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

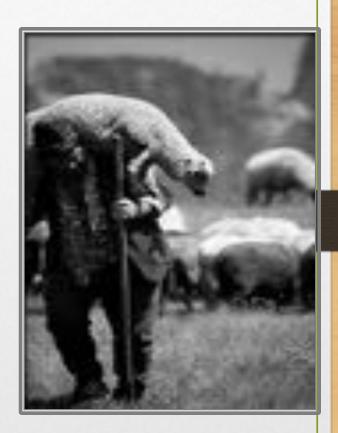
The Connection to Zechariah 9:10:

"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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