

The Practical Prophets

- ***Malachi*** – sincere worship and good marriage choices
- ***Hosea*** – faithfulness and sincerity
- ***Micah*** – the blessing of God's church and His word
- ***Haggai*** – avoiding distraction and getting to work for God
- ***Amos*** – great dangers in times of peace and prosperity
- ***Habakkuk*** – Trusting His providence and rejoicing in bad times
- ***Nahum*** – God judges evil based on His goodness and our choices
- ***Joel*** – God's mercy, even at the 11th hour
- ***Obadiah*** – the problem of pride and indifference in our lives
- ***Zephaniah*** – the goal of His discipline is to mold our character
- ***Zechariah*** 1 – look to God for hope and healing in difficult times



Donkeys and Shepherds

Zechariah II

The Connection to Zechariah 9:10:

“I will cut off the **chariot** from Ephraim and the **war horse** from Jerusalem; and the **battle bow** shall be cut off, and He shall **speak peace to the nations...**”



Purpose of Shepherding God's People

- 1) Care for the destroyed
- 2) Seek the young
- 3) Heal the maimed
- 4) Nourish the healthy



Jesus the Loving Shepherd

Isaiah 40:11, “He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.”

But we needed something more than just good leadership!! We needed a sacrifice.



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