

ZECHARIAH**Zechariah 1**

Zechariah began prophesying about two months after Haggai, to the remnant of Judah. The Lord spoke through Zechariah and reminded the people of the sinfulness of their forefathers and how He (God) had disciplined them. He now calls for faithfulness from the remnant.

Zechariah has a vision of a man riding around, scouting the land. There was peace everywhere. Zechariah asks when the blessings to Judah would again be poured out. The Lord replied that the nations around would suffer, but that He would see that the temple of Jerusalem was rebuilt and that the land would again enjoy prosperity.

God then shows Zechariah four horns (representing completeness-- ex. "four" corners of the earth) which were the powers that destroyed God's people. God promises that those same nations would be destroyed.

**Zechariah 2**

Zechariah is shown a man who is measuring the city of Jerusalem. Even though Jerusalem would have no wall to protect it, it would have no fear for God would be its' defense.

God calls for all of His people to return and promises them that their enemies would be destroyed and that He would then dwell among them. People from all nations would come and live among God's people in the land that He had prepared.

**Zechariah 3**

God demonstrates to Satan, that He has chosen a man to serve before Him as the High Priest of His people. This man, Joshua, would be purified and made acceptable. He would be called to obey the Lord and serve. God promises that He would send His servant, "THE BRANCH" (term referring to the Messiah). God promised that the day would come when He would remove the sins of all mankind in a single day and then there would be peace.

**Zechariah 4** Zechariah is shown a gold lampstand and then two olive trees. This vision was for Zerubbabel's benefit that he might realize the power of the Lord and to trust in it. Zerubbabel is told that he will see the completion of the temple (symbolized by the gold lampstand-- the dwelling place of God). The two olive branches represented two servants of the Lord (in that day it represented Zerubbabel and Joshua; today could represent the Jews [natural olive branch] and the Gentiles [wild olive] that serve in the Lord's Kingdom-- See Romans 11:13-24).

**Zechariah 5**

Zechariah saw a flying scroll going throughout the land that pronounced destruction on all thieves and liars.

Zechariah then sees a basket containing "sin". The sin would be carried away and removed to a place that had been prepared for it (similar in concept to the Lake of fire that has been prepared for Satan and his angels-- see Revelation 20:10).

#### Zechariah 6

Zechariah is then shown four chariots that would be sent out from the presence of the Lord in every direction. They are in charge of overseeing and carrying out the Lord's commands.

Joshua the high priest is crowned and would be in part, responsible for the rebuilding of the dwelling place of the Lord. Joshua is referred to as: "the Branch". People from all over would come and help in the rebuilding of the temple.

God demonstrates that one will come, who will combine the role of King and High Priest and He shall lead in the building of a place (Kingdom) for God, which people from all the world would take part in building!

#### Zechariah 7

The people inquired of the Lord a couple of years later, if they should continue to observe the time of fasting and mourning for the temple (it was now almost rebuilt and they wanted to know if it was still necessary). The Lord replied that they and their forefathers did not fast or feast for the Lord's benefit, but for their own selfish motives. He reminds them how He had called for their forefathers to strive to live righteous lives and be compassionate towards one another; instead they refused and were punished.

#### Zechariah 8

In continuing discussion, God now promises that He is going to restore the prosperity of His people and that He is going to again bless the land. They have been faithful to begin rebuilding the temple and the Lord called for them to continue. The fasts that they inquired about in chapter 7, He tells them that they will be feasts instead because of the blessings that He will shower upon them!

#### Zechariah 9

God issues warning that the enemies of Judah will be conquered and destroyed. He will not allow His people to be overcome.

God calls for His people to rejoice as He looks ahead to the time when their King would enter Jerusalem, riding on a colt, offering salvation. He would bring peace and would reign over all men. God would restore His faithful servants.

In the last days, God would come in judgement and destroy the enemies of His people and will bless His own.

#### Zechariah 10

God calls for His people to call upon Him for help. All other gods are powerless and the people who worship them, do so in vain. God will punish those who lead others astray.

Judah, however, will be the source for the cornerstone (see Ephesians 2:20-- Christ is the fulfillment). Judah and Ephraim (Ephraim) [God's people] would be restored and redeemed. God will gather them together after their time of persecution. Their enemies will then be destroyed.

#### **Zechariah 11**

God continues His declaration of destruction against the enemies of Judah.

God looks at His people. They had been led by shepherds who were concerned only about themselves. God did away with the shepherds and became the shepherd of His people. The "flock" resisted Him and He would eventually reject them.

The leaders of the flock would pay 30 pieces of silver for the shepherd, only to have it cast back into the house of the Lord to the potter (prophecy of the Good Shepherd-Jesus, being betrayed for 30 pieces of silver and then the money being cast back at the leaders who used it to purchase the potters field-- see Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-10). God would allow another false shepherd to be raised up to mislead the people and that shepherd would later be punished.

#### **Zechariah 12**

God promises a coming day when He would fight for Judah and Jerusalem. Even though people from all over would fight against His people, He will not allow them to be defeated; rather they would be victorious!

God then speaks of the regret that His people will have for having hurt Him so (this speaks also of Jesus being pierced and how mankind will look upon Him for salvation (see John 19:37)).

#### **Zechariah 13**

When the one is pierced, it will provide the opportunity for cleansing for sin (accomplished by Christ's sacrificial death). God would cause past sins to be forgotten. People will be ashamed of their false prophecies and some will even be punished by their own families.

God prophesies how the shepherd (Christ) would be struck down and the sheep would be scattered. Many would perish but some would remain faithful through times of trial and they would be called His people and they would call Him their God.

#### **Zechariah 14**

God promises a coming day when all who tried to destroy His people will be pursued and destroyed. In that day a river of life would come out from Jerusalem (see Revelation 22:1,2). At that time, God will reign over all and His city will be eternal. All their enemies will be destroyed and will recognize the power and authority of God.

STUDY GUIDE

ZECHARIAH 1

1. What did the Lord call for the people to do? (vs. 3)
2. What was the response when the Lord's words overtook the people?  
(vs. 6)
3. What was found throughout the earth? (vs. 11)
4. What question did the angel of the Lord ask? (vs. 12)
5. With whom, was the Lord then angry? (vs. 15)
6. What would happen to Jerusalem? (vs. 16,17)
7. What did the four horns represent? (vs. 19)
8. What would the craftsmen do? (vs. 21)

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ZECHARIAH 2

1. Why would Jerusalem be without walls? (vs. 4,5)
2. Where had the Lord scattered His people? (vs. 6)
3. Why were God's people to shout and be glad? (vs. 10)
4. Who will be joined with the Lord? (vs. 11)
5. Why was all the mankind to be still before the Lord? (vs. 13)

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ZECHARIAH 3

1. Who did Zechariah then see? (vs. 1)
2. What had the angel taken from Joshua? (vs. 4)
3. What was Joshua to do and what was he promised? (vs. 7)
4. Who was the Lord going to bring? (vs. 8)
5. What would the Lord remove in a single day? (vs. 9)

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ZECHARIAH 4

1. What did Zechariah then see? (vs. 2,3)
2. What was the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel? (vs. 6)
3. What would be the response to the capstone? (vs. 7)
4. Who would complete the temple? (vs. 9)
5. What did the 2 olive trees represent? (vs. 14)

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ZECHARIAH 5

1. What did Zechariah then see? (vs. 1)
2. What did the scroll decree? (vs. 3)
3. What was the basket filled with? (vs. 6)
4. Where was the basket taken? (vs. 11)

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ZECHARIAH 6

1. What did Zechariah then see? (vs. 1)
2. What did the angel say that they were? (vs. 5)
3. Who was to be crowned? (vs. 11)
4. What would "the Branch" do? (vs. 11,13)
5. Who would come and help build the temple? (vs. 15)

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ZECHARIAH 7

1. What questions did the people ask the Lord? (vs. 3)
2. What two questions did the Lord then ask? (vs. 5,6)
3. What had the Lord commanded? (vs. 9,10)
4. What had their forefathers done in response? (vs. 11,12)
5. How did the Lord punish them? (vs. 14)

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ZECHARIAH 8

1. Where would the Lord return to? (vs. 3)
2. What would again take place? (vs. 4,5)
3. What would God do to the remnant? (vs. 8)
4. What would be the inheritance of God's people? (vs. 12)
5. What would Judah and Israel be? (vs. 13)
6. What commands did God give the people? (vs. 16,17)
7. What were the fasts to become? (vs. 19)

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ZECHARIAH 9

1. Against whom, would the word of the Lord be against? (vs. 1,2)
2. What would happen to Tyre? (vs, 4)
3. What would happen to the Philistines' major cities? (vs. 5,6)
4. How would Zion's King, come? (vs. 9)
5. What would the King do? (vs. 10)
6. How would the people be saved? (vs. 16)
7. How are His people then described? (vs. 16)

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ZECHARIAH 10

1. What does the Lord do? (vs. 1)
2. What do idols and diviners do? (vs. 2)
3. Against whom, did the Lord's anger burn? (vs. 3)
4. What would come from Judah? (vs. 4)
5. Why would the Lord restore His people? (vs. 6)
6. What would the Lord do for His people? (vs. 8)
7. How would the people be strengthened and how would they walk?  
(vs. 12)

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ZECHARIAH 11

1. Why did the shepherds wail? (vs. 3)
2. What did the buyers and shepherds do to the flock? (vs. 5)
3. What would the Lord then do? (vs. 6)
4. What were the names of the Shepherd's staffs? (vs. 7)
5. How did the flock respond? (vs. 8)
6. What happened when the one staff was broken? (vs. 10)
7. How much was paid for the shepherd? (vs. 12)
8. What happened to the money? (vs. 13)
9. What would the next shepherd do? (vs. 16)

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ZECHARIAH 12

1. How is the Lord described? (vs. 1)
2. What would Jerusalem become when everyone is gathered against her? (vs. 3)
3. Why would the people of Jerusalem be strong? (vs. 5)
4. What will the Lord do "on that day"? (vs. 9)
5. Who will Jerusalem look upon? (vs. 10)



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ZECHARIAH 13

1. What would the fountain do? (vs. 1)
2. What would the Lord banish and remove? (vs. 2)
3. What would happen when the Shepherd was struck? (vs. 7)
4. What would happen to the one-third that would be left? (vs. 9)

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ZECHARIAH 14

1. What would the Lord do when the nations attacked Jerusalem? (vs. 3)
2. What will flow out of Jerusalem? (vs. 8)
3. What will the Lord become? (vs. 9)
4. What will happen to the survivors? (vs. 16)
5. What will be inscribed? (vs. 20)