Zechariah

God Remembers!





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ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS

Vision	Reference	Meaning
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	**1:7-17**	God's anger against the nations & blessing on restored Israel.
The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen	**1:18-21**	God's judgement on the nations that afflict Israel.
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	**Chapter 2**	God's future blessing on restored Israel.
The Cleansing & Crowning of Joshua the Hight Priest.	**Chapter 3**	Israel's future cleansing from sin & reinstatement as a priestly nation.
The Golden Lampstand & the Two Olive Trees	**Chapter 4**	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest.
The Flying Scroll	**5:1-4**	The severity & totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites.
The Woman in the Ephah	**5:5-11**	The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God.
The Four Chariots	**6:1-8**	Divine judgment on Gentile nations.

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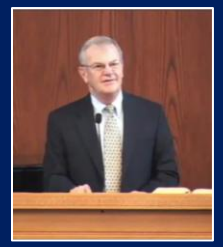


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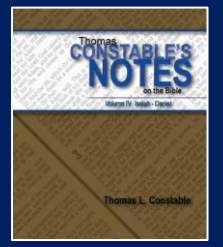
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"Zechariah's guiding angel 'roused' the prophet from his visionary slumber. Evidently when the last scene of his vision ended, Zechariah remained in a sleep-like condition. Even in an ecstatic state, human beings remain dull and obtuse to divine revelation, and must receive supernatural enlightenment."

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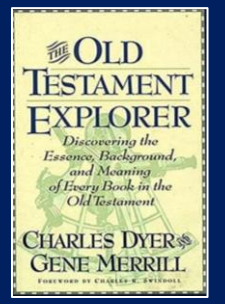
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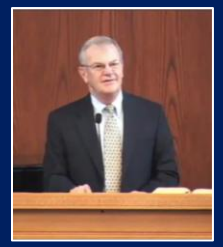


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Old Testament Explorer, p. 824.

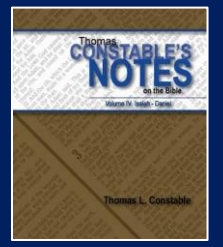


"…he saw a gold lampstand, possibly shaped like the menorah that provided light in the temple. Above the lamp was a bowl that served as a reservoir for the olive oil used as fuel in the seven lights at the top of each branch. Individual channels led from the bowl to the lights, providing a constant source of fuel to keep the lamp burning. Beside the reservoir were two olive trees that provided olive oil to keep the reservoir filled. In effect, Zechariah saw a lamp that would never go out because it had a constant supply of oil."



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"There were also two olive trees, one standing on either side of the bowl. Human maintenance of the lamps was unnecessary, since the oil flowed from the trees, to the reservoir, to the lamps. This important feature of the vision stresses God's singular provision of the oil (cf. v. 6)."

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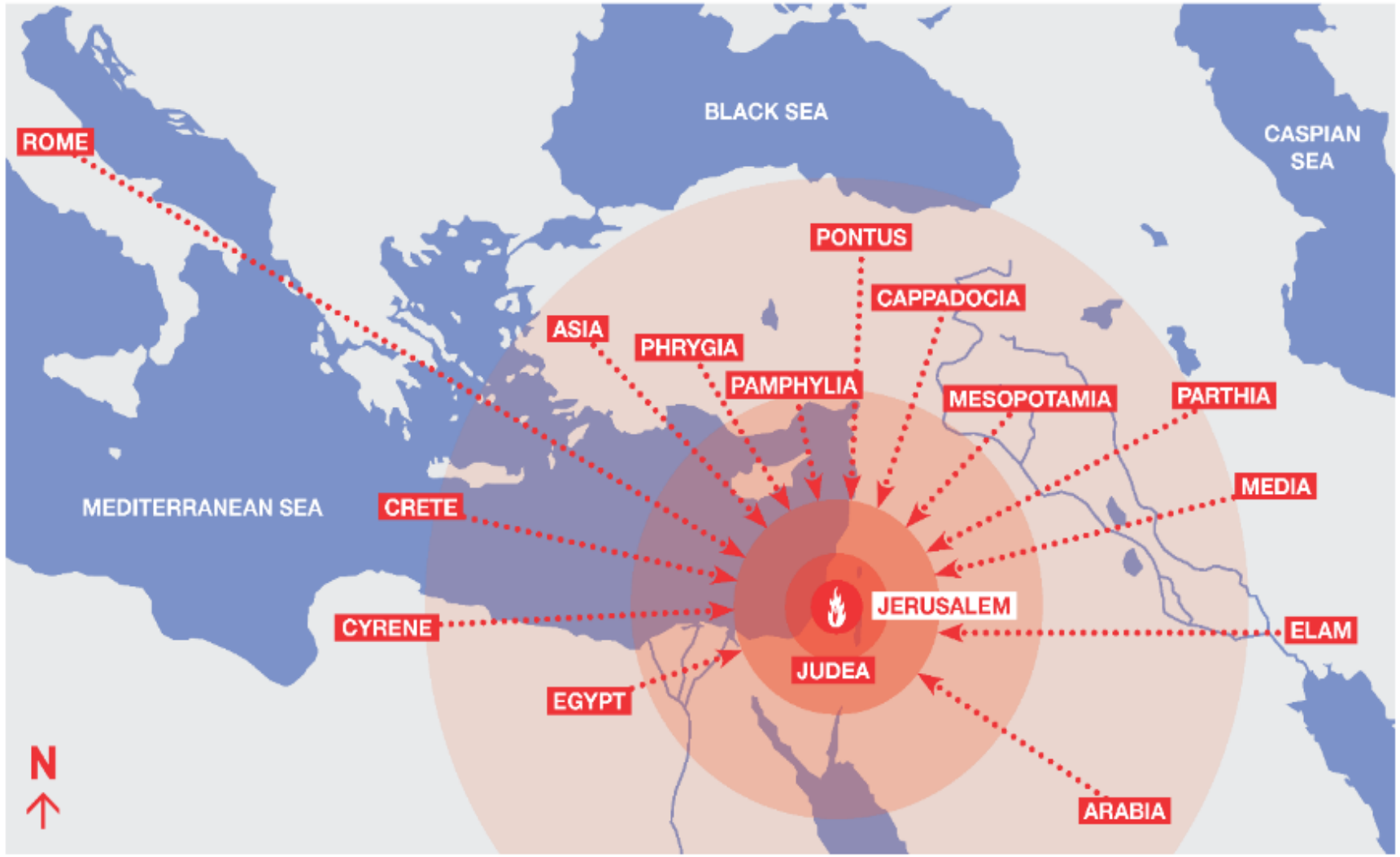
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THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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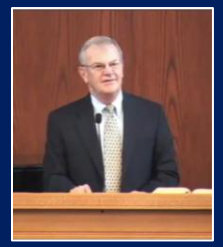
Matthew 16:18

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build [*oikodomeō*] My church**; and the gates of Hades WILL NOT overpower it."



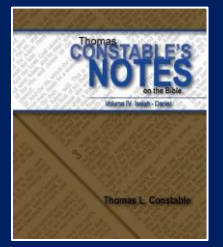






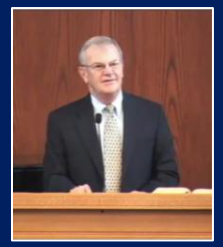
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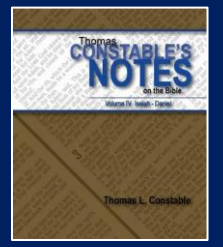
"The work would only succeed because of the supernatural grace (help) that the Lord would provide by His 'Spirit' (cf. Gen. 1:2; Exod. 15:8, 10; 28:3; 31:3; Num. 11:17-29; Judg. 3:10; 6:34; 11:29; 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14, 19; 2 Sam. 22:16; Ezek. 37:1-14). This is, of course, true of any work that seeks to carry out God's will in the world (cf. 2 Cor. 12:9)."


Mediterranean Sea
Gaza
CANAAN
Dead Sea
Beersheba
Arad
Way to the Land of the Philistines
Migdol
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Rameses
Tahpanhes
EGYPT
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
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Marah?
Timna
Elath
SINAI
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
Nile River
Elim?
Red Sea
Dophkah?
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Mount Sinai? (Jebel Musa)
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Constable's online notes on Zechariah, p. 50-51.



"Mountains epitomize large obstacles (cf. Isa. 40:4; 41:15; 49:11; Matt. 17:20; 21:21; Mark 11:23; 1 Cor. 13:2)…The whole process of temple restoration seemed like a mountainous job to the few exiles who returned from captivity. In addition, there was much opposition to building (Ezra 4:1-5, 24), and the Israelites themselves proved unwilling to persevere in the task (Hag. 1:14; 2:1-9). Nevertheless, God would reduce this mountain to a flat plain by assisting the workers."

Galatians 3:3

"Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being **perfected by the flesh**?"



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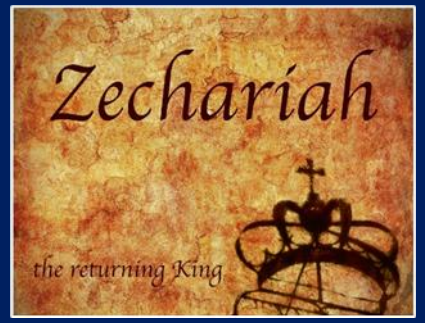
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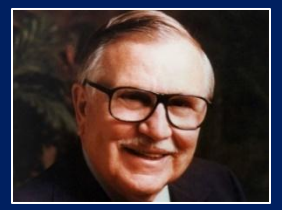
John 13:19; 14:29

“13:19 From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am *He*… 14:29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.”



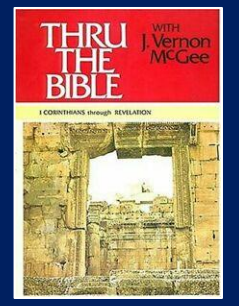
ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

1. Solomon's pre-exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
2. **Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)**
3. Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)
4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)



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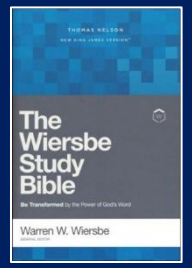


"'For who hath despised the day of small things?' I can tell you who has—we despise the day of small things. We Americans are impressed with the big and brassy. We like our Christian work to be a success story. And we measure success by the size of the building and the crowds that come to it. Well, I am becoming more and more convinced that the Lord is working in quiet ways and in quiet places today."

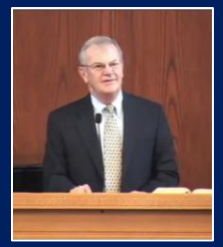


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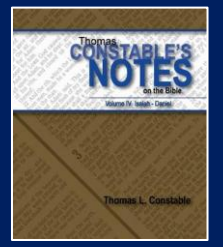


“Bible history is the record of God using small things. When God wanted to set the plan of salvation in motion, He started with a little baby named Isaac (Gen. 21). When He wanted to overthrow Egypt and set His people free, He used a baby's tears (Ex. 2:1-10). He used a shepherd boy and a sling to defeat a giant (1 Sam. 17) and a little lad's lunch to feed a multitude (John 6). He delivered the Apostle Paul from death by using a basket and a rope (Acts 9:23-25). Never despise the day of small things, for God is glorified in small things and uses them to accomplish great things.”



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Constable's online notes on Zechariah, p. 52.



"The people would be ashamed that they had despised the rebuilding project as insignificant (cf. Ezra 3:12; Hag. 2:3). The Lord Himself was 'glad' to 'see…Zerubbabel' building with his 'plumb line,' as His omniscient eyes ('these seven') surveyed all that was happening in the world, especially in Jerusalem (cf. 3:9; 2 Chron. 16:9). The Hebrew words translated 'plumb line' may mean 'separated [i.e., chosen] stone.' In this case, the idea would be that the Lord, in addition to His people, would rejoice when He saw the capstone put in place (cf. v. 7; Ezra 6:16-22)."

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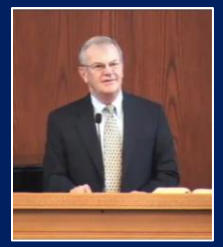
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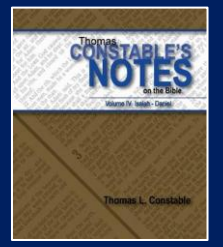


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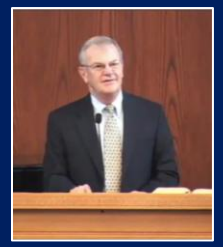


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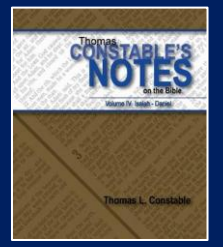


"Again the interpreting angel expressed surprise that Zechariah needed an explanation of these things (cf. v. 5). He did not want to give an interpretation if Zechariah could figure it out himself. Normally God does not provide additional information until we have done all we can to discover His meaning. To do so would discourage human effort Godward."



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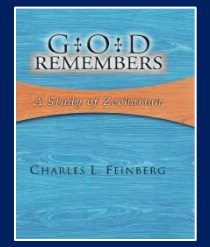
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"The point of this vision, and its accompanying oracles, was the Lord's ability to bring a seemingly impossible project to completion—successfully and gloriously—through His anointed servants (Messiah, and Zerubbabel and Joshua) and His supernatural enablement (cf. 2 Cor. 12:9). The lesson is applicable to any project that God has ordained and called His people to execute, including rebuilding the temple and building the church (Matt. 16:18)."



Charles L. Feinberg



God Remembers: A Study of Zechariah (Wheaton: Van Kampen, 1950, p. 81.

"To recapitulate, the chief features of this message to Zerubbabel were: (1) the insufficiency and inadequacy of all human strength and resources; (2) the all sufficiency of the power of the Spirit of God for the accomplishment of the work of God; (3) the unceasing, abundant, and inexhaustible supply of this power at his, Zerubbabel's disposal; (4) the assurance of the obliteration of all hindrances to the building; (5) the heartening hope of the completion of the work by the one commencing it; (6) the importance of the entire work of building as a prefiguring of the activity of the Messiah in a coming day; (7) the delight of God in the construction of the temple; (8) the positions of privilege of both Joshua and Zerubbabel as the media whereby the testimony of God is transmitted to the people; and (9) the typifying of the ministry of the Messiah in both the religious and civil offices."

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