

Zechariah

“Yahweh Remembers”

Intro: Zechariah joined with the prophet Haggai in encouraging the returned remnant to repent of their sinful ways, and to return to the LORD, *so that He could return to them (1:3) and Spiritually empower them to rebuild His temple (4:6)*; in order that Messiah could return, defeat all the Gentile nations, and rule from His temple as the Davidic King-Priest over the restored nation of Israel-Judah forever (Ezek 43:1-7).

I. Pictures (8 Night Visions & Crowning of Joshua) 1–6

A. Introduction 1:1-6

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2. A Call to Remembrance 1:4-6

B. Zechariah’s Eight Night Visions 1:7–6:8

1. *Riders and Horses Among the Myrtle Trees* 1:7-17
2. *Four Horns and Four Craftsmen* 1:18-21
3. *Man (Surveyor) with a Measuring Line* 2:1–13
4. *The Cleansing and Restoration of Joshua* 3:1-10
5. *Gold Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees* 4:1-14
6. *The Flying Scroll of God’s Judgment* 5:1-4
7. *The Woman (wickedness) in the Basket* 5:5-11
8. *The Four Chariots* 6:1-8

His feet will stand upon the Mount of Olives

Zechariah 14:4

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B. Second Burden: *Second Advent and Acceptance of Messiah* 12:1–14:21

Applications:

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- Vision 1 (1:-17) A horseman is seen standing in a grove of myrtle trees with red brown, and white horses (cf. Rev 6:4)
God, will ultimately restore His people through Messiah.
- Vision 2 (1:18-21) Four horns and four craftsmen appear out of the earth.
Israel's oppressors (Gentile nations) will all be judged.
- Vision 3 (2:1-13) A man with a measuring line, an angelic architect, draws the plans for a fully restored city.
God will deliver and rebuild Jerusalem, His holy habitation!
- Vision 4 (3:1-10) Joshua, the high priest of Israel, is cleansed by God and restored to His place as the leader of Israel's worship and representative of God. ***We too have been cleansed by God's marvelous grace!***
- Vision 5 (4:1-14) Zerubbabel, the civil leader of Jerusalem, is shown to be under God's hand of blessing and empowered by God's Holy Spirit.
The Key verse of Zechariah is 4:6—God says, "Not by human means or power, but by My Spirit says the LORD!"
- We can only accomplish God's work, which is Spiritual, through complete submission to the indwelling Holy Spirit!**
- Vision 6 (5:1-4) A flying scroll appears.
Individuals will be cleansed from defilement.
- Vision 7 (5:5-11) A woman is in a basket, representing evil, is carried away to Babylon, the seat of Satan and evil.
National sin will be removed.
- Vision 8 (6:1-8)** Four angelic chariots patrol the earth.
God will ultimately judge all the Gentile nations of the earth for having oppressed His people Israel and Judah.