

THE FOUR-FOLD GLORY OF THE MESSIAH  
Zechariah 10:4

Beloved of the Lord:

Here are four precious titles of Christ, describing His coming glories as the Deliverer and Shepherd King of Israel. Meditate deeply upon each of them -

1 - HE WILL BE THEIR CORNER STONE - "Out of him (Judah) came forth the CORNER STONE". When Christ was on earth at His first Advent, He presented Himself as their Corner Stone, the sure foundation to build the nation upon. Isaiah wrote - "Behold, I lay for a foundation in Zion a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation" - Isa. 28:16. The nation rejected Him - Jno.1:11, Matt. 21:42, Acts 4:11.. He became a "stone of stumbling, a rock of offence" - 1 Pet. 2:7. When He returns, "the stone which the builders rejected is the head of the corner" - Psa.118:22. The rejected Corner Stone will be received with repentant tears and great mourning by the godly remnant-see Zechariah 12:10-14.

2 - HE WILL BE THEIR NAIL - "Out of him the NAIL". A unique title for Christ, but one of great significance! In the Old Testament a nail was a tent pin driven into the ground - Ex. 27:19. Also a strong pin driven securely into a wall, to hang vessels upon - Ezek.15:3. In Isaiah 22:15-22, Eliakim typifies the Messiah, who will bear the glory of Israel in that coming day of the Kingdom. "They shall hang upon HIM all the glory of His father's house" . He will be "the NAIL in a sure place". Israel will render to Him ALL honor and glory, in joyful and willing consecration of themselves, their possessions, with perfect obedience!

3 - HE WILL BE THEIR BATTLE BOW - "Out of him the BATTLE BOW" - This is an aspect of Messiah's character to be manifested at His second coming. Then He will be the mighty and skillful Archer, who shall send forth His "sharp arrows into the hearts of the king's enemies, whereby the people shall fall under Him" - Psa. 45:5. He fought for them at the Red Sea - Ex. 15:3. At later occasions too, but He will again be their Battle Bow at the coming siege of Jerusalem - Zech. 14:1-3. Read Psa. 110:5-7 and Rev. 19:11-21. The Church saints will accompany Him on that occasion, with holy angels - see 2 Thess. 1:7-10.

4 - HE WILL BE THEIR AUTOCRATIC RULER - "Out of him (Judah) the exactor or Ruler". He will be the most absolute and autocratic King the world has ever seen! God's sovereignty will be fully manifested by ONE WHO is not only "glorious in holiness", infinite in wisdom and in power; but He is also infinite in compassion, whose very nature is LOVE. His absolute and autocratic rule, though a terror to any ungodly, is full of comfort to the righteous, for HE will bring righteousness, peace and joy to a long afflicted earth! Down trodden Israel will rule over those who once oppressed them and with a "rod of iron" Christ will subdue all their foes. Read Psalm 2 through. Oh! that men would "kiss the Son before His wrath is kindled but a little"!

Beloved, these precious titles should bless our hearts now! The first two relate for us, to His first Advent; the last two relate to His second Advent. Yet as believers now, to us Christ is our CORNER STONE - Eph. 2:19-22. He is our NAIL; bore our sins - Isa. 53:6; also carries our cares - 1 Pet. 5:7 and we shall hang upon Him ALL glory (Rev. 5:6-10) and should seek to do this NOW! He is also our BATTLE BOW!- in life's conflicts - Rom. 8:37. He should be the ABSOLUTE MONARCH of our lives - Rom. 12:1,2. Surely each believer should be saying - HE is MY Corner Stone; He is MY Nail; He is MY Battlè Bow ; He is MY King!--Ruler of my life!

This is one of the richest Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament in reference to the character and mission of Israel's promised Deliverer -(Rom. 11:26) Precious titles of our Lord and Saviour to enable us to say --- "UNTO YOU THAT BELIEVE HE IS PRECIOUS" - 1 Pet.2:7.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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