

ZECHARIAH – Jehovah Remembers

"Inspiring Believers to Serve"

Zechariah 1:7-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. Zechariah's first message was a message of ENCOURAGEMENT

1. Zechariah 1:1-6

2. Zechariah's focus was and is on the Kingdom of Christ.

A TIME TO ENCOURAGE

I. THE CALL TO ENCOURAGE

- Vs 1-3

II. THE CALL TO REPENTANCE

- Vs 3b-4

III. GOD KEEPS HIS WORD

- Vs 5-6
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2. *There are 8-night visions 1:7-6:15*

a) God gave Zechariah those 8 visions for the comfort of the post-exile remnant of Israel who had been commanded to return from Persia to the land promised to Abraham. *Genesis 12*

3. 50,000 Jews returned to rebuild the city and the temple.

4. The Purpose is to Encourage and to Motivate those working on the temple to continue despite their own difficulties.

6. WOW!!! They were to rebuild the temple and to anticipate the day of Messiah's return, when all of God's promises to Israel would finally, fully, and ultimately be fulfilled.

7. THIS MORNING: Vs 7-17

A VISION OF GOD'S RESTORATION AND REDEMPTION

I. GOD'S POWERFUL PRESENCE

A. THROUGH HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

1. Vs 7a

a) *"On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month"*

1) Cf. Vs 1

b) 3 months after Zechariah's opening message.

1) **"A Time to Encourage"** Vs 1-6

2. Vs 7b

a) *"the Word of the LORD came to the Prophet Zechariah..."*

1) "...the son of **Berechiah**, son of **Iddo**"

b) **Zechariah** - Jehovah Remembers; **Berechiah** - Jehovah will Bless; **Iddo** - At the appointed time."

c) Therefore - Jehovah remembers and will Bless @ the Appointed Time.

B. THE ACTIVITY OF THE SON OF GOD

1. Vs 8

a) *"I saw in the night"*

b) *"and behold, a man riding on a red horse!!!"*

1) **"a man"** - this is an angel in the form of a man.

2) **"red horse"** - a symbol of war and power

c) Who in the world is this man?

1) **Vs 11**

a. This man is "the Angel of the LORD"

2. This is a Christophany!!!

a) A Christophany is a preincarnate appearance of Messiah Himself.

3. EXAMPLES:

- He stops Abraham from sacrificing Isaac (Genesis 22:11-18).
- He appears to Moses "in flames of fire from within a bush" (Exodus 3:2).
- He delivers a message to wayward Israel (Judges 2:1-4).
- He commissions Gideon and performs a miracle for him (Judges 6:11-24).

- He brings a plague on Israel during David's time (2 Samuel 24:15-17).
- He appears in a vision of the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 1:11-13; cf. 3:1-10).
- He appears in the fiery furnace with Shadrack, Meshack, and Abendigo. (Daniel 3:24-25 KJV)

4. In various passages, the angel of the Lord speaks as God, identifies Himself with God, and exercises the responsibilities of God.

- In several of these appearances, those who saw the angel of the Lord feared for their lives because they had "seen God" (Judges 13:22; cf. Judges 6:22).
- The appearances of the angel of the Lord cease after the incarnation of Christ

5. Vs 8

a) *"He was standing among the Myrtle trees"*

- A Myrtle tree - Myrtle trees represented God's restoration and redemption.

6. Vs 8

a) *"and behind him (the man on the red horse) were red, sorrel and white horses (and of course their riders).*

7. Vs 9

a) *"Then I said, 'What are these, my lord?'*

b) *"the angel who talked with me said to me, I will show you what they are.'*

- This angel right here in verse 9, 13, 14, 19, 2:3 is Zechariah's *"interpreting angel"*

8. Vs 10

a) *"So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, 'These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.'"*

9. VERY IMPORTANT: So far what do we know about ANGELS?

a) **THEY ALL HAVE JOBS TO DO!!! They all have specific assignments to do.**

- And they are faithful to execute their jobs!!!

b) We too have jobs to do.

10. Vs 11

a) *"And they answered the angel of the LORD" who was standing among the Myrtle trees, and said, 'We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest."*

II. THE SON'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

1. To intercede is to act in behalf of someone in trouble.

2. Vs 12

a) *"Then the angel of the LORD said, 'O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these 70 years"*

3. God the Son intercedes to God the Father on behalf of Judah.

4. Vs 13

5. Vs 14-15

a) *"So the angel who talked with me said to me, 'Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease;*

III. GOD'S PROMISE FOR HIS CHILDREN'S WELFARE

A. GOD PROMISES TO RETURN

1. Vs 16a

a) *"Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.*

2. Zechariah 2:10

3. God promises He is returning to Jerusalem, meaning His presence will dwell there, and He's coming with mercy.

4. Vs 16b

a) *"and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem"*

5. **WOW!!!** The surveyor's line was stretched out over Jerusalem because they are going to rebuild it.

B. GOD PROMISES PROSPERITY

1. Vs 17

a) Zechariah is called to proclaim - *"Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem."*

2. Typically when a city prospers, it spreads out.

3. LISTEN UP: The fight has been the ever-expanding presence of Jewish homes in Jerusalem....

a) ...which the world is constantly trying to prevent!!!

b) *Psalm 69:35*

4. Vs 17

a) *"...and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Zion"*

5. *Isaiah 40:1-2*