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THE COMING CRAFTSMEN

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Zechariah 1:16-21

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Nahum 2:2, Isaiah 61:1-3, & II Timothy 2:16-17.

PRAYER

Jesus, the Son of the carpenter, I ask that You be my craftsman today. Heal every physical and emotional wound, fill up my empty vessels, give me double for my trouble, honor for my shame and beauty for my ashes, in Jesus name - Amen!

Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. And I said, "What are these coming to do?" - Zechariah 1:20 & 21a

Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly," (John 10:10). And so, we see in today's passage how the 'thief', Satan, represented by the four horns, has gored and destroyed Israel to the point that the Israelites couldn't lift their heads in their own land.

However, God never abandons those in covenant with Him no matter what befalls them; His eyes are perpetually on them for their comfort, protection and restoration. So, although the four horns (representing plunderers and destructive powers) came to make Israel a desolate place, God sent four craftsmen (carpenters who repair and rebuild) to scatter those horns and to restore Israel.

These craftsmen are called 'craftsmen' or 'carpenters' (KJV) because they are skilled and have dexterity in their trade. And like any craftsman, they know what to do in a hopeless situation; they are well equipped, they are creative and are creators, they are equally experienced and therefore, have what it takes to rebuild, restore, repair and recover all that was destroyed or stolen by the destroying horns.

Today, I want you to know that as a covenant child of God, the desolation around you is not the final chapter of your story. God will not abandon you to your troubles. He has 'specific' craftsmen assigned to you for the restoration of every desolate or broken-down area of your life. Their job is to put things back to their original state or even make them better.

For every area of your life (relationships, career, finances, health, emotional, family, etc.) that the horns have harassed, oppressed, repressed and violated, God will send a matching number of craftsmen to repair, restore, rebuild and renew. For every destroyer around your life, God has a restorer; for every foe, He has a friend; for every emptier, He has a filler.

As many horns that rise against you, many more craftsmen will rally around you. They may come as a friend, a spouse, a child, a boss, a colleague, a client, a mentor, a Pastor, etc. They may even be inanimate things like material blessings or a job or contract – expect them and embrace them; I see them in the horizon. **THIS AUGUST, YOUR CRAFTSMEN ARE COMING!**

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