

Zechariah 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD—From judgment (v. 9) to jubilation. The imperatives *ronnī* (רָנִי, 'sing out') and *simchī* (שִׂמְחִי, 'rejoice') call for exuberant worship in response to Yahweh's promised presence. Bat-Tziyyon (בַּת־צִיּוֹן, 'Daughter of Zion') personifies Jerusalem and the covenant community.

The stunning promise **I come, and I will dwell** uses the participle *bā'* (בָּא, 'coming') emphasizing imminent arrival, and *shākantī* (שָׁכַנְתִּי, 'I will dwell/tabernacle'), the verb related to Shekinah—God's manifest presence that filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-35) and temple (1 Kings 8:10-11). This prophecy leaps beyond the modest Second Temple to the incarnation when 'the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us' (John 1:14, same root idea), and ultimately to the New Jerusalem: 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men' (Revelation 21:3).

Historical Context

The returned exiles had laid the temple foundation but the structure would be modest compared to Solomon's glory (Ezra 3:12; Haggai 2:3). Yet Zechariah promises something greater than architectural splendor—God Himself dwelling among His people. The 'already/not yet' tension: God's presence returned to the Second Temple, yet the full dwelling awaits Messiah's coming.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Why does God's presence evoke singing and rejoicing rather than fear (compare Exodus 20:18-21)?
2. How did Jesus 'tabernacle' among us, and how does this fulfill Zechariah's prophecy?
3. Where do you most tangibly sense God 'dwelling in your midst' today?

Interlinear Text

יִשְׂמַחַי	בֵּית	צִיּוֹן	כִּי	הַיְּהוּדִי	בָּא	וְשָׁכְנָתִי	
Sing	and rejoice	O daughter	of Zion	H3588	H2005	for lo I come	and I will dwell
H7442	H8055	H1323	H6726			H935	H7931
בְּתוֹכָהּ	נֹאֵם	יְהוָה:					
in the midst	of thee saith	the LORD					
H8432	H5002	H3068					

Additional Cross-References

Zechariah 8:3 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Matthew 28:20 (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Zechariah 9:9 (Parallel theme): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

John 1:14 (Parallel theme): And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Ezekiel 37:27 (Parallel theme): My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Leviticus 26:12 (Parallel theme): And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Zephaniah 3:17 (Sin): The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Revelation 21:3 (Parallel theme): And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Isaiah 66:14 (References Lord): And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

Isaiah 12:6 (Parallel theme): Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.