

## "Take a Load Off" -- Zechariah's 2 "Burdens" (Chapters 9-14)

**Burden #1:** God's \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_! (Chapters 9-11)

A. He knows \_\_\_\_\_ 9:1, 8

(i.e. - Nothing surprises God!)

B. Trust in the LORD; Don't be fooled by following \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_! (10:2-3)

1. They promise \_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for your \_\_\_\_\_

2. They will come to \_\_\_\_\_ (11:3)

Note! "Pride" contrasted with humility" (Cf. Jeremiah 25:34-36 Howling false shepherds lose their flocks)

**Burden #2:** God will \_\_\_\_\_! (Chapters 12 - 14)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ will be transformed (14:6-9)

B. False teachers/prophets will be rejected/destroyed (13:2-4)

How do we know we can trust \_\_\_\_\_? (and rely on God's purposes and reign)

\_\_\_\_\_ prophecies

[Prophet / Priest / King]

Prophecies in Chs. 9-14:

Righteous King/Endowed with Salvation

Jerusalem will cry out for His salvation

Humble - completely unexpected

Riding donkey Zech. 9:9 / Luke 19:35-37; John 12:12-16

Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver thrown down in the Temple; Potter

Zech. 11:13 / Matt. 27:3-10

"Pierced" / mourned Zech. 12:10 / John 19:36-37

Only a partial fulfillment -- they have not looked to him for salvation yet

**Application:** How should this affect our lives now?

- Security in Christ and His Indwelling Spirit gives us freedom to live and love like Christ
- Security in the Future allows us to live without anxiety, alarm, and anger
- Ironic processes of God: The "humble" One is the supreme power and ultimate Warrior
  - Stop listening to false shepherds
  - Stop following false teachers
  - Stop turning to substitutes ("household gods" - anything worshipped)

Q: Are you drawn to those who are "humble"? Or those who are proud, boastful, and arrogant?