



THE BOOK OF

Zechariah

A verse by verse study

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
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 - 4. Joshua the High Priest Chap. 3
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 - 8. The Four Chariots 6:1–8

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 Red Horseman

- 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! (?)

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)

The Man with the Measuring Line

- Zechariah was a type of one who would come with a measuring line
- The man with the measuring line would be a trigger for the rebuilding of Jerusalem
- In 1867 Charles Warren came to Israel and uncovered the old Biblical city (hidden for 1900 years)
- This 'coincided' with the sale of the land back to the Jews
- After the '7th Jubilee' the Lord once again chose Jerusalem!

The Man with the Measuring Line

- A chain of events was set in motion:
 - The Balfour declaration
 - The reestablishment of the Nation of Israel
 - The return of Jerusalem to the Jews





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Chapter 3



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*Zechariah's 4th Vision
Joshua The High Priest*

The 4th Vision

- ¹ And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.
- ² And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire

Zechariah 3:1-2

The 4th Vision

³ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

⁴ And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Zechariah 3:3-4

The 4th Vision

⁵ And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

Zechariah 3:5

The 4th Vision

⁶ And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying,

⁷ Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

Zechariah 3:6-7

The 4th Vision

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Zechariah 3:9-10

The 4th Vision

¹⁰ In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Zechariah 3:10

The 4th Vision

- *“While the Jews were rebuilding their temple, their adversaries endeavoured to stop the work, Ezra 5:3-4, c. This vision is therefore calculated to give them the strongest encouragement that God, after plucking them as brands out of the fire (or captivity of Babylon,) would not now give them up, but would continue to prosper and favour them and that notwithstanding the interruptions they should meet with, the work should be finished under the gracious superintendence of Providence; and their high priest, clothed in his pontifical robes, would soon officiate in the holy of holies”*. – Adam Clarke

The 4th Vision

- *“The subject is then, by an easy transition, applied to a much greater future deliverance and restoration, of which Joshua and his companions, delivered now, are declared to be figures or types; for that the Messiah or Branch, the great high priest typified by Joshua, would be manifested; and, like the principal stone represented in the vision, become the chief corner stone of his Church; that the all-seeing eye of God would constantly guard it; and that by his atonement he would procure for it peace and pardon”.* – Adam Clarke

The 4th Vision

- *“Zechariah then has a vision in which he sees Satan accuse the high priest Joshua (and therefore the people he represents) of being unclean. Because of their long exile in idolatrous Babylon, they are no longer fit to enter God’s presence. In other words, Satan is hinting that the people are wasting their time building the temple. Since they are unclean, no sacrifices that they offer there will be acceptable to God (3:1; see also v. 3)...*

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- *“God replies that he has not cast off his chosen people. Their time of exile in Babylon has been his punishment on them because of their sin, but now he has saved them. He has snatched them from the hand of their enemies, brought them back to their land and cleansed their sin. Now he is going to set up the temple and its priesthood for them once again”.*

– Bridgeway Bible Commentary

The 4th Vision

- Four Levels of meaning:
 - 1) Encouragement for Zechariah, Joshua, Nehemiah, Ezra et al who had returned from Babylon
 - 2) The coming day of Atonement when Israel's sins will be purged by the Messiah (Yeshua), their High Priest
 - 3) Salvation that, because of the Jews, has come to the whole earth (in one day)
 - 4) The coming Millennial reign of Messiah, the Branch

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Zechariah 3:1

- Joshua was the 1st High Priest after the exile
- Joshua = Jehoshua = “The Lord Saves”
- Greek: “Jesus”
- Hebrews tells us that Jesus is our High Priest
- The High Priest represented the people before God

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- The Angel of the Lord appears throughout the OT
- Always seen as an OT appearance of Jesus
- God manifest in bodily form
- All judgment has been committed to the Son [John 5:22](#)

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- Rev 12:10 titles Satan as *'the accuser of the brethren'*
- He is the *'father of lies'* John 8:44
- He seeks to discourage and cause us to doubt God's Word
 - *'Did God really say...'*

Our Adversary

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

Our Adversary

Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Peter 5:9

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Zechariah 3:2

- See Jude v9
- The matter in hand is passed directly to the highest authority!
- *“If God be for us...”* – Rom 8:31
- It is reiterated that God Himself has chosen Jerusalem

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Zechariah 3:2

- ...Pulled out before it could be consumed
- This applies to Israel who were pulled out of Babylon
- This applies (future tense) to Israel – **Is 27:13 / Matt 24:22**
- This applies to every believer who has put their faith in Jesus Christ - **Eph 2:1-22**

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- See Isaiah 64:6 / Matt 22:11-12

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- We will likewise be 'crowned' - Rev 4-5
- See Hebrews 2:9
 - Psalm 118:23

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- Isaiah 42:1 / Luke 1:32 / Daniel 7:13-14

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Zechariah 3:8

- Branch: 'tsemach' 18x in 12 verses
- Genesis 19:25; 19:25
- Psalms 65:11; 132:17
- Isaiah 4:2; 61:11
- Jeremiah 23:5; 23:5; 33:15
- Ezekiel 16:7; 17:9; 17:9; 17:10
- Hosea 8:7; 8:7
- Zechariah 3:8; 3:8; 6:12

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- Stone = an idiom of Christ
 - Psalm 118:22
 - 1 Cor 10:4
 - Daniel 2:34
 - Matthew 16:18

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- Double reference?
 - Calvary
 - The Day of Atonement

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Zechariah 3:10

- Idioms of Israel
- Dwelling safely and at peace in their Land
- It is the God of Heaven's armies who declares this!



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To be continued...