

Zechariah Discussion Qs

What is the theme of Zechariah?

The theme is night visions and oracles of restoration through the crowned high priest in filthy rags and riding a donkey. Zechariah gives night visions and oracles that anticipate the restoration of the people of God through Christ in a now and not yet pattern. Like the other prophets the book moves from the restoration community of the prophet's day to the coming of Christ that unfolds in the present realization of the kingdom as it moves toward final consummation.

How is Christ revealed as our great high priest in this book?

Jesus will bring a greater restoration. He will do so as a high priest with filthy clothes opposed by Satan but by obedience will govern (3:1-7) and secure the return to Eden (3:8-10). Jesus must be cleansed of the sins he owns as his own (cf. the baptism by John). As high priest he will be crowned king in order to build the temple and rule (6:11-13). As priest he will be a humble king who rides into Jerusalem on a donkey (9:9) in order to free the prisoners by the blood of the covenant (9:11). As shepherd he will be stricken and his sheep scattered. But he will extend his rule to the ends of the earth (9:10).