
ZECHARIAH
GOD'S RESCUE ♦ OUR RESPONSE

Zechariah:

The Lord is On the Move

Zech. 1:7-2:13

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Zechariah: Review

- Date : 520 BC
  - Persian Empire, ‘Darius’, return from Babylonian exile
- **Author: Zechariah**: ”*Yahweh has remembered*”
  - Contemporary of Haggai, Malachi; (Ezra and Neh.)
- **Theme: Return to God, He is Restoring Israel!**
  - He has NOT forgotten His people or His promises
  - chs.1-8 (somewhat confusing) Visions and oracles

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- **Vision 1: The Horsemen in the Myrtle trees**
- Horsemen:
  - Military Power, Inspection
  - *"You are being watched"*
- Myrtle Trees:
  - Restoration of God
  - **Is. 41:19, 55:13**



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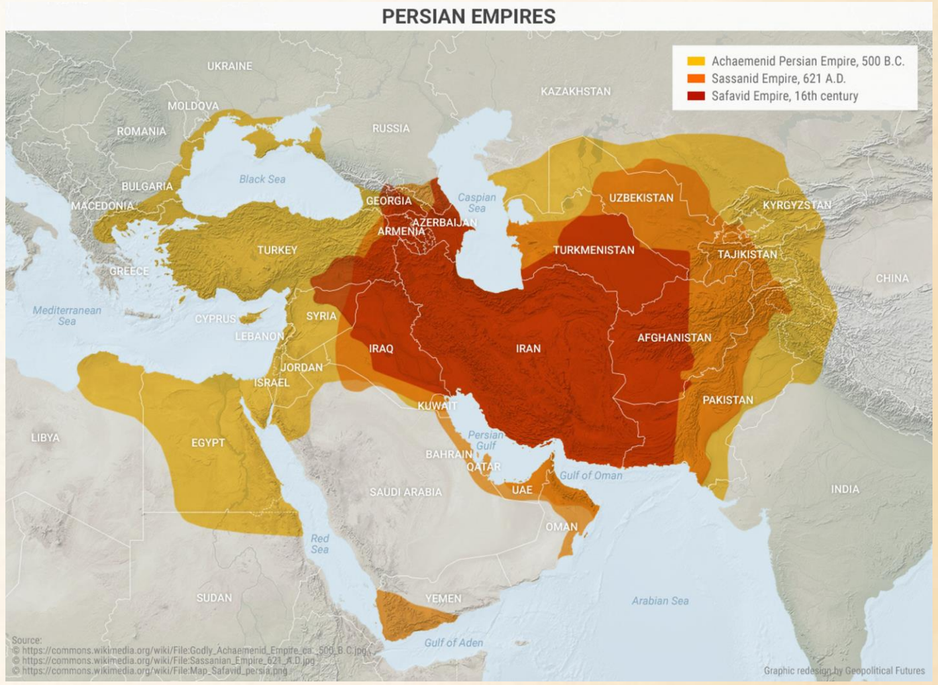
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- **Vision 1** ***"The world is at rest"***

  (1) Smug complacency; rejection of God's rule and kingship

  (2) Overdid their brutal treatment of Israel; took it 'too far'

  - "these 70 years"
    - Jer. 25:11-12, 29:10



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- **Vision 1: The Horsemen in the Myrtle trees**

"I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem," declares the Lord..."My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem" vv. 16-17

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- **Vision 2: The Four Horns and Four Craftsmen**
- 4 Horns:
  - Power, might, violence (**Neh. 9:36-37**)
  - Nations that have brutalized Israel
    (Egypt. Assyria. Babylon. Persia. Edom!)
- 4 Craftsmen
  - Humility, ordinary, unpretentious
  - ‘carpenters’

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- **Vision 2: The Four Horns and Four Craftsmen**
- Key foreshadow of coming Messiah!
  - **Is. 53:2** "*no form or beauty…*"
  - **1 Co. 1:18-25** "*the wisdom of the cross is foolishness to the world*"
  - **Zech. 4:6** "*not by might nor by power but by MY SPIRIT*"



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- **Vision 3: The Man and the Measuring Line**
- "young" man:
  - Zealous. Energetic. A "surveyor"!
  - But he is corrected: *Slow down. Don't run ahead*
- God will be Jerusalem's 'wall'
  - Manmade efforts cannot equal GOD's presence
  - Jerusalem will overflow with people & commerce!

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- **Vision 3: The Man and the Measuring Line**
- God tells His people to return to Jerusalem!
  - vv6-9: His judgment yet rests on enslaving nations
  - vv10-13: When you arrive, REJOICE!!!
- God is in your midst!
  - Is, will be, and will bring other nations to join you!
  - Stop YOUR fretting. The Lord is on the move…!

Prayer Focus

- **(1)** Where does YOUR peace and satisfaction come from? Anything other than *the Lord and the Lord only* will fail.
- (2) During hardship, suffering or pain, can we yet await HIS outcome, even if it is different from the one we envision?
- (3) Where is the Lord calling YOU to return to Him? Spiritual disciplines? Instructions re: confession and repentance, money, work, or difficult relationships?

Grab a friend, come lay these on the altar