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Messianic Prophecy #37: Zechariah

MESSIAH THE SHEPHERD: I

2 images:

HUMILIATION: the priest who is also the sacrifice

EXALTATION: the king who will perfectly rule the earth

Today: 3 prophecies in Zechariah on His humiliation:

I. The _____ **ONE: Zech 11:12-13**

30 pieces of silver, the price of a wounded slave (Exod 21:32)

Israel values their worthless shepherds to the true shepherd

Dramatically fulfilled in Judas (Matt 26:14-15 and 27:3-10)

What humiliation for you!

II. The _____ **ONE Zech 12:10-11**

Look on ME—Yahweh—whom they pierced

John 19:37

Is the fulfillment a weeping of remorse or repentance?

1. Refers specifically to the Jews
2. Time appears still future
3. See **13:1** the **Fountain** to cleanse from sin and impurity:
(note: “opened” is from the verb “to **dig**”: to pierce the ground in order to get pure water to quench thirst!)
 - a) Blood: atonement: forgiveness
 - b) Water: purification by sprinkling: holiness

Refer to the future conversion of Israel?

Also reference to the present conversion and sanctification of you and me

III. The _____ **ONE Zech 13:7**

The true Shepherd is very close to Yahweh.

Yet Yahweh calls for a sword to smite (execute!) His true Shepherd!

The result will be much pain (v8-9a)

But also much blessing (v9b)

This was prefigured at Jesus’ arrest: Matt 26:31:

The disciples are immediately scattered

But 3 days later: the Resurrection!

Then Israel is scattered in 70AD +

But the Gospel goes to the nations where it produces much blessing

And the eventual awakening and revival of the Jews

Then the Return of the Shepherd as King to rule

(more on this next week)

These are amazing and specific prophecies to

- Encourage your faith
- Deepen your love for the One Who suffered so for you