

## Outline for July 11, 2010 Zechariah's Visions – Zechariah 2:1-13

Introduction: The enriching presence of God in revival cannot be divorced from His holiness. When God comes near, His holiness is not left behind. It is who He is – the thrice holy one. His love is a holy love, His righteousness is a holy righteousness, His justice is holy, and His wrath is holy. He is the holy one of Israel.

### I. A Vision of Divine Intercession (1:8-17)

Principle: Revival flows from the sovereign, merciful decision of God

### II. The Vision of God Overthrowing Secular Powers (1:18-21)

Principle: Revival is the overcoming of worldliness

### III. The Vision of God Transforming Jerusalem – the Restoration of His People, the Church (2:1-13)

Principle: Revival is the experience of God's enriching presence

#### A. A population increase – the church growing and expanding (2:1-4, 11)

#### B. The prosperity of holiness – five imperatives of holiness

##### 1. "Up! Up! Flee..."

##### 2. "Up! Escape to Zion"

##### 3. "Sing and rejoice"

a. The definition of "Sing and rejoice" – Shout for joy, be deliriously glad, an exultant shouting. It is the overwhelming reality of sovereign joy that triumphs over all other joys.

"O daughter of Zion" – the people of God, the church (Luke 16:13, 8:48; Isaiah 43:1-2, 6-7)

b. The reasons for singing and rejoicing – the enthronement of the Lord among His people in holiness

##### (1) "for behold I come"

- This signifies the presence of God as He comes to restore and judge
- He is no absent father (Isaiah 64:1-3; II Chronicles 7:1; Zechariah 9:9-10; John 1:14)
- "dwell" (*sakan*) is the root from which "shekinah" is derived – the presence of God in His glory (II Corinthians 6:14-7:1)

##### (2) "And many nations shall join themselves"

- Missions
- The standard of the cross (Isaiah 11, 18, 49, 62; John 12:32; Revelation 5:9)

##### (3) "and you shall know..."

- The reality of God's work established in the earth
- The confirmation of the Word of God proclaimed (Hebrews 11:39, 12:10, 14, 18-28)

##### (4) "And the Lord will inherit Judah..."

- His people are His inheritance (Ephesians 1:18)
- The restoration of the people of God as His portion and possession (Deuteronomy 32:9)
- We shout for joy and are glad because we are the Lord's portion

##### (5) "and will again choose Jerusalem"

- The exile confirmed Israel's election
- The purpose of God's judgment and restoration was that all the world would know that He is Lord
- God does not renounce His holiness to save His people, He displays it (Isaiah 43:8, 48:11)

### V. "Be silent all flesh..."

#### A. Definition of "Be silent" – stand in awe (Romans 11:20; Psalm 46:10)

#### B. The reason for this silence is that God "has roused Himself" (Psalm 44:23-26; Isaiah 51:9-11)