

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers

Rebuilding Jerusalem

Zechariah 2:1-5

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Very Important:** For us to truly understand Zechariah we need to go back to the book of Ezra.
2. We know that God called Abraham through whom he wanted to build a nation.
 - a) Abraham, Issac and Jacob became the patriarchs of a great nation.
3. After some time, Israel fell into sin; sin so corrupting that God allowed the Babylonians to come and destroy Jerusalem and take the people into captivity in 587BC.
 - a) Jerusalem was destroyed, the Temple was leveled and nothing was left, and the survivors were exiled in Babylon.
 - 1) ***Jeremiah 29:10***
 - b) ***Zechariah 1:20-21***
 - 1) The 1st horn (Babylon) was defeated by the 1st Craftsman (Persia).
 4. Turn with me to ***Ezra 1:1-3***
 - a) 50,000 went back, led by 2 individuals, Zerubbabel (The Governor) and Joshua the (High priest).
 - 1) ***Ezra 2:2-2; 3:1-3, 8***
 - b) The Temple represented the dwelling place of God and it was the **ONE PLACE ON EARTH** where God would meet with man.
 5. In Ezra 4 they run into a huge amount of opposition and are beginning to get discouraged.
 - a) ***Ezra 4:24***
 - b) ***Ezra 5:1-2***
 6. **VERY IMPORTANT:** For 18 years the people had stopped the work on the most important job they would ever do.
 7. ***Deuteronomy 7:7-8***
 8. God had a couple purposes in mind for Israel:
 - a) **First to be a LIGHT to WORLD!!**
 - 1) ***Isaiah 43:21***
 - 2) ***Matthew 5:13-16***
 - 3) ***Deuteronomy 6:6-9***
 - b) **The Second purpose God had in mind was - Messiah would come through the nation of Israel.**
 - 1) ***Genesis 12:3***

- 2) *John 4:22*
- 3) *Galatians 3:16*
- 4) *Isaiah 62:1-4*
 - a. All of redemptive history from Genesis to Revelation center on Jerusalem.
 - b. The King and the Kingdom.
- 5) *Psalm 132:13*
 - a. *Psalm 48:2-3*

c) **A Third Purpose God had in mind for Israel was to communicate God's Word.**

- 1) *Romans 3:1-3*
- 2) And in turn the people were to obey and preserve God's Word.
- 3) *Deuteronomy 17:8*
- 4) *Deuteronomy 4:6*

9. God has not forgotten the covenant Promises with His people.

- a) *Genesis 12:1-3*

10. **Israel was in captivity for 70 years.**

11. AND FOR 2000 years Jerusalem was controlled by various world powers.

- a) But in 1948 the state of Israel was reborn and the Jewish people controlled Jerusalem again.

12. For nearly 6000 years all the way to today, the story of Jerusalem is a testimony to God's faithfulness.

13. One day, the city, Jerusalem will become the city of the Messiah.

- a) And King Jesus will rule and reign.

14. *Isaiah 2:2-4*

15. Here in Zechariah 2, God provides us with a reminder of His promise.

I. JERUSALEM WILL BE REBUILT

1. **Vs 1**

- a) "And I lifted my eyes and saw"
 - 1) Cf. 1:18 (2nd Vision)
- b) "and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand"

2. **Now the 3rd Vision** expands upon the truth that God would rebuild Jerusalem.

- a) Zechariah's Vision of the "man with a measuring line in his hand."

3. Here in Zechariah 2, we see Zechariah's 3rd Vision.

- a) The "man with a measuring line in his hand"
 - 1) That's a surveyor
 - 2) Zechariah's vision was similar to the vision Ezekiel had received.
 - a) *Ezekiel 40:3*
- b) Who was this man?
 - 1) Ezekiel implies that this man was the **Messiah!!!**
 - 2) Zechariah affirms this interpretation. (*Zechariah 1:8*)
- c) Vs 1:11

4. Having said that we can understand that the "man" is Christ Himself the central figure of Zechariah's vision.

- a) This is a reminder that Christ is central to God's redemptive plan for His people.

5. Vs 2

- a) "Where are you going?"
 - 1) WOW!!! The man with a "measuring line" was on a mission!!
- b) "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and length."

6. The Lord's plan has not changed"

- a) Jerusalem would be rebuilt in its fullness, so that it could be measured in keeping with the exact specifications God had revealed to Ezekiel.
- b) To Zechariah's returning remnant, as they struggled to rebuild the temple and surrounding city, the truth would have been deeply encouraging.

II. THE GLORY WILL RETURN

1. Population Growth

- a) In 1950 the population of Jerusalem was 120,000 people.
- b) In 2025 the population of Jerusalem is 996,800 people.

2. Vs 3

- a) "And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward...."
 - 1) The interpreting angel.
- b) "and another angel came forward to meet him"
 - 1) "Run say to that young man"

3. The urgency of this message is clearly seen by the interpreting angel's hast to meet the other angel, and by the other angel's reaction to run back and share the message.

4. Vs 4

- a) "Run, say to that young man...."
- 5. Zechariah keeps taking us ahead to the Millenium.
 - a) Vs 5 "and I will be her wall of fire"
- 6. When Moses dedicated the Tabernacle, the glory of the Lord came down.
 - a) Exodus 40:34-38
- 7. When Soloman built the Temple - the glory of the Lord came down.
 - a) 2 Chronicles 7:1-3
- 8. When Israel falls into deep sin and rebellion against God - the Glory departs.
 - a) Ezekiel 10 & 11
- 9. Later, in Ezekiel the Prophet says one day the Glory of the Lord will return during the Millenium.
 - a) Messiah's 1000-year reign.
- 10.. Zechariah 2:5
 - a) "I will be the glory in her midst"

CONCLUSION:

- 1. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- 2. Romans 8:9
- 3. 1 Corinthians 12:13
- 4. Ephesians 1:13-14
- 5. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22