariah (the LORD remembers) – Part 1)

New Scripture Song: “Seek the LORD while He may be found” – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) Setting
 - a) Contemporary of Haggai
 - b) A time of discouragement for the exiles who had returned from Babylon.
 - c) How do times of discouragement impact you physically and spiritually?
- 2) Comforting words of life
 - a) Zechariah 1:1-3
 - b) What does it mean to “return to the LORD”?
 - c) Zechariah 1:7-13
 - d) What words of comfort do you find in this prophetic message from the LORD by the prophet Zechariah?
 - e) What other promises of Scripture remind us that God will help us in our time of need?
 - i) Psalm 50:15; Psalm 46:1; John 16:33
 - ii) Other promises?
- 3) A bright future
 - a) Zechariah 2:1-13 When are these prophecies fulfilled?
 - i) First coming of Jesus: Matt 21:1-11 (Zech 2:10; Zech 9:9); Romans 15:9-13 (Zech 2:11); Ephesians 3:1-8 (Zech 2:11)
 - ii) Second coming of Jesus: Rev 21:1-4; Rev 22:1-5
 - b) What are we doing to prepare for that bright future when many nations shall be joined to the LORD?
- 4) God’s readiness to forgive
 - a) Zechariah 3:1-10
 - b) How does this vision reveal the wonderful truth of salvation by grace received by faith?
 - c) How can you be sure that God’s amazing grace is also available to you by faith? Share promises.
 - i) Romans 10:13
 - ii) Ephesians 2:1-10
- 5) Depending on the Holy Spirit rather than human power
 - a) Zechariah 4:1-6
 - b) Acts 1:4, 5, 8
 - c) How have you seen God work when you depended on the Holy Spirit rather than your own strength?
- 6) Following human traditions or the word of the LORD
 - a) Zechariah 7:1-3 (See 2 Kings 25:8-9)
 - i) During the exile the people fasted during the 5th month to mourn the destruction of the temple.
 - ii) Is there anything wrong with this tradition?
 - b) Zechariah 7:4-14
 - i) How does this appeal relate to our lives today?