Zechariah

Introductory Matters





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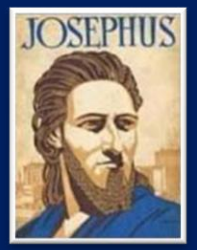
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The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ

1. A man of verifiable history
2. **A man of fulfilled prophecy**
3. A man of predictive prophecy
4. A man of unimpeachable morality
5. A man of profound teaching
6. A man of authentic miracles
7. A man of bodily resurrection





Josephus

Antiquities 18.3.3

"About this time there lived **Jesus**, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was **the Christ**. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for **the prophets of God had foretold these things** and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared."

OT Prophecies About Christ

Prophecy	Scripture	Years in Advance
Manner of Birth	Isaiah 7:14	700 years
Place of Birth	Micah 5:2	700 years
Nationality	Numbers 24:17	1400 years
Tribe	Genesis 49:10	1800 years
Time of & Response to His Messiahship	Dan. 9:25-26	600 years

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Crucified Between Thieves	Isaiah 53:9	700 years
Pierced	Isaiah 53:5	700 years
No Broken Bones	Psalm 22:17	1000 years
Gamble for His Clothing	Psalm 22:18	1000 years
Buried in Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9	700 years

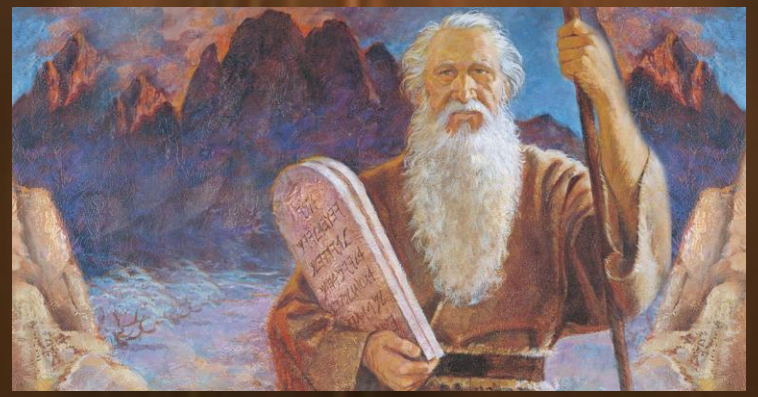
Luke 24:27, 44

“[27] Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things **concerning Himself in all the Scriptures**…[44] Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are **written about Me** in the **Law of Moses** and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** must be fulfilled.’”



John 5:39, 46

“[39] **You search the Scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life; **it is these that testify about Me**…[46] For if you believed **Moses**, you would believe Me, for he **wrote about Me**.”



Acts 17:1–3

1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and
Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a
synagogue of the Jews. 2 And according to **Paul's custom**, he
went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned with them from
the Scriptures**, 3 explaining and giving evidence that the **Christ
had to** suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying,* "This
Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."



1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“3 For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures**, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day **according to the Scriptures**.”



Christ in Zechariah

GENERAL

- the angel of the Lord (3:1-2)
- the righteous branch (3:8; 6:12-13)
- the servant (3:8)
- the stone with seven eyes (3:9)
- the King-Priest (6:13)
- the cornerstone, tent peg, and the bow of battle (10:4)



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FIRST ADVENT

- the humble king riding on a donkey (9:9-10; Matt 21:1-8; John 12:14-16)
- the rejected good shepherd sold for thirty pieces of silver (11:4-13; Matt 26:14-16; 27:9-10)
- the one the Jews pierced (12:10; John 19:37; 20:24-27)
- the smitten good shepherd (13:7)



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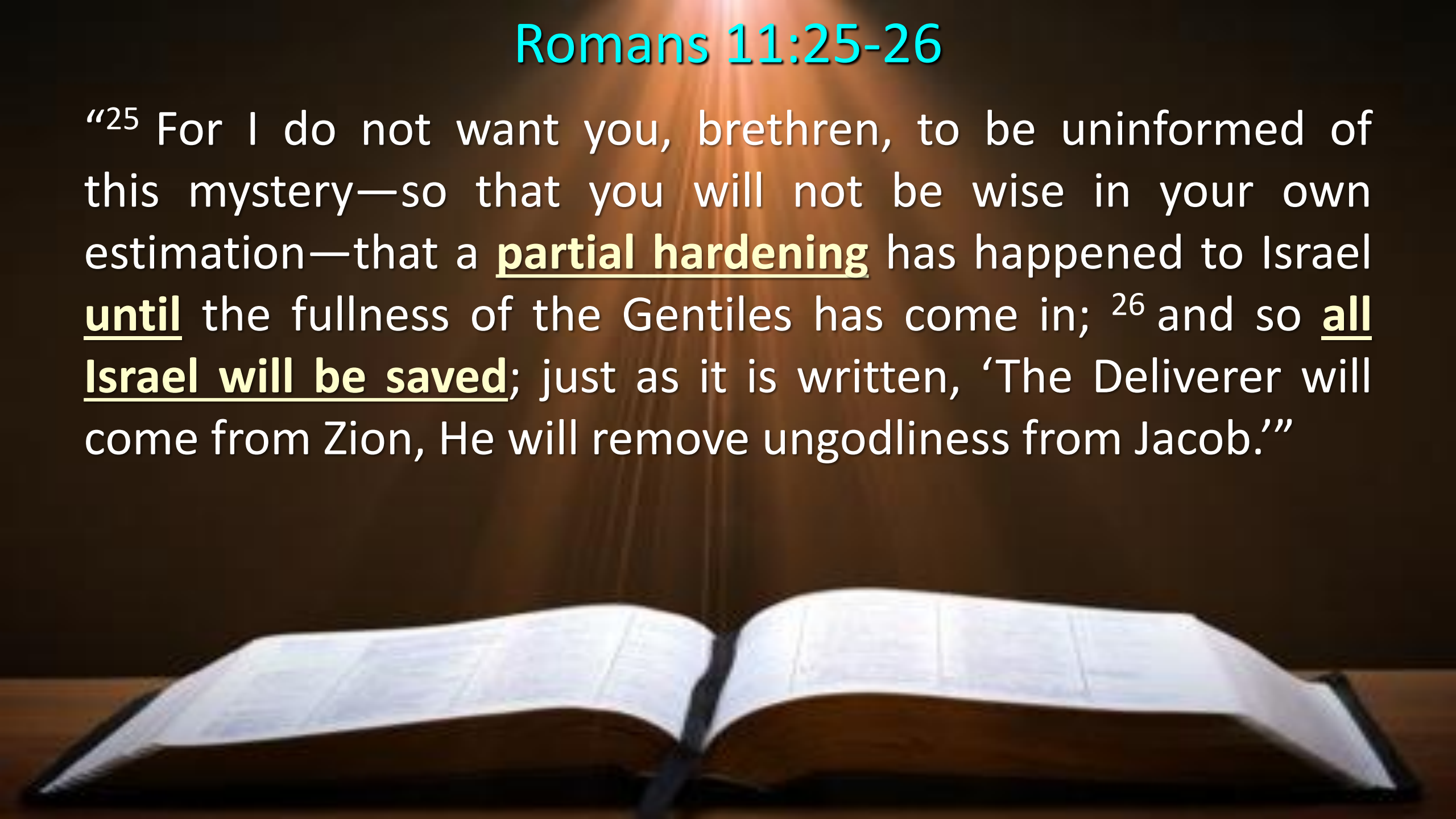
SECOND ADVENT

- the one who will be accepted by Israel (12:10–13:1; Rom 11:26)
- the one who cleanses Israel (13:1)
- the coming judge (14)
- the destroyer of Israel's enemies (14:3, 12-15; Rev 19:11-16)
- the one who will split the Mount of Olives (14:4)
- the one who will reign from Jerusalem (14:9, 16; Rev 20:4-6)



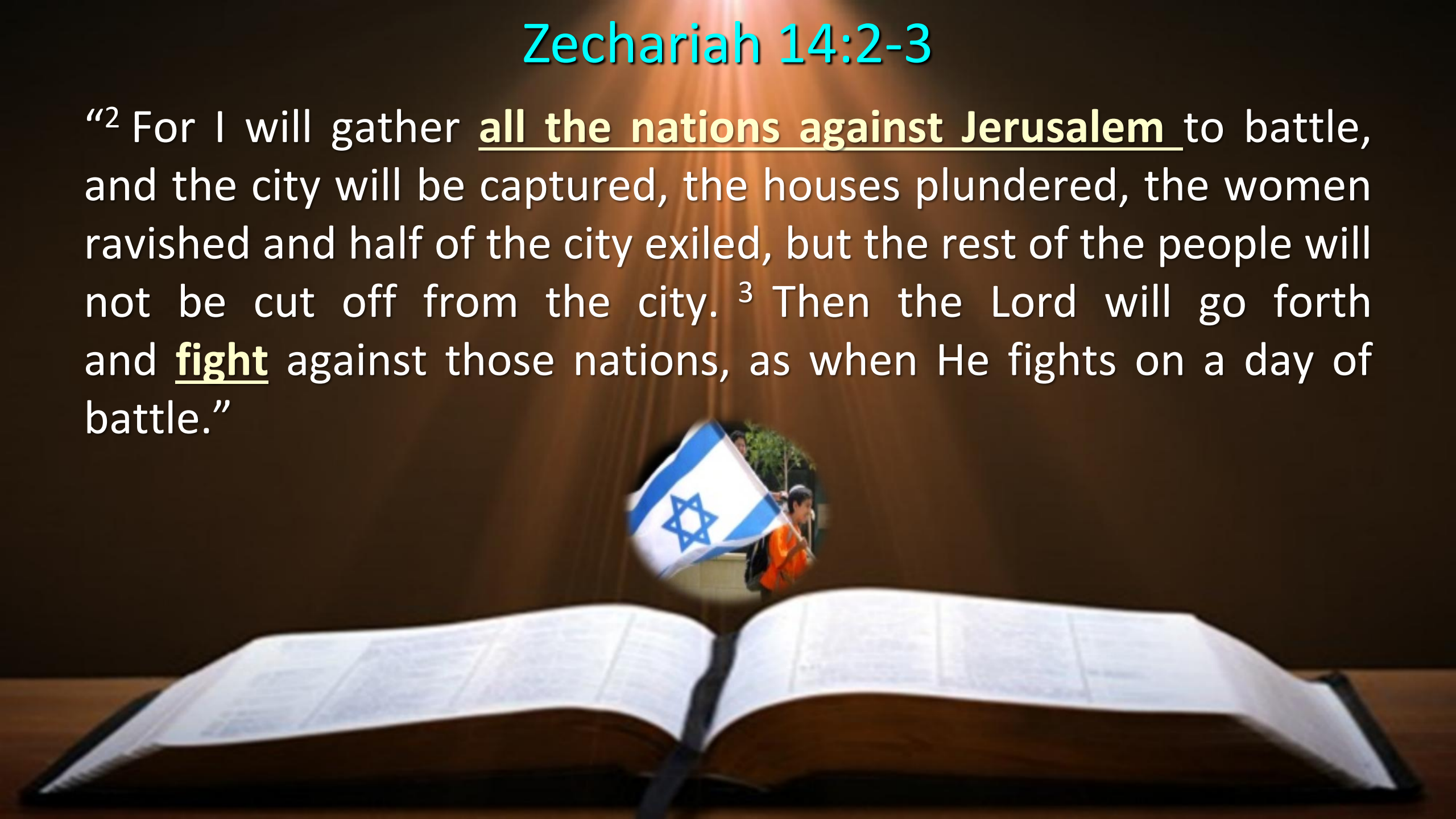
Romans 11:25-26

“[25] For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a **partial hardening** has happened to Israel **until** the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; [26] and so **all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.’”



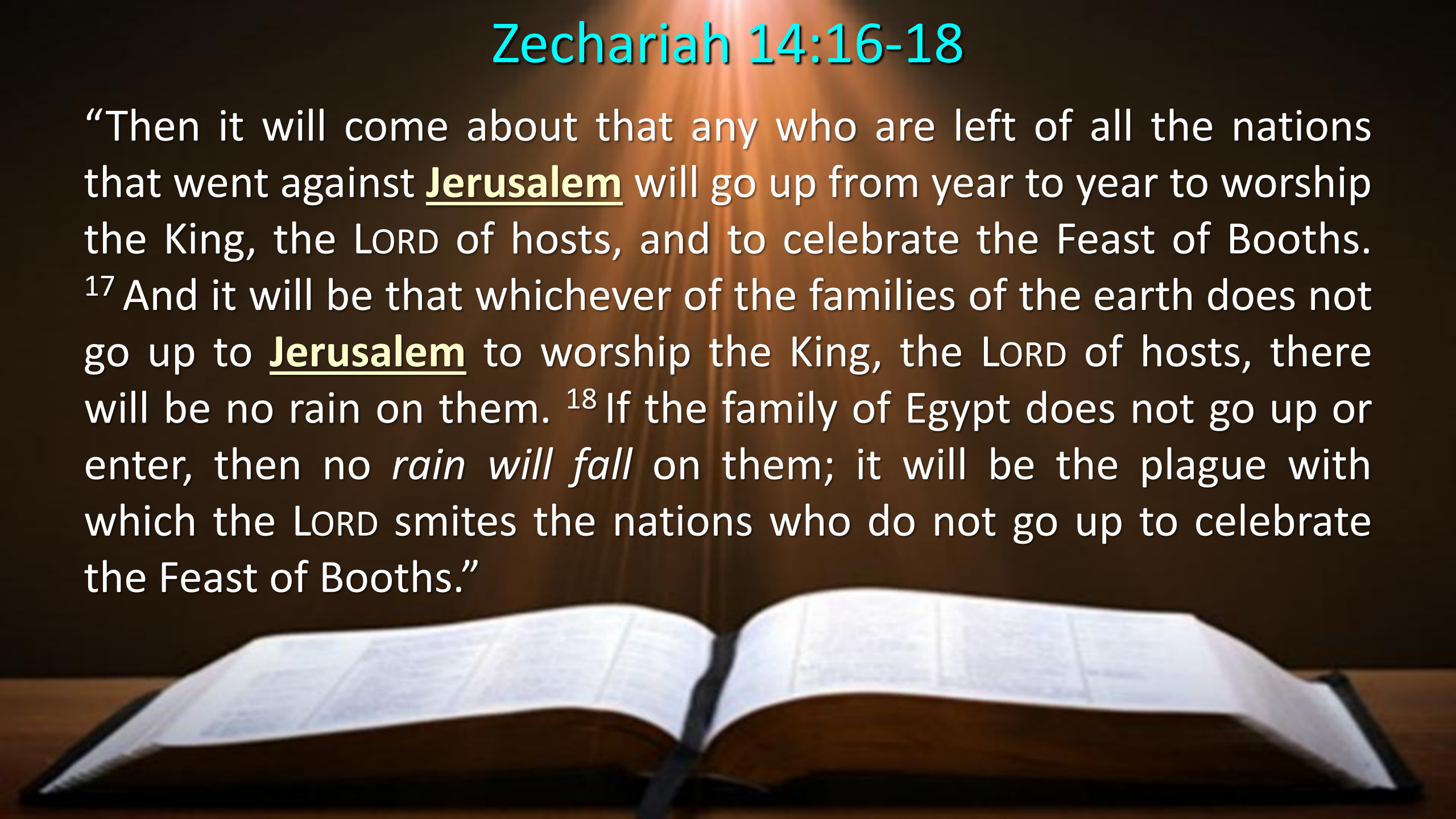
Zechariah 14:2-3

“2 For I will gather **all the nations against Jerusalem** to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then the Lord will go forth and **fight** against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.”



Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against **Jerusalem** will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to **Jerusalem** to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



Isaiah 2:2-3

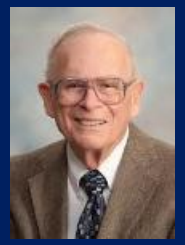
“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.[3] And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD **from Jerusalem**.”



Revelation 20:7-9

“7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 9 **And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city**, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.





Robert Thomas

Four Views on the Book of Revelation, page 207.

"At the end of the Millennium that city will be Satan's prime objective with his rebel army, because Israel will be a leader among the nations."



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1. Title

- Named after the book's spokesman
- Hebrew: *Zekar-yah*
- LXX: *Zecharias*
- Latin: *Zecharias*
- English: Zechariah
- "Yahweh Remembers"



3. Biography

- Common name
- Son of *Berechiah* (1:1)
- Called into ministry as a youth (2:4)
- Born during Babylonian Captivity
- Taken to Israel in first return
- A priest
- Member of the Great Synagogue



Three Returns

	DATE	DURATION	PERSIAN KING	JEWISH LEADER	SCRIPTURE	PURPOSE	NUMBER OF RETURNEES
1st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa. 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

Ezekiel 1:1-3

1 “Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. 2 (On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s exile, 3 the word of the Lord came expressly to **Ezekiel the priest**, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the Lord came upon him.).”



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Rameses
Tahpanhes
EGYPT
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
WILDERNESS OF SHUR
Kadesh-barnea
Punon
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
On
Memphis
Marah?
Timna
Elath
SINAI
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
Nile River
Elim?
Red Sea
Dophkah?
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CASPIAN SEA
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CYPRUS
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SIDON
TYRE
DAMASCUS
SAMARIA
JERUSALEM
Jordan River
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SUSA
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PERSIAN GULF
ARABIAN DESERT
THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1
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Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis
15

LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**







Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)


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Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- ***Blessings and curses (28)***

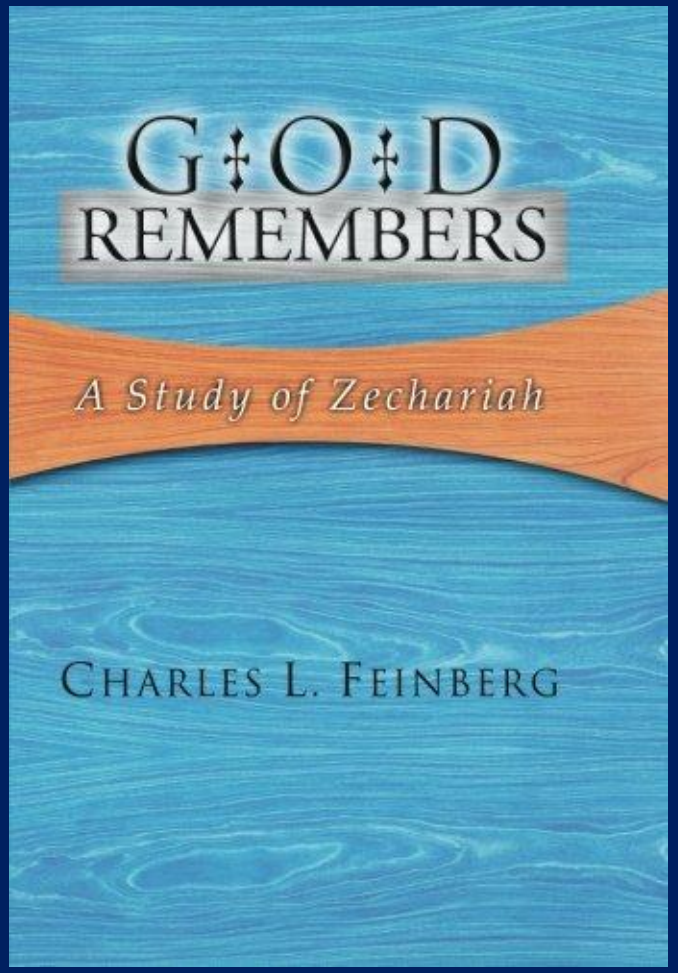




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"Positionally, we have been made nigh (Eph. 2:13), but experimentally we need to be ever more near."

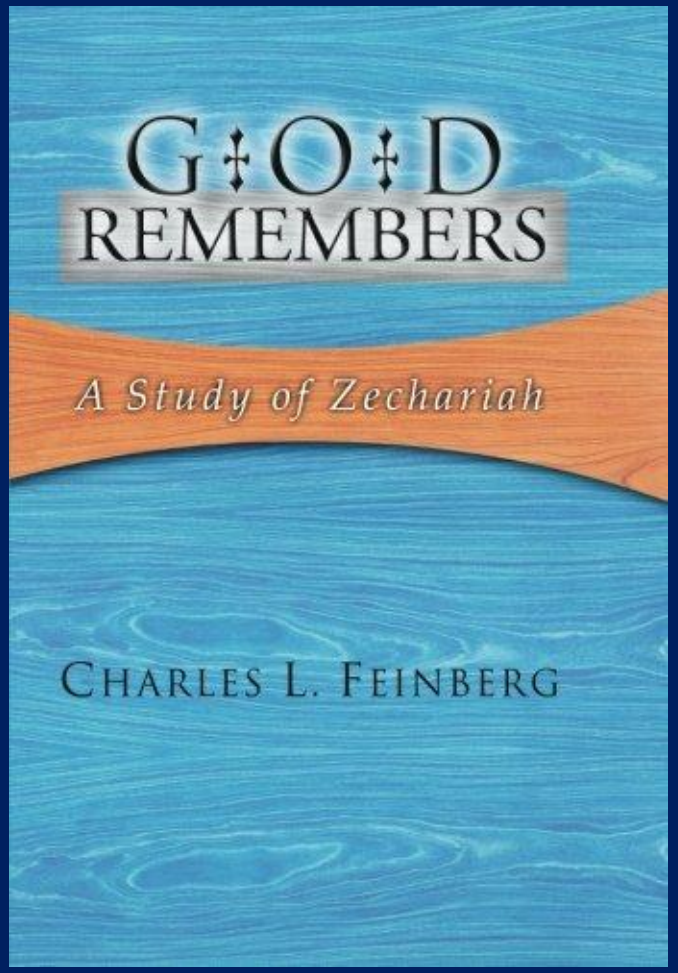




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"Since the book is mainly one of consolation and hope, some may be inclined to ask: Why does it begin with a charge to repent? The purpose, no doubt, is to preclude any false security on the part of the ungodly in Israel who might think themselves to be the recipients of the blessings and promises of God regardless of their spiritual condition."



Messengers of the Kingdom In Matthew



- John the Baptist – 3:2
- Jesus Christ – 4:17
- 12 Apostles – 10:5-7
- Seventy – Luke 10:1, 9

Toussaint, *Behold the King*, 18-20

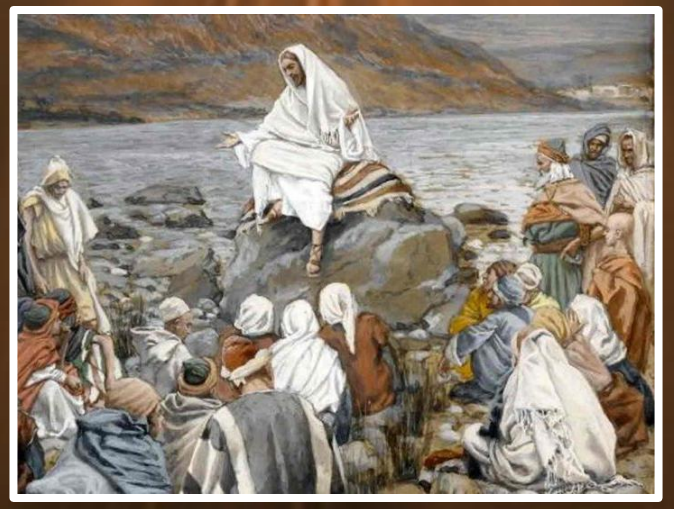
Matthew 3:1-2

“[1]Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, [2]‘**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.”



Matthew 4:17

“From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ‘**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**.’”




The 7 Churches in Revelation
Rev. 1: 11
BLACK SEA
BITHYNIA
MYSIA
AEGEAN SEA
ASIA
Pergamum
Thyatira
Smyrna
Sardis
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II. Eight Night Visions
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1. Riders & horses among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)
2. Four horns & four craftsmen (1:18-21)
3. Man with the measuring line (2)
4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (3)
5. Lampstand & olive tree (4)
6. Flying scroll (5:1-4)
7. Woman in the basket (5:5-11)
8. Four chariots (6:1-8)

- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)

