



THE BOOK OF

Zechariah

A verse by verse study

Zechariah

- Written to the Jews who had returned from captivity in Babylon
- Zechariah himself was part of the new generation to be born back in the land
 - By 518 B.C. Israel had been back in the land for 19 years
 - Zechariah c17yrs old at the start of his ministry
- He was a contemporary of
 - Haggai the prophet,
 - Zerubbabel the governor
 - Joshua the high priest

Zechariah

- Haggai encouraged the people to *physically* rebuild the place of God's dwelling
- Zechariah encouraged the people to *spiritually* rebuild the place of God's dwelling
 - 7x in the NT we are called the 'Temple of the Holy Spirit'
 1. 1 Cor 3:9-17
 2. 1 Cor 6:19
 3. 2 Cor 6:16
 4. Eph 2:20,21
 5. Heb 3:6
 6. 1 Pet 2:5
 7. 1 Pet 4:17

Zechariah

- Zechariah begins with a series of 8 (10) visions that all occurred in one night
- They prophetically outline Israel's (and world) history from the time of Israel's return from Babylon...
 - ...to the first advent of Messiah...
 - ...to the Second Coming of Messiah
 - ...with an unveiling of God's perspective of history

Zechariah - Overview

Introduction: Ch1

- Exhortation to repentance and obedience,
 - Don't repeat the mistakes of the past! 1:1–6

Eight Visions: Ch1-6

- To encourage the rebuilding 1:7–6:8
 - 1. Man Riding on a Red Horse 1:7–17
 - 2. Four Horns and Four Craftsmen 1:18–21
 - 3. Man with a Measuring Line Chap. 2
 - 4. Joshua the High Priest Chap. 3
 - 5. The Golden Lampstand & 2 Olive Trees Chap. 4
 - 6. The Flying Scroll 5:1–4
 - 7. The Woman in a Basket 5:5–11
 - 8. The Four Chariots 6:1–8

Zechariah - Overview

Historical Interlude: Ch 6-8

- Joshua crowned as high priest
 - Messianic type 6:9–15
- Jews from Bethel inquire re the fast Ch. 7, 8
 - In captivity they had fasted during the 5th and 7th month
 - Should this be continued?
 - Zechariah challenges the motives

Zechariah - Overview

Much later in Zechariah's ministry...

Two 'burdens': Ch 9-14

- The first oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's first advent Ch 9–11
- The second oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's Second advent Ch 12–14



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Chapter 1

Zechariah

¹ In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

Zachariah 1:1

- Zechariah = “Whom Yahweh Remembers.”
- Son of Berechiah = “Yahweh Blesses.”
- Son of Iddo = “The Appointed Time.”

A Call To Repentance

² The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

³ Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zachariah 1:2-3

- “Say unto the children of the fathers”
 - the new generation (of whom Zechariah was one)
- The Lord will often raise up someone with like experiences to instruct those to whom He wants to speak

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- “Thus saith the Lord of Tsabaoth”
 - 52x in this book
 - 3x in this verse;
 - 18x in Chapter 8
 - Tsabaoth, “that which goes forth, army, war, warfare, host

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- “They did not take me seriously, will you?”
- If you are for God, God will be for you (**Ps 66:18**)
- To turn to God is to trust Him, to have no other God’s before Him

A Call To Repentance

⁴ Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

Zachariah 1:4

- Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos, Isaiah etc. had all called the people to repentance
- The people had rejected God's path in favour of their own

Actions & Consequence

5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

Zachariah 1:5

- *The abrupt solemnity of the question seems to imply an unexpected close of life which cut short their hopes, plans, promises to self. “When they said, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them” 1 Thess 5:3 - Barns*

Actions & Consequence

⁶ But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

Zachariah 1:6

- Here is the solemn acknowledgment that God's word (regarding judgment) had come to pass
- God is not mocked ([Gal 6:7](#))



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*Zechariah's First Vision
The Man on the Red Horse*

The 1st Vision

⁷ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

Zachariah 1:7

- Notice the date?
- This is exactly 2 months since the rebuilding of the temple began

Twenty Forth Day

- 24th Kislev (Chisleu)
 - The foundation of the 2nd Temple laid
 - The abolition of the Temple sacrifice by Antiochus IV in 168 B.C.
 - The recapture of the Temple in 165 B.C.
 - The exact date Jerusalem was freed from Ottoman rule in 1917
- 24th of the month seems to be linked to the Temple

God's Control of History

"Seventy Times Seven"

1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise	Gen 12:4	75 years		
		<u>+430</u>	505	
Ishmael,	Gen 16:16; 21:5		<u>-15</u>	490 years

2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun:	1 Ki. 6 - 8	594		
Completed:	1 Ki 6:38	<u>+ 7</u>	601	
Servitudes:	Judges 3 - 13		<u>-111</u>	490 years

3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

	1 Ki 8:1-66	1005 B.C.		
	Neh. 2:1	445 B.C.	560	
Babylonian Captivity			<u>-70</u>	490 years

4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

445 B.C. to the 1st Advent (69 x 7)			483	
[Church interval]			- ? -	
"The Seventieth Week"			+ 7	490 years

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⁸ I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

Zachariah 1:7-8

The Red Horseman

- Red: symbolic of war and bloodshed
- The rider is the Angel of the Lord – Yeshua! v11
- Myrtle trees: or hadassah shrub (the Jewish form of the name Esther), was an indigenous shrub that grew all over Israel and was a popular name for Israel.
- Myrtle trees featured in the constructing of booths in the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles
(Neh 8:15; Lev 23:33-44);
- Suggestive of the millennium when Christ will Tabernacle among His people (Isa 41:19; 55:13)

The Red Horseman

- So we have:
- Jesus, standing in the midst of Israel, *‘in the bottom’*
- *“He was located “in the hollow.” “a deep place,” This was a low time in the nation’s history, a period of deep humiliation. The “times of the Gentiles””*

– Chuck Missler

- Behind Jesus there was an army!
 - Red horses, Speckled horses & White horses (?)
 - Red horses, bright red, blinding to the sight! (?)

The 1st Vision

⁹ Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

¹⁰ And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

¹¹ And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

The Lord's Survey of the Earth

- The heavenly army has been sent to survey the earth
- What they find is disturbing!
- The world is 'resting', indifferent to Israel's plight
- Resting 'carelessly', without regard, in false security, arrogantly confident, boastful, saying 'peace, peace' (Jer 8:11 / 1 Thes 5:3)

The 1st Vision

¹² Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

¹³ And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

Zachariah 1:12-13

- Note: the Son & the Father!
- Note: The question! (Goodbye replacement theology!)

The 1st Vision

¹⁴ So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

¹⁵ And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Zachariah 1:14-15

The 1st Vision

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

Zachariah 1:16-17

Words of Comfort to Israel

1) The Messiah will come to Jerusalem.

- The glory of the Lord (Shekinah) had departed: from the Holy of Holies, to the porch of the Temple, out to the eastern gate, finally up to the Mount of Olives, then ascended up to heaven (Ezek 10:18-198, 11:23)

2) My house shall be built in Jerusalem.

- 4th Temple

3) Jerusalem's boundaries would expand

4) God will, once again, choose Jerusalem

- (Rom 11:29 / Acts 15:15-16)



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*Zechariah's Second Vision
The Four Horns & Four Carpenters*

2nd Vision: The 4 Horns

¹⁸ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

¹⁹ And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

Zachariah 1:18-19

- Horns are idiomatic of strength and power
- Typical that of a kingdom
- Numerically, four denotes this world
 - Four winds / points of the compass / 4 seasons

FOUR KINGDOMS

The background of the slide features a collage of ancient architectural elements. On the left, there are the remains of a classical temple with several standing columns and a partially collapsed pediment. On the right, a large, weathered stone sphinx is visible, its head turned towards the left. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, orange, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise setting over the ruins.

- 1) Medo-Persia
- 2) Greece
- 3) Rome
- 4) 10 Kings

2nd Vision: The 4 Horns

18 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, **These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.**

Zachariah 1:18-19

- The kingdoms of this world have collectively scattered God's chosen people

2nd Vision: The 4 Carpenters

20 And the Lord shewed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

Zachariah 1:20-21

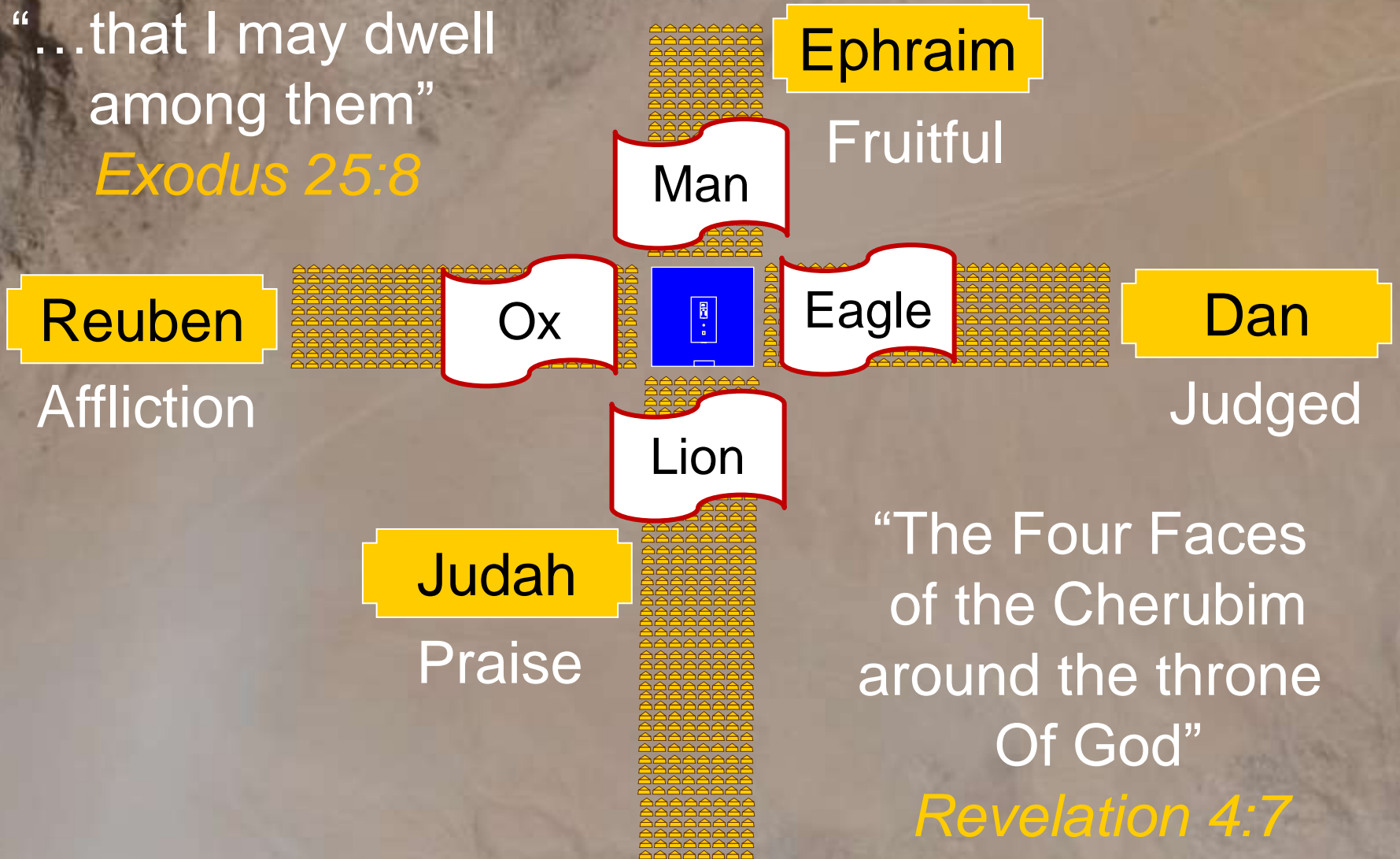
- Four carpenters? = Artesian (skilled tradesman)
- **Fourfold revelation of Jesus?**

The Design of the Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Presents as:	Messiah	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy:	Abraham (Legal)	--	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Preexistence)
What Jesus	Said	Did	Felt	Was
To the:	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
1st Miracle:	Leper cleansed (Jew = sin)	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to Wine
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit: Acts	Promise of Return: Revelation
Camp Side:	East	West	South	North
Ensign:	Judah	Ephraim	Reuben	Dan
Face:	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Style:	Groupings	Snapshots	Narrative	Mystical

The Camp of Israel

“...that I may dwell
among them”
Exodus 25:8



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