

God's purpose concerning Jerusalem is unchanged by any r_____.

Five words occur in this chapter which are very important.

- 1. First is the expression, "Lord of h_____."**
- 2. 2. J_____ occurs six times, and *Zion* occurs twice.**
- 3. 3. The word *j*_____ occurs three times.**
- 4. 4. The word *r*_____ occurs twice.**
- 5. 5. The final expression, "Thus saith the L_____" occurs ten times.**

Zechariah 8:1-2

1. Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.'

When God says that He is j_____, it is not the same as man's jealousy, but He does have the same thing in mind.

Zechariah 8:3

3 "Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'

Isaiah 2:1-2

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

Isaiah 2:3-4

3Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Zechariah 8:4

4“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age.

Zechariah 8:5

5The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.’

At that future time, Jerusalem will be the c_____ of the earth, Jesus will be reigning there, and the church will be out yonder in space, dwelling in the New Jerusalem.

Zechariah 8:6

6“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?’ Says the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 8:7

7“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west;

Zechariah 8:8

8 I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'

The only real b_____ that there can be in this world today is in the church of Jesus Christ. Someday the church will be removed from the earth, and then God will take His chosen people, the Jews, and return them to their land.

Zechariah 8:9

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Let your hands be strong, You who have been hearing in these days These words by the mouth of the prophets, Who spoke in the day the foundation was laid For the house of the LORD of hosts, That the temple might be built.

"The prophets" are Haggai and Zechariah.

Zechariah 8:10

10 For before these days There were no wages for man nor any hire for beast; There was no peace from the enemy for whoever went out or came in; For I set all men, everyone, against his neighbor.

Zechariah 8:11

11 But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 8:12

12 'For the seed shall be prosperous, The vine shall give its fruit, The ground shall give her increase, And the heavens shall give their dew— I will cause the remnant of this people To possess all these.

God brought p_____ to that nation for a period of time.

[Zechariah 8:13](#)

13And it shall come to pass That just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.'

[Zechariah 8:14](#)

14"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Just as I determined to punish you When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I would not relent,

In this section we are looking forward to the time when God is going to make Jerusalem the c_____ of this earth.

[Romans 9:15-16](#)

15For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

16So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

[Zechariah 8:15](#)

15So again in these days I am determined to do good To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.

[Zechariah 8:16](#)

16These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

[Zechariah 8:17](#)

17Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' Says the LORD."

[Zechariah 8:18](#)

18Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

Zechariah 8:19

19“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘The fast of the fourth month, The fast of the fifth, The fast of the seventh, And the fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts For the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.’

God says to them, “I never gave you any fast days. These days that you have set up to fast and to go through a nice little r_____ ritual, I’m going to turn into feast days, days of rejoicing, days of love and truth and peace.”

Zechariah 8:20-21

20“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities;

21The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, “Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.”

Zechariah 8:22

²²Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the Lord.’

Zechariah 8:23

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.” ’ ”