

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, a daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**"SEEKING THE LORD"
Zechariah 7:1 - 10:12**

1. What was meaningful to you from the lesson last week?

INTRODUCTION: According to Zechariah 8:19, the exiles had been observing (self-inflicted) fasts in the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months. 2 Kings 25 indicates the events that were to be observed: tenth month (25:1) - siege of Jerusalem; fourth month (25:3-4) - city captured; fifth month (25:8-9) - city burned; and seventh month (25:25) - Gedaliah slain. Now (70 years later) the exiles had begun to return and the Temple was under construction.

DAY 1 - READ Zechariah 7:1-14

- 2.a. What question did the men of Bethel ask?
 - b. What was the Lord questioning?
3. The calamities that the fasts commemorated were the direct consequences of disregarding the former prophets.
 - a. What had the Lord desired for His people to do in vs. 9-10?
 - b. How had the people responded?
 - c. How did God respond?
- 4.a. Read vs. 13 and Proverbs 1:23-33. What do you learn from the Proverbs Scripture?
 - b. Are you listening to God? Write Jesus' words in John 8:31-32.
5. What had God done according to Zechariah 7:14?

DAY 2 - READ Zechariah 8:1-17

- 6.a. What did the Lord say He would do in vs. 3?
 - b. What would Jerusalem and the mountain be called?
7. What mental picture do you get from vs. 4 and 5?
8. What was the Lord going to do for His people?
9. What did the Lord urge the people to do?
- 10.a. Where strife had existed before, now God promised blessing. What symbols of blessing are given?
 - b. Please share a recent blessing God has given you.
- 11.a. How do you see the mercy of God in vs. 13-15?
 - b. In Psalm 103:8-14, which verse means the most to you concerning God's mercy? Write it.
12. What admonition was given in Zechariah 8:16-17?

DAY 3 - READ Zechariah 8:18-23

13. God now answered the inquiry made in Zechariah 7:3. What is to become of the fasting and weeping?
- 14.a. What is "fasting" to you?
- b. What did Jesus say about fasting in Matthew 6:16-18?
- c. What is the fast God chooses in Isaiah 58:6-8?
- d. For what purposes do people fast today?
15. Who would come to seek the Lord in Jerusalem?
16. (IN-DEPTH) To "take hold of the robe" meant to become a disciple of the Jewish religion or embrace the Jewish way of living. In the New Testament such men were called proselytes or "God-fearers." Who in the Bible would fit these categories?
17. What have you learned in Zechariah 7 and 8 that will help you be a better Christian?

DAY 4 - READ Zechariah 9:1-17

18. In vs. 1-8 are prophesies of judgment on Israel's enemies. How would God protect His own in vs. 8?
- 19.a. Who was coming according to vs. 9?
- b. How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy in Matthew 21:1-11?
20. Describe from vs. 10 what the king would do and the extent of his domain.
- 21.a. Who would be set free?
- b. What did Jesus say concerning this in Luke 4:18-21?
- 22.a. "I will restore _____ to you."
- b. What is said in Isaiah 61:7?
23. In the battle with Greece, who would be their defender in vs. 15?
24. How was the flock of His people described?

DAY 5 - READ Zechariah 10:1-12

25. Against whom was God's anger kindled?
26. What would come from Judah?
- 27.a. What would cause the Lord to bring them back?
- b. What would be the relationship according to vs. 6?
- c. Summarize Isaiah 54:4-10.
28. Zechariah 10:11 says, "They will pass through the sea of trouble." Share a time when God saw you safely through such a sea.

29. How has the Lord strengthened you this week (vs. 12)?