

PRELIMINARY MESSAGE – NECESSITY OF REPENTANCE

CHASTENED FOR CORRUPTION 1:1-2

CLEANSED BY CONFESSION 1:3-6

1. THE HORSES AMONG THE MYRTLE TREES 1:7-17

1:8- “I saw” Unseen army of the Lord of Hosts

2. THE FOUR HORNS AND FOUR CARPENTERS 1:18-21

1:18- “lifted up mine eyes and saw” World powers that scattered Judah & 4 builders that supercede the destroyers

3. THE MAN WITH THE MEASURING LINE CH. 2

2:1- “lifted up mine eyes ...and looked” Coming prosperity of Jerusalem

4. THE CLEANSING OF JOSHUA, THE HIGH PRIEST CH. 3

3:1- “He showed me” Israel’s cleansing and restoration

THE BRANCH

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| 1. Jer.23:5-King—Matthew | 2. Zech.3:8-Servant— |
| | Mark |
| 3. Zech.6:12-Man—Luke 4 | 4. Is.4:2- the Lord |
| | (Deity)--John |

5. THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS AND OLIVE TREES CH. 4

4:2- “what seest thou...” The power by which Israel’s testimony will be maintained.

6. THE FLYING SCROLL 5:1-4

5:1- “lifted up mine eyes and looked” Deals with the moral condition of the people

7. THE WOMAN IN THE EPHAH (BASKET) 5:5-11

5:5- “lift up eyes” Lord wants to get Babylon out of Israel.

8. THE FOUR CHARIOTS 6:1-8

6:1- “lifted up mine eyes and looked” Administrative forces of righteousness - judgment on the nations

THE CROWNING OF JOSHUA

A PRIEST AND KING 6:9-15

4 MESSAGES – “Word of the Lord came unto me”

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| 1. | 7:1;4 | HYPOCRISY | FASTING |
| 2. | 7:8 | DISOBEDIENCE | HARD HEARTS |
| 3. | 8:1 | RESTORATION | CHANGED HEARTS |
| 4. | 8:18 | REJOICING | FEASTS |

2 “BURDENS”

WRITTEN AFTER TEMPLE WAS COMPLETED?????

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| 1. | 9:1 - 11:17 | WORLD POWERS OVER ISRAEL DESTROYED |
| | | The 2 Advents – the Lord’s Strategy |
| 2. | 12:1 - 14:21 | ISRAEL DELIVERED THROUGH JUDGMENT |
| | | The Lord’s Strategy – The Messianic Kingdom Comes |

2 Things needed for the maintenance of the Lord’s testimony - Worshippers & Workers

ZECHARIAH, THE PROPHET OF THE RECONSTRUCTION

He visualized four horns of iron, the neighboring powers, shattered by four smiths, but then saw four carpenters diminish the powers of the “horns”(1:18-21). He portrayed a man with measuring rod, deciding that it was unnecessary to measure the walls of Jerusalem, for God is the defense thereof (2:1-5). The filthy rags of the high priest are changed to rich apparel, signifying the pardon, forgiveness, and cleansing of God (3:1-10). A seven branched (lamped) candlestick is connected with giant olive trees, portraying the exhaustless resources of the Spirit (4:1-14). A flying banner, with its curse on all lawbreakers, scour the land (5:1-4). Wickedness, as a woman in a measure, is banished from the land (5:5-10). The four winds execute judgment on all who rejoice at the affliction of God’s people (6:1-8). Better days are coming. The culmination of dreams is reached when Zechariah pictures the crowning of the high priest as King, and the spirit of religion and government becomes one, and reigns in all life (6:9-15). Thus ends the “night visions” and thus will end Israel’s night.

Zechariah gives us some of the clearest messianic teachings and prophecies in all of the Old Testament. The principal ones are: O. T. PROPHECY		N.T. Fulfillment
(1)	Christ as the Branch (3:8)	Luke 1:78
(2)	God's Servant (3:8)	Mark 10:45
(3)	The Shepherd (9:16;11:11); the smitten Shepherd (13:7)	Matt. 26:31;56
(4)	Christ's entry into Jerusalem on a colt (9:9)	Matt. 21:5-7
(5)	Betrayal for thirty pieces of silver (11:12-13)	Matt. 26:15; 27:3-9
(6)	The piercing of His hands and feet (12:10)	John 19:34 - 37; Rev. 1:7
(7)	Return to the Mount of Olives (14:3-8);	Matt.21:1-10 & Acts 1:11,12 w/ Rev.19:11-16
(8)	The Messiah to remove iniquity (Ch.3)	Ro. 11:26,27
(9)	The Messiah to unite the priesthood and kingship in His own person (Ch.6)	Heb.6:20 - 7:1
(10)	The Messiah king to be a suffering Servant (Ch.9)	Mark 10:45
(11)	The Shepherd to be rejected by Israel (chap. 11)	John 1:10
(12)	Death of the Shepherd (chaps. 12-13)	Matt.26:31 ;Mk.14:27
(13)	Conversion of Israel (Ch.13)	Ro. 11:25 - 27; Rev. 1:7
(14)	Israel's enemies destroyed, Jerusalem saved, millennial reign of the Messiah over entire world from Zion (Ch.14)	Rev.16:16; 19:19 Rev.17:14; Rev.20:4

Some Applications from Zechariah:

A place on earth the object of the Lord's affection; Today, the church. (Eph.5:25;32)

A building program in which believers are involved. (Matt.16:18 & 1Cor. 3:11)

Careful - build to the Lord's Specifications. He hasn't left something as crucial as His witness on planet earth to the designs of man or to man's wisdom. (1Cor.3:10;19)

A time not of outward show & splendor but spiritual witness (1Pet. 2:5 & 9)

God's salvation program is not designed by man (Ro.11:34) - Messiah will come first "having salvation"; then, "justice". Zech. 9:9. Don't confuse the programs!

Historical Setting of Zechariah

The setting at the beginning of the Book, as in the Book of Haggai, takes us back to one of the most turbulent periods in Judah's history-- their captivity at the hands of a foreign power, followed by their release and resettlement in Jerusalem. For more than 50 years they were held captive by the Babylonians. They were allowed to return to their native land, beginning in 538 B. C., after Babylon fell to the conquering Persians. Both Haggai & Zechariah are dated by Gentile kings' reigns, indicating "the times of the Gentiles." (Lk.21:24)

At first, those who returned worked diligently at rebuilding the Temple, but they soon grew tired of the task and gave it up altogether. Haggai delivered his messages to motivate the people to resume the project. For 16 years the work ceased (see **Ezra 4:12 & 4:24 Then, 5:1,2**). Zechariah spoke to that issue as well, (see **Ezra 5:1**). But Zechariah wished to bring about a complete spiritual renewal through faith and hope in God. He spoke about the nature of God's Law and of the hope which God promised to those who were faithful to Him.

The **second portion** of Zechariah was written in the period between the times of the prophets Haggai (520 B. C.) and Malachi (450 B. C.). The Persian Empire was ruled by two great kings during these years, Darius I (522-486 B. C.) and Xerxes I (585-465 B. C.). This was a period when the Jewish people in Jerusalem were settled in their new land with a walled city and their beloved Temple. But they were unhappy and dissatisfied. Some of the people had expected that Zerubbabel, governor of Jerusalem, might be the Messiah, but this had proven to be false. The people needed a new word concerning God's future for them.

Day month year	Our Date	Prophet	Ref.	Message/Effect	Passage
1/6/2	Aug/Sep 520	Haggai	1:1	1st Message:Challenge & Command	1:1-11
24/6/2	Sept 520	Haggai	1:15	Temple Building Recommended	1:12-15
21/7/2	Oct 520	Haggai	2:1	2nd Message: Encouragement	2:1-9
-/8/2	Oct/Nov 520	Zechariah	1:1	1 st , a call to Return to God	1:1-6
24/9/2	Dec 520	Haggai	2:10;18	3rd Message: Promised Blessing	2:10-19
24/9/2	Dec 520	Haggai	2:20	4th Message: Unshakable Kingdom	2:20-23
20/11/2	Feb 519	Zechariah	1:7	2 nd , a series of Visions	1:7-6:15
4/9/4	Dec 518	Zechariah	7:1	3 rd , Q & A re: Fasts	7:1-8:23

