

The Man, The Message, The Messiah

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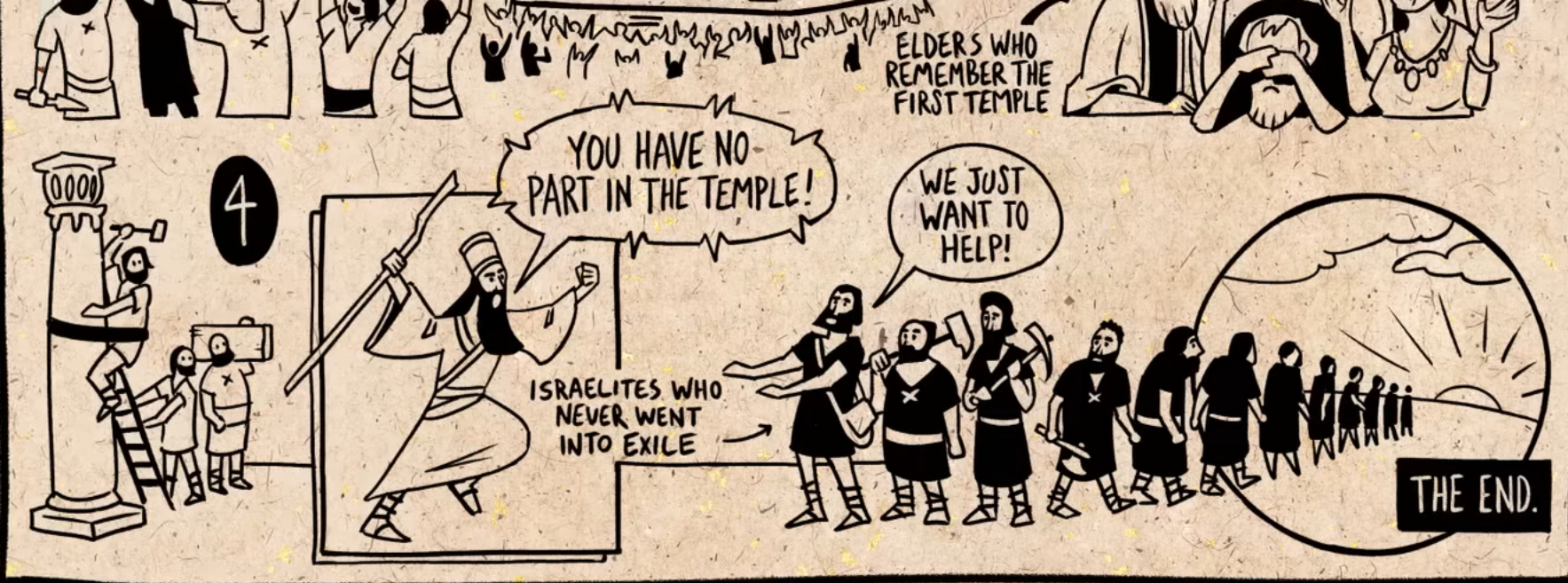
Zechariah 13:7

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Books of Ezra-Nehemiah Summary
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HOPES AFTER EXILE

MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, HOSEA 3)
RESURRENCE IN A NEW TEMPLE (EZEKIEL 40-48, ZECHARIAH 2)
DOMINION OVER THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 2, ZECHARIAH 8)
PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12)



In the next section we zoom forward about 60 years and we're introduced to Ezra

Timeline of Ezra

559 BC - 530 BC
Reign of Cyrus the Great
530 BC - 522 BC
Reign of Cambyses

522 BC - 485 BC
Reign of Darius (35 yrs)

485 BC - 465 BC
Reign of Xerxes (20 yrs)

465 BC - 425 BC
Reign of Artaxerxes (40 yrs)

538 BC
The Decree of Cyrus

535 BC
Temple Construction Suspended

515 BC
2nd Temple Completed

537 BC
Zerubbabel Leads Return to Jerusalem

537 BC (Sep.)
Sacrifices begin at altar of 2nd Temple

520 BC
Ministry of Haggai & Zechariah

Duration of Time from Completion of 2nd Temple

1. Until the reign of Artaxerxes
 - 50 years
2. Until return of Ezra to Jerusalem
 - 57 years
3. Until return of Nehemiah to Jerusalem
 - 70 years

458 BC
Ezra leads 2nd Return to Jerusalem

444 BC
Nehemiah leads 3rd Return to Jerusalem

Zechariah-The man

1. Grandson of Iddo- a priest and prophet who returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon (Neh 12:1-4)
2. Prophet- ministry began 17 years after the return to Jerusalem and 5 years before the 2nd Temple is completed

Zechariah-The Message

1. Overall theme of message- Because God is always at work around us, He provides hope for today and for the future
2. Zechariah did not preach harsh messages of judgement. His messages offered hope for a better future once the pain passed.

Zechariah 1:1-4

In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, ² “The LORD has been very angry with your fathers. ³ Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Return to Me,” says the LORD of hosts, “and I will return to you,” says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ “Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.”’ But they did not hear nor heed Me,” says the LORD.

Zechariah-The Message

1. Challenged the people toward spiritual renewal and not the physical temple (Haggai)
2. Had night visions (1:7-6:8)
 - that explained God had been working for the peace of His people
 - God would destroy the foreign powers trying to oppress them
 - God would raise up strong leaders to guide them and restore the nation by removing wickedness from the land

Zechariah-The Messiah

1. The book of Zechariah is referenced 40 times in the New Testament
2. The book of Zechariah has some of the strongest messianic images of any book in the Old Testament (Chapt 9-14)
3. Zechariah (along with Haggai and Malachi) served as the final Old Testament spokesmen for God to His people. Israel then experienced prophetic silence for four hundred years until John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah arrived

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John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

³⁰ I and My Father are one.”

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.