

The Book of ZECHARIAH

“God remembers” “whom Jehovah remembers”
28 people in Old Testament named Zechariah

Date: 520 BC One of three Post-Exilic prophets. A contemporary of the prophet Haggai
Quoted about 40 times in the New Testament
Zechariah was a priest and a prophet. Neh 12:4 of the family of Aaron
The prophets Ezekiel and Daniel were prophets in Babylon during the exile.
The historical books of Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther are Post-Babylonian exile
Of the 1 million Jews in exile in Babylon, only around 50,000 returned.
2 out of 15 people returning from Babylon were priests.
Rebuilding the temple Messianic – 1st coming, 2nd coming and Millennial Reign

1:3 “Return to Me, and I will return to you” The “Lord of Hosts” is Zechariah’s name for Jehovah God
2:11 “the Lord” the Pre-incarnate Christ

Chapters 1-6 The Visions- All in one night

1:7-11 The Four Horses

1:12-17 A Message of Comfort

1:18-19 **The Four Horns** Power, authority or world empires ? Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome- AD 70

1:20-21 **The four Craftsmen** to destroy the 4 horns

2:1-5 **The Measuring Line** Surveying implies building and growth

:5 “I will be your wall” Protection and security

:6-13 Future Joy of Zion

:8 The apple of His eye

:10 I will dwell in your midst, says the Lord

:11 Many Gentiles will come to the Lord

3:1-5 Vision of the High Priest

Satan appears a third time – To oppose Joshua the High Priest

1st) Eden 2nd) Job Maybe a 3rd time when Satan stood up against David 1 Chron 21:1

The Lord said: “The Lord rebuke you, Satan!”

We should follow that example when defying the devil. Don’t speak directly.

Jude 9-10 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

James 4:7 Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Garments: Symbolic of removing the iniquity of Israel and showing the future glory.

:8 & 6:12 My Servant The Branch- The Messiah Isa 4:2; Isa 42:1; 52:13; Jer 23:5-6

:10 Under his vine and under his fig tree. - Shade, refuge, fellowship. Peace and rest.

4:1-14 The Lampstand and Olive Trees

:6 Not by might nor power, but by My Spirit Not by military strength or political power

:10 The eyes of the Lord, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.

:12-14 Perpetual oil for the anointed priest and king, who stands with the Lord. Zerubbabel, Joshua

5:1-4 The Flying Scroll

The scroll, the Word of God, goes forth to judge. To consume the thief and liar

5:5-11 **The Woman in a Basket** An Ephah- the largest measure in use among Jews.

Symbol of Wickedness locked in a basket and carried away to Shinar- Babel, Babylon, the city of sin, the first place of rebellion against God.

6:1-8 The Four Chariots

Judgements of the Lord among the nations.

6:9-15 **The Command to Crown Joshua**

6:10 Receive the gifts of the captives in Babylon, take the silver and gold and make a crown for the head of Joshua

6:13 Ch 4 Zerubbabel and Chapter 6 Joshua Crown put on Joshua the priest.
Prophet, Priest and King come back together MESSIANIC PROPHECY

Hebrews 6:20-7:4 Abraham offered tithes to Melchizedek, King of Salem

Gen 14:18-20 and Psalm 110:4 Heb 5:5-6

2,000 - 1,500 BC Patriarchs (Father)

1,500 - 1,000 BC Prophets

1,000 – 600 BC Kings

500 BC – 0 AD Priests

John the Baptist was the first prophet in 400 years Luke 1:76

Jesus was the Prophet, Priest and King

CHAPTERS 7 AND 8 FOUR MESSAGES

7:1 Fourth year of King Darius Moving ahead 2 years to 518 BC

First 6 chapters of Zechariah was during the ministry of Haggai, the last 4 months of 520 BC

7:2-7 **Obedience is better than fasting**

7:8-14 Refusing to listen to the former prophets led to the captivity :11 "but they refused to heed"

8:1-7 Jerusalem, the holy city of the future

8:18-23 :23 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'

CHAPTERS 9 – 14 MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

Chapters 9-11 The First Coming of Christ

Chapters 12-14 The Second Coming of Christ

9:1-8 **Conquest of Alexander the Great** 9:13 Greece

Priests met him in their white robes and he entered peacefully with no destruction

9:9-10 **Coming of the Messiah**

Kings rode donkeys in peace, horses in war

Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem, Matt 21:4-5, John 12:12-16

9:11-17 **Victories of the Maccabees** 9:13 Greece

Ch 10 **Coming of the Messiah** :9-10 Gathering the people back from being scattered

11:1-9 **Conquest of Rome**

11:10-14 **Coming of the Messiah**

:12-13 30 pieces of silver, the Potter's field Ex 21:32 Price of an injured slave

11:15-17 **Coming of the Anti-Christ**

12:1-9 **Israel in the tribulation-** :9 the enemies of Jerusalem will be destroyed

12:10-13:9 The Return of Christ

12:10 they will mourn for "Me whom they pierced"

13:3 **The Remnant Refined**

Parents will kill their children who are false prophets

14:1-3 **The Battle of Armageddon** The Last Battle

14:4-7 The Return of Christ See Acts 1:9-11 Rev 1:7

14:8-21 **The Establishment of the Kingdom**

:21 no Canaanites: No outsiders, only insiders. No evil, only holy. No more war, only peace

2:11 "Many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and they shall become My people."

Every tomorrow has two handles, fear and faith. Which are you holding?