



HOPE IS KINDLED

A Study in the Book of Zechariah

“Jerusalem Chosen”

**Zechariah Chapter 1:7-3:10
(Deuteronomy 7)**

WEEK 2 – June 8

Zechariah Outline

2nd Year of Darius – Word and Visions

- **The First Word – 1:1-1:6**
- **Eight Visions – 1:7-6:8**
 - 1. Horsemen**
 - 2. Horns and Craftsman**
 - 3. Measuring Line and Jerusalem**
 - 4. Joshua the High Priest**
 - 5. Lampstand and Olive Trees**
 - 6. Flying Scroll**
 - 7. Woman in a Basket**
 - 8. Four Chariots**
- **Priest on His Throne (Performance) – 6:9-6:15**

4th Year of Darius – Word and Oracles

- **Instruction and Warning (fasting) – 7**
- **Encouragement and Hope (feasting) – 8**
- **The First Oracle – 9-11**
- **The Second Oracle – 12-14**

Near Term vs Ultimate Fulfillment of Prophecy

Isaiah 7:10-14

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he (Isaiah) said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:21-23

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

The State of the Immediate Hearers

- To the Israelite Remnant who returned with great fervor and excitement from captivity
- They had become deflated and distracted
 - They are few in number
 - They face stiff opposition externally
 - They face discouragement from within
- After a 19 year pause, through Haggai and Zechariah prophecies in 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th months, construction on the Temple has restarted

1st Vision – Zech 1:7-17

- **Three months after his first prophesy**
 - **11th Month of Shebat – our Feb/Mar, (early Spring rains)**
 - **New life, Renewal, tree sap running**
- **The LORD, An Angel of The LORD, the Prophet, a man on a red horse, other men on red, sorrel (bay), and white horses**
 - **Standing among Myrtle Trees**



I saw at night, and
behold, a man was
riding on a red
horse, and he was
standing among
the myrtle trees
which were in the
ravine, with red,
sorrel and white
horses behind him.

—Zechariah 1:8

1st Vision – Zech 1:7-17

- Horses and riders are on patrol – observing the nations of the earth
- Their observation? The earth remains at rest – there is peace among the nations
 - This aligns with world history – Greco/Persian wars would begin ~499BC

Horses and their Riders

- Zechariah 1 – Red, White, and Bay (Sorrel)
- Revelation 6 – White, Red, Black, and Pale
 - Ruling authority, war, famine, death
- Revelation 6:3-4 – *When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” And out came another horse, bright red. It’s rider was permitted to take peace from the earth.....*

1st Vision – Zech 1:7-17

- **ANGEL'S COMPLAINT** - The nations are at ease while Jerusalem lies in ruins
- **GOD'S RESPONSE**
 - Anger with the nations for going beyond God's intent for the nation of Judah

Psalm 83:1-4

O God, do not keep silence;
do not hold your peace or be still, O God!
For behold, your enemies make an uproar;
those who hate you have raised their heads.
They lay crafty plans against your people;
they consult together against your
treasured ones.
They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation;
let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"

“Furthered the Disaster”

- God’s Desire was to Judge (reprove and correct) but always preserve a remnant
- The nations sought to annihilate (Genocide)
 - Haman in Book of Esther was an Amalekite
 - Hitler, Hamas, Hezbollah.....

1st Vision – Zech 1:7-17

- **ANGEL'S COMPLAINT** - The nations are at ease while Jerusalem lies in ruins
- **GOD'S RESPONSE**
 - Anger with the nations for going beyond God's intent for the nation of Judah
 - Promise the Temple will be built, the city will expand, Judah will again be full and prosperous

Why 70 Years?

- Leviticus 26:14-46 – promise of punishment for disobedience – God will give the land its Sabbaths
- Jeremiah 25:11-12 (right before the destruction of Jerusalem)

2nd Vision – Zech 1:18-21

- **Judgement on the nations that scattered Judah and Jerusalem**

Why 4 Horns?

- “4 winds” “4 quarters of Heaven” “4 Corners of the Earth” “4 living creatures” - *Symbolic, Represents all of creation*
- Horns represent power and authority over a particular dominion
- 4 Horns – All the nations that besieged and destroyed Jerusalem and scattered Judah

2nd Vision – Zech 1:18-21

- **Judgement on the nations that scattered Judah and Jerusalem**
- **Moab, Edom, Amalek, Ammon, etc.**
- **Craftsman – Fabricator, Mason, Blacksmith, Carpenter, Jeweler, etc**

3rd Vision – Zech 2

- Supernatural Prosperity and protection –
A City without walls
- A call for all exiles to return
- A total reversal of circumstance “you served the nations; now the nations will serve you”
- “LORD of Host” “me” “I” “him”...
 - Trinity in the OT

3rd Vision – Zech 2

- God intends to dwell in Jerusalem (refers to both His 1st and 2nd coming)
- Many from the Nations (Gentiles) become God's people
 - “They will be my people and I will be their God”
- Inherit Judah as His portion – Line of Jesus

3rd Vision – Zech 2

- Joshua (High Priest), The Angel of The LORD, The LORD, Satan
- God's choosing overrides Satan's accusation – Joshua plucked from the fire

Satan – The Accuser

- Gen 3 – Accusing God in front of Adam and Eve
- Job 1 – Accusing Job in front of God
- Zech 3 – Accusing Joshua (High Priest) before the Angel of the LORD
- Rev 12 – Accusing Christians day and night before God (he is thrown down!)

3rd Vision – Zech 2

- Joshua (High Priest), The Angel of The LORD, The LORD, Satan
- God's choosing overrides Satan's accusation – Joshua plucked from the fire
- God takes away Joshua's iniquity and gives him clean vestments (righteousness)
- "You have been made clean – now obey"

Joshua and the Men - a Sign

- God's servant "Branch" will come
 - Isa 11:1 - *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*
- Single Engraved Stone with 7 eyes set before Joshua
 - Engraved tablets – The Law
 - 7 eyes – The Holy Spirit

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

NEXT WEEK

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“By My Spirit”

Zechariah 4-5