Zechariah

God Remembers!





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Structure

I. Introductory call to repentance (1:1-6)

II. <u>Eight-night visions (1:7–6:15)</u>

III. Question and answers about fasting (7–8)

IV. Two burdens (9–14)



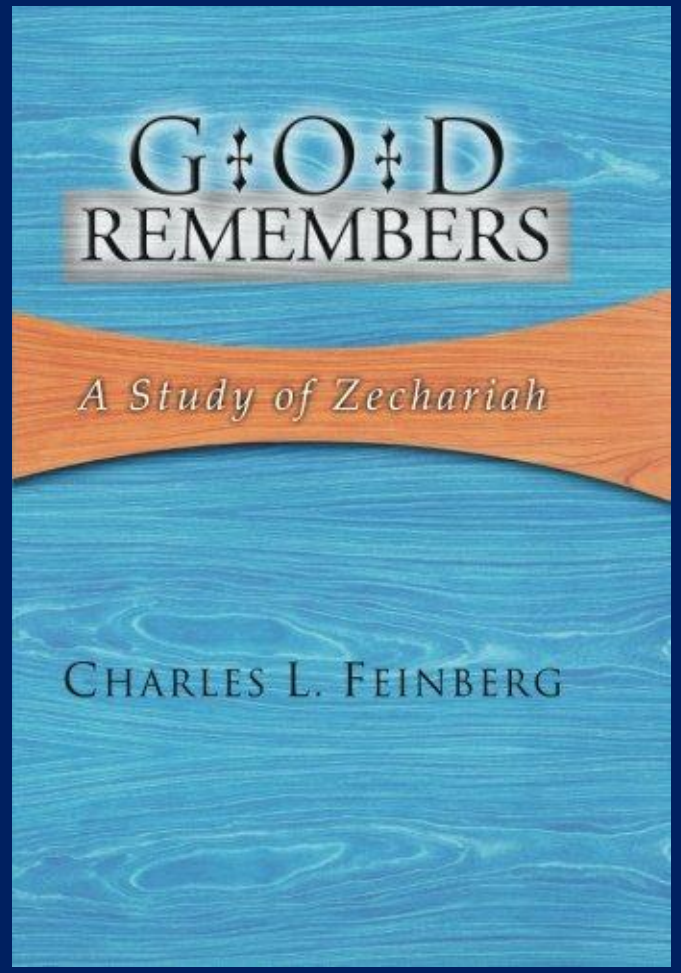
The Four Horns		*The Four Craftsmen*
Babylon	destroyed ←	Medo-Persia
Medo-Persia	destroyed ←	Greece
Greece	destroyed ←	Rome
Rome	will destroy ←	God's messianic kingdom



Charles L. Feinberg

God Remembers: A Study of Zechariah (Wheaton: Van Kampen, 1950, p. 42-43.

"Several features are noteworthy in this vision: (1) God takes account of everyone that lifts his hand against Israel; (2) He has complete knowledge of the dejected condition of His people and the extent of their injury; and (3) He has already provided the punishment for every foe of His chosen ones. As a definite matter of history three of the empires or kingdoms symbolized by the horns already know of the visitation of God upon them."



II. Eight Night Visions
(1:7–6:15)

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)



Zechariah's Eight Night Visions

Vision	Reference	Meaning
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	1:7–17	God's anger against the nations and blessing on restored Israel
The Four Horns and the Four Craftsmen	1:18–21	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	Chapter 2	God's future blessing on restored Israel
The Cleansing and Crowning of Joshua the High Priest	Chapter 3	Israel's future cleansing from sin and reinstatement as a priestly nation
The Golden Lampstand and 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 and 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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B. Question (2a)

C. Answer (2b)





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A. Angelic conversation (3)

B. Jerusalem's repopulation (4)

C. **Jerusalem’s protection (5)**





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Euphrates River
CYPRUS
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
SIDON
TYRE
DAMASCUS
SAMARIA
JERUSALEM
Jordan River
BABYLON
Chebar River
SUSA
BABYLONIA
ELAM
UR
CHALDEA
PERSIAN GULF
ARABIAN DESERT
THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1
Map Design by: Gabriel Morris 2014

Isaiah 11:11-12

Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover **the second time** with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.[12] And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, **And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth**.



Isaiah 27:13

"It will come about also in that day that **a great trumpet will be blown**, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were **scattered** in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy mountain **at Jerusalem**."



Matthew 24:31

"And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and THEY WILL **GATHER TOGETHER [*episynagō*] HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF THE SKY TO THE OTHER.**"



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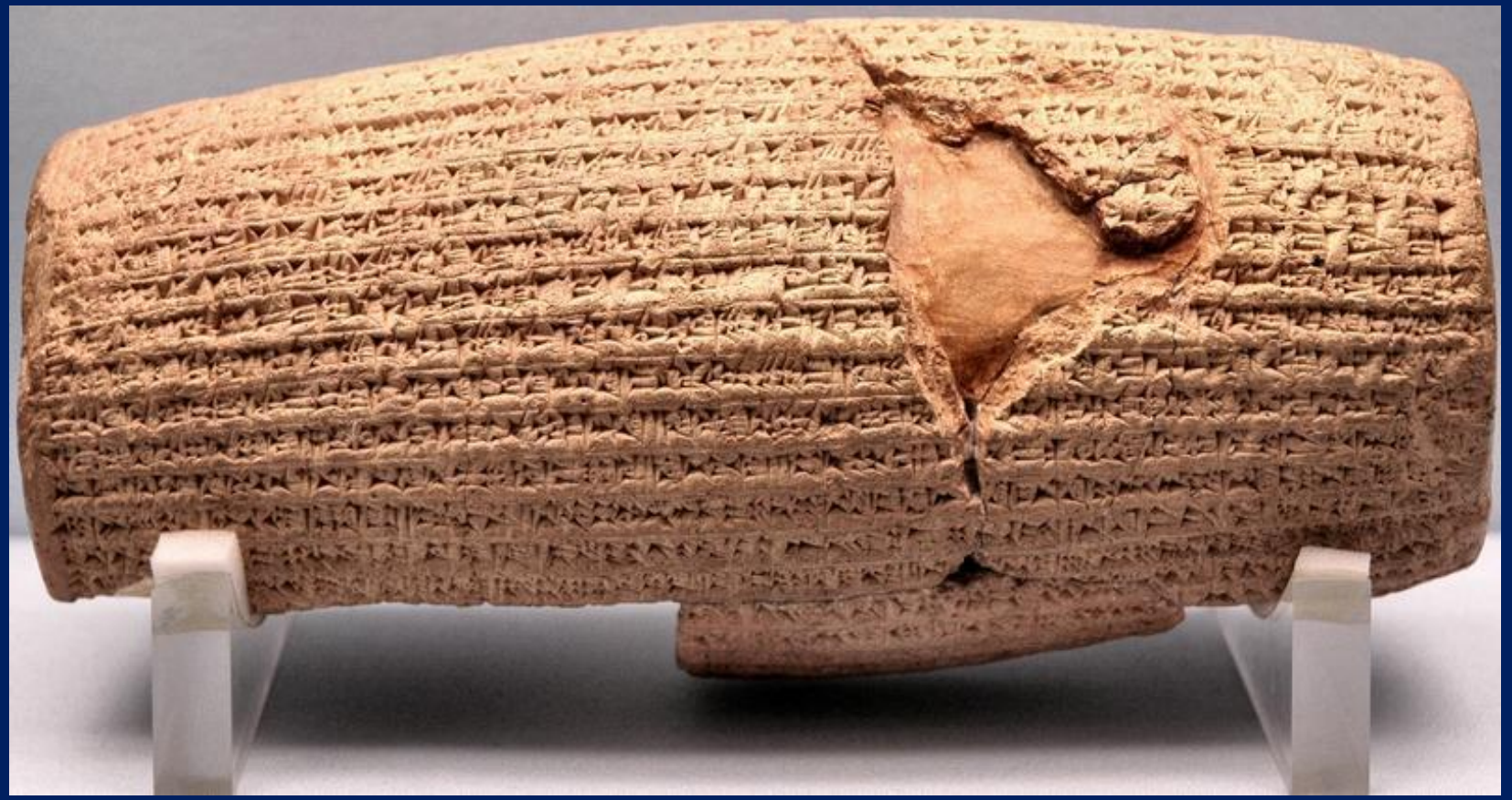
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Cyrus Cylinder

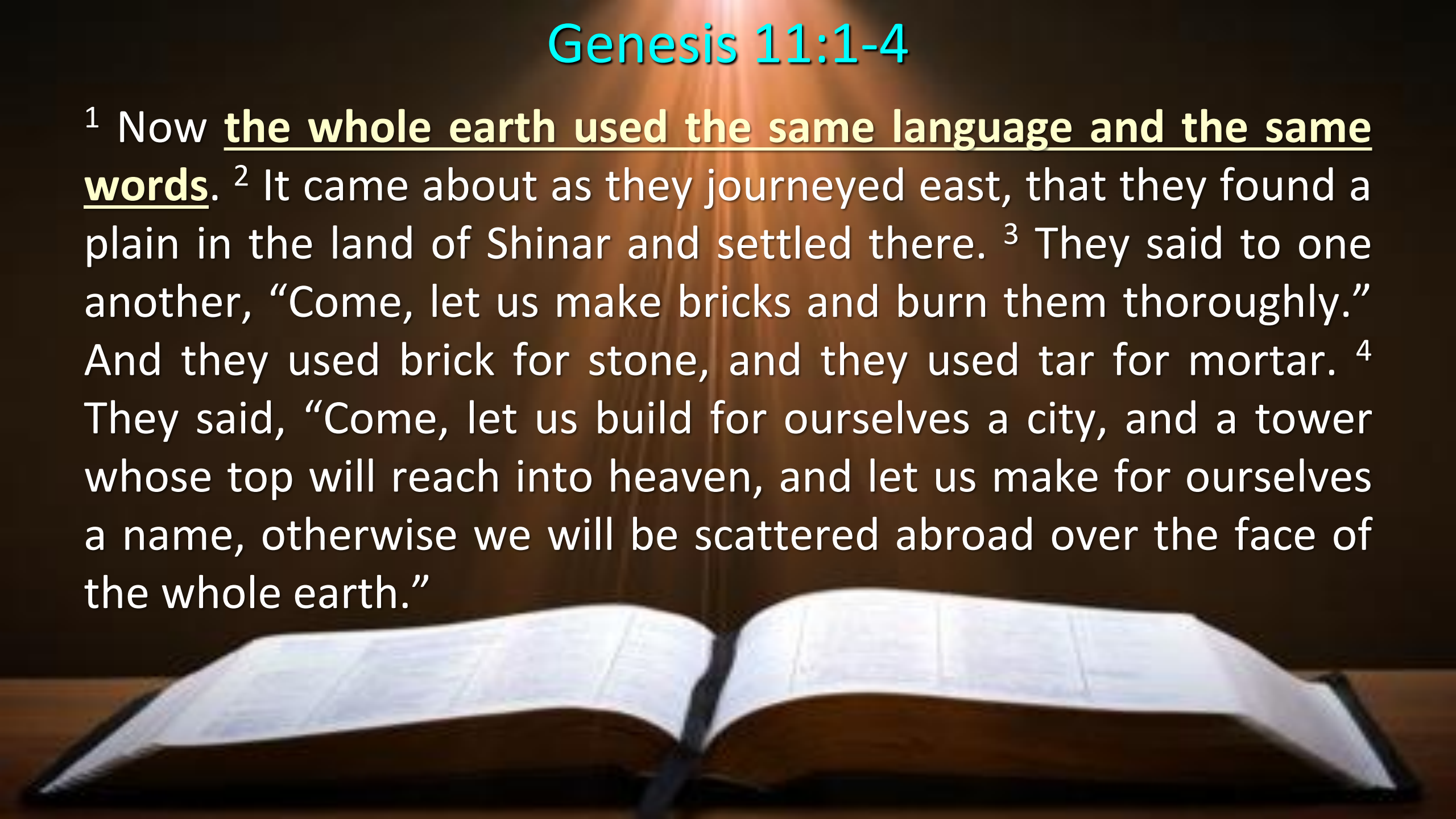


Three Returns

	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	

Genesis 11:1-4

1 Now **the whole earth used the same language and the same words**. 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4 They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”



Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	MOTHER	CHILD
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

Alexander Hislop, *Two Babylons*

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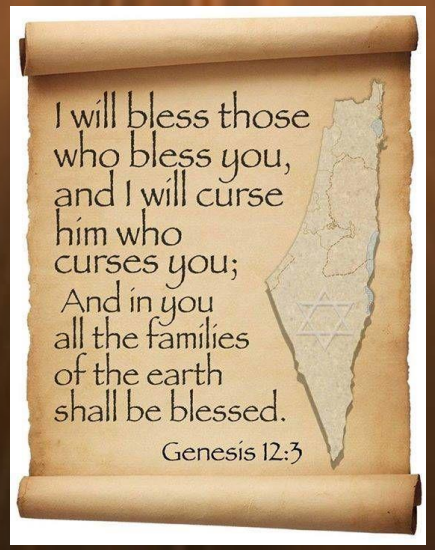
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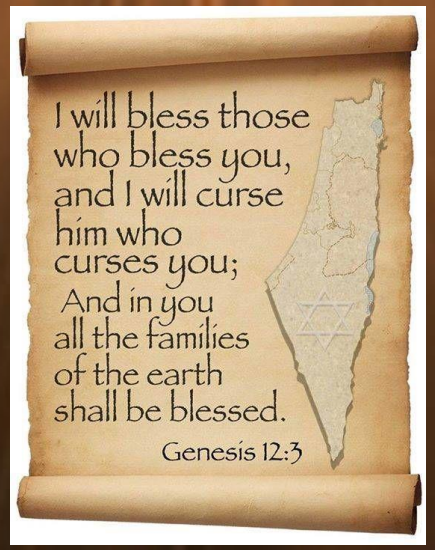
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Zechariah 2:8

"For thus says the Lord of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for **he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye**."

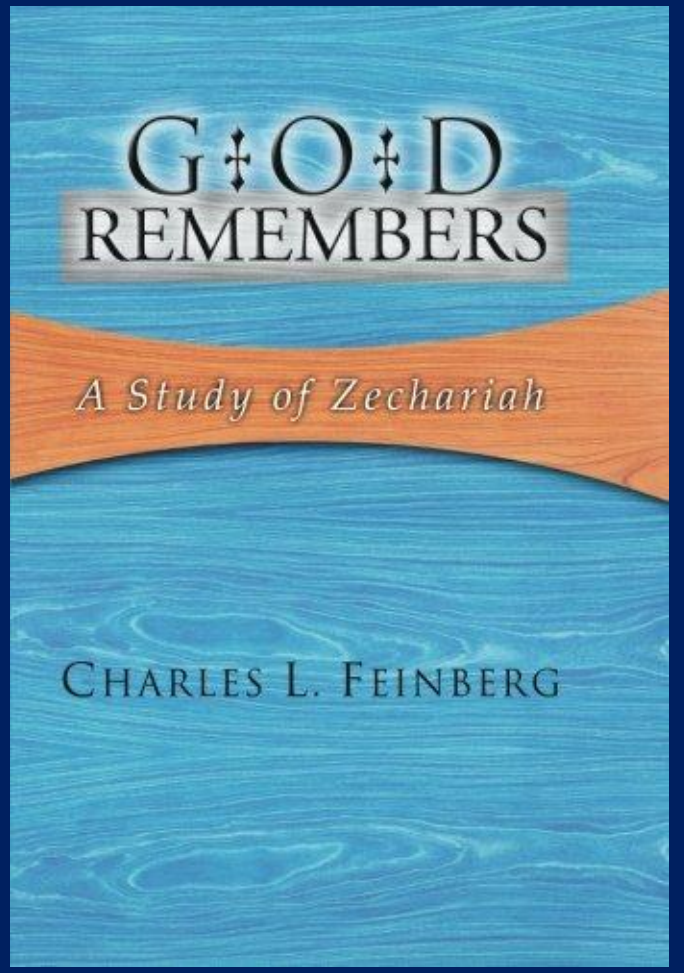




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"Though several MSS. have this reading, the better supported reading is '*eno*. Those who contend for the first, claim that the alteration was made that the text might be referred to the apple of a man's eye; that is, whoever touches Israel, touches the apple of his own eye, doing himself irreparable damage."

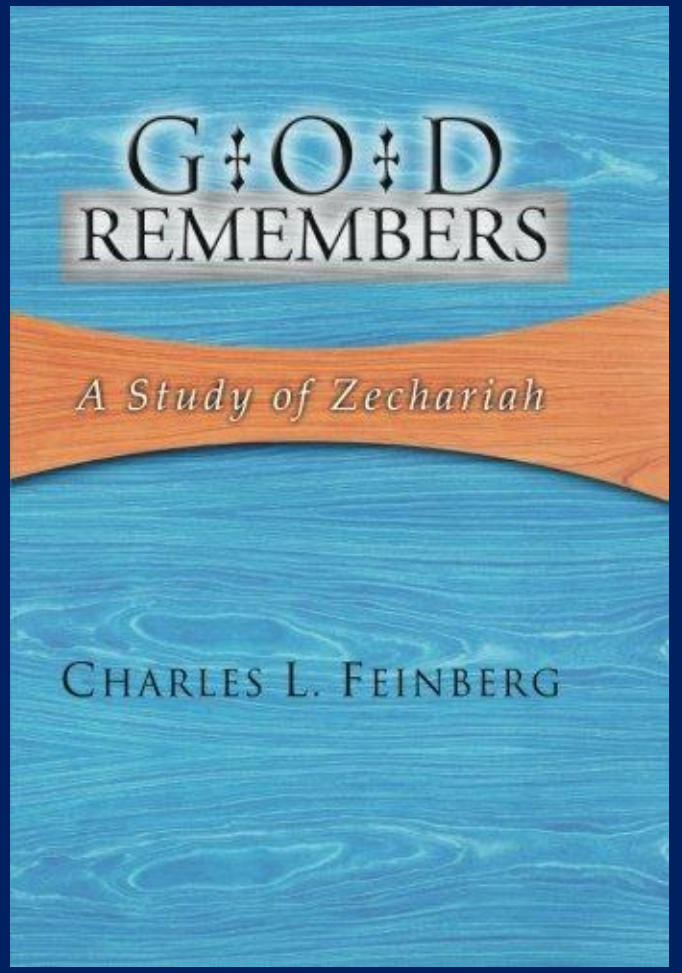




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"In our opinion Deuteronomy 32:10 will allow no such interpretation, nor is it the most forceful here. True, that a man's touching of the pupil of his own eye will bring him injury in a most sensitive part, how much more is this true if he touch the apple of God's eye?"



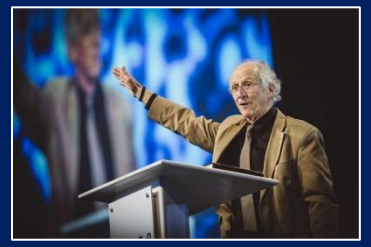
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"[God] has a saving purpose for Israel. All Israel will someday turn to the Lord Christ as a group. This is my deep understanding in belief of Romans 11. The broken off branches will be grafted in one day to the people of God, the bride of Christ, His church."



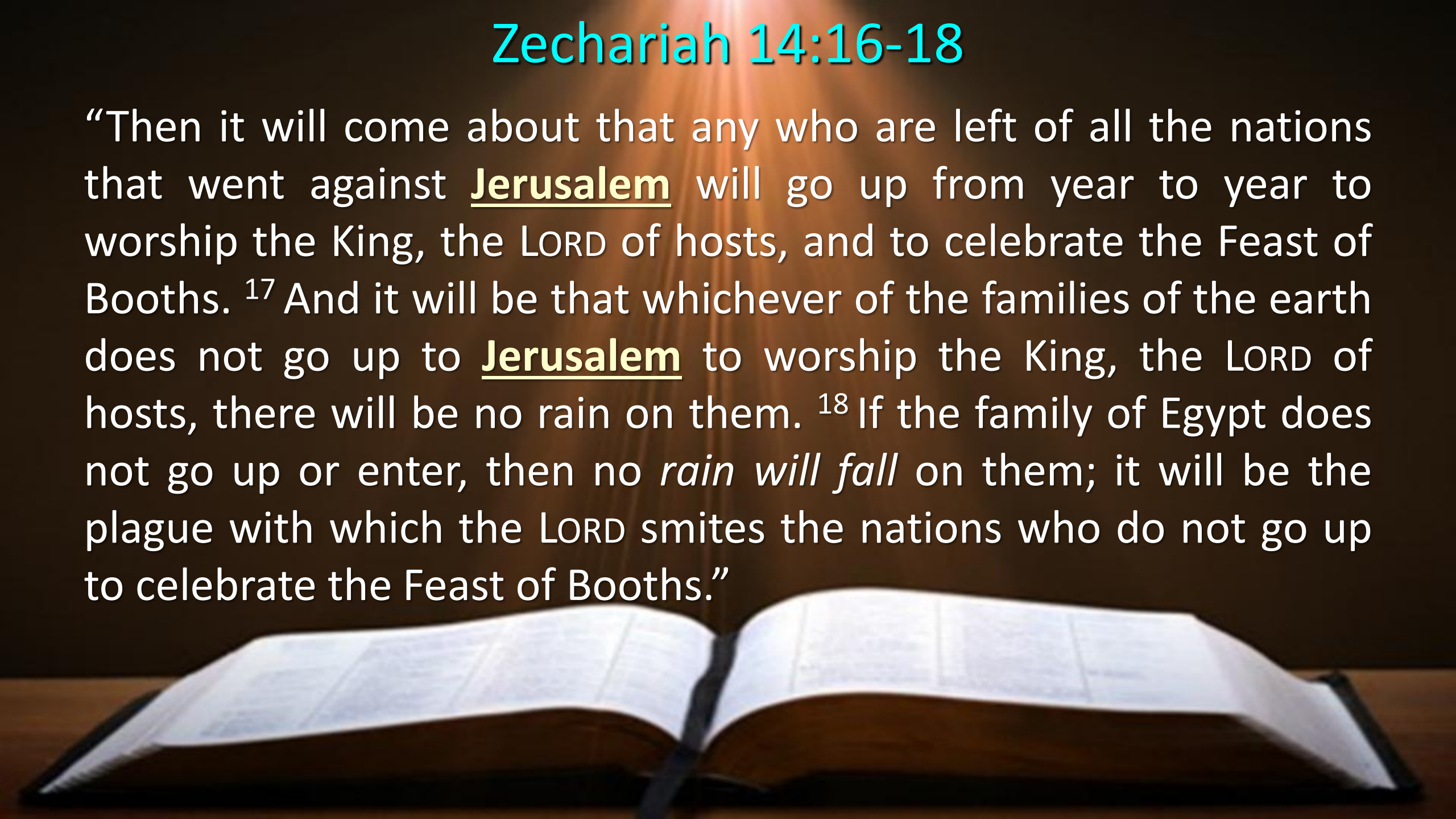
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"On the basis of this kind of statement, many in the church are being misled into believing that Piper stands with Israel, but he does not. What Piper said is not what Paul taught. Israel's destiny as a nation is not one of spiritual incorporation into the church, which is the classic Reformed, Calvinistic teaching. The church comprises individual Jews and Gentiles, not 'Israel,' which is a distinct national entity. The appointed destiny for Israel is for her to remain a nation in the sight of God and in the midst of all the nations, for as long as God's 'fixed order' of creation endures (Jer. 31:36)."

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

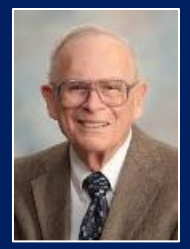
“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.[3] And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To 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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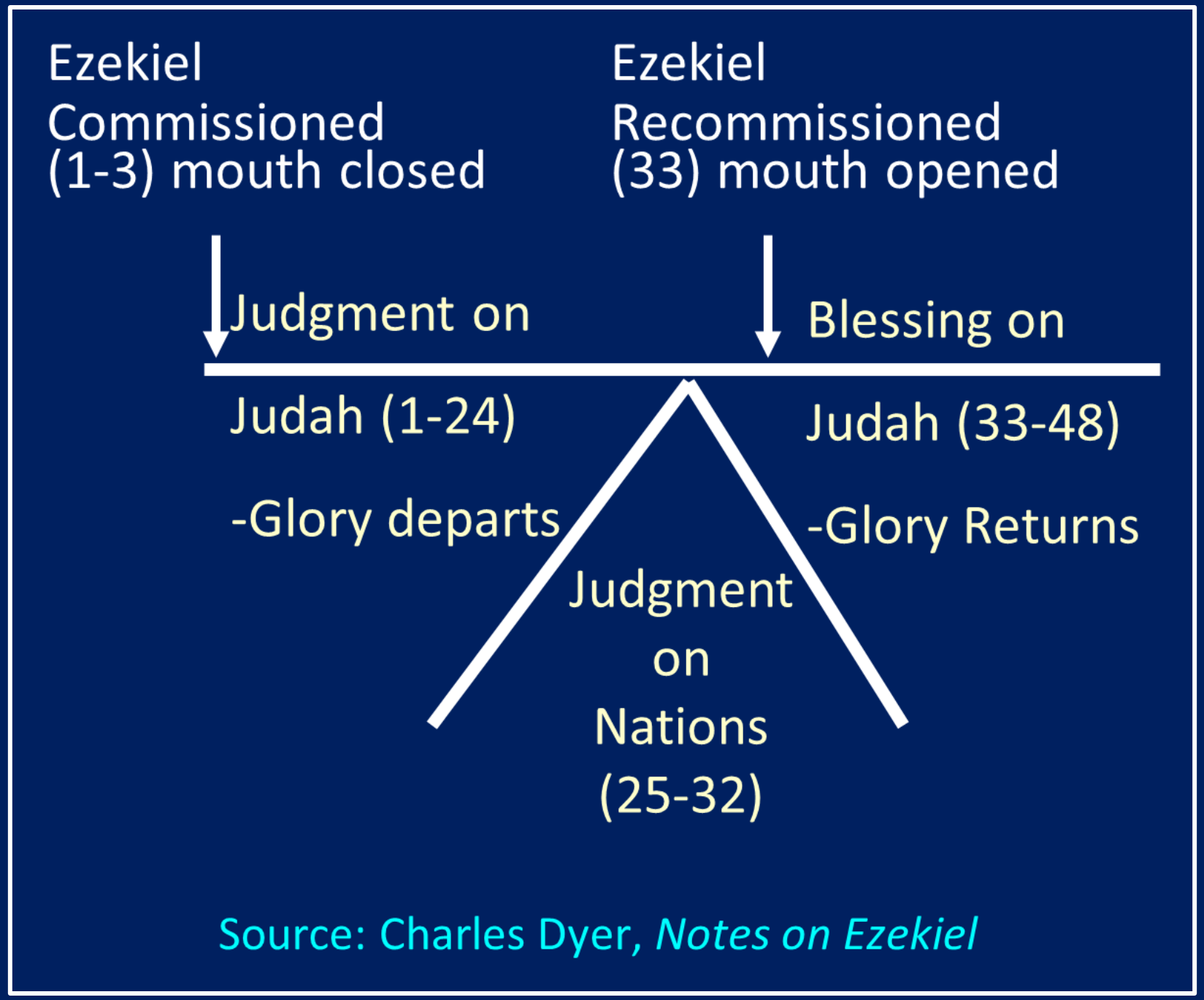
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Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

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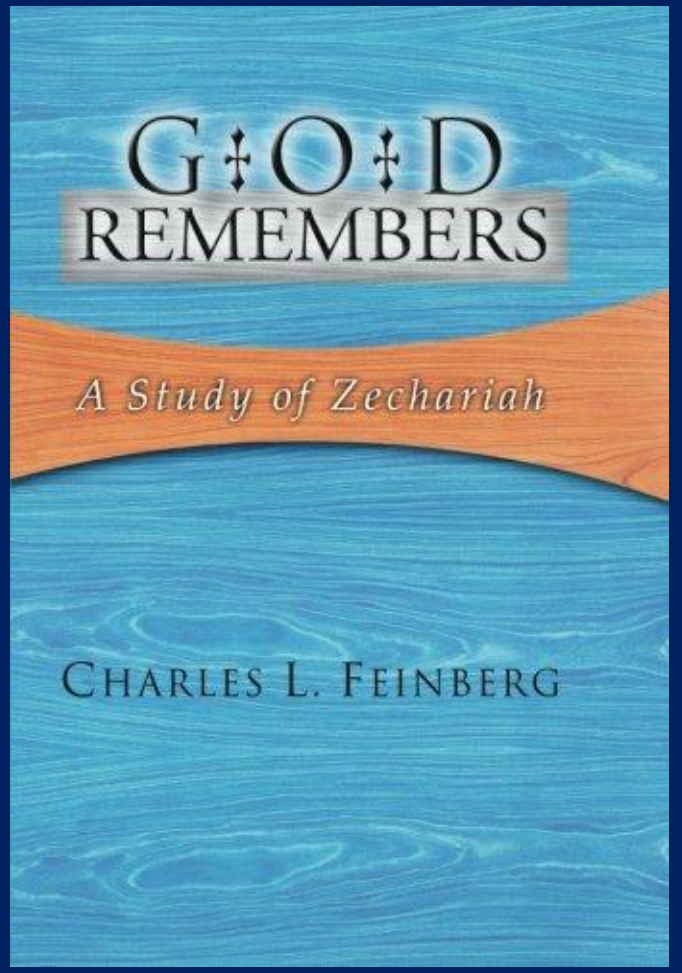




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"The chapter reveals so vividly how little the nations of the earth realize how much their blessing depends upon Israel. They do well to take heed lest they fall into the hands of the living God, which is a fearful thing."



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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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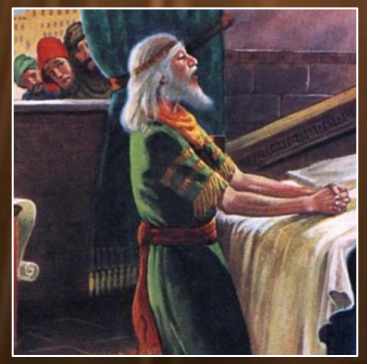
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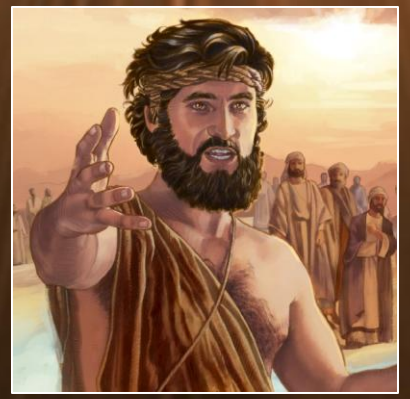
Daniel 2:44

"In the days of those kings **the God of heaven** will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever."



Matthew 3:1-2

"Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, '**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**."



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

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