

Outline of Zechariah

1-6 8 Night Visions:

- Angelic Horsemen (1:7-17)
- 4 Horns and Craftsmen (1:18-21)
- Man with Measuring Stick (ch.2)
- High Priest (Joshua) and Satan (ch.3)
- Lampstand and 7 Lights (ch.4)
- Flying Scroll with Warning (5:1-4)
- Woman in a Basket (5:5-11)
- Chariots and Crowning High Priest (ch.6)

7-8 4 Messages: Fast / Feast; Future of Zion

9-14 2 Burdens: Against Nations, For Israel

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The name Zechariah means “Yahweh remembers”. His name is appropriate as this book explains that Yahweh remembers His chosen people and will be faithful to His promises. Zechariah unveils so much of Israel's future, especially Messiah's place in their future, that many call the book the apocalypse of the OT. Like Ezekiel and Jeremiah, Zechariah was both a prophet and Priest. He was likely born in captivity in Babylon, and returned to Jerusalem in 536 BC along with Zerubbabel and Joshua. Jesus mentioned Zechariah whom the Jews murdered between the Temple and the altar (Mt.23:35), which appears to be our writer. Whereas Haggai stressed rebuilding the Temple as a sign of God's blessing, Zechariah emphasized the role of repentance and renewal to accomplish that end.

Summary

Zechariah ministered to the restoration community to motivate them to finish rebuilding the Temple, and to rededicate themselves to Yahweh. He dealt with the future of Israel,

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Zechariah was written to encourage the returned remnant to complete their work in rebuilding the temple. The prophet also showed that God was at work in the world restoring Israel to their spiritual inheritance in preparation for the coming Messiah.

particularly the future eschatological aspect (12:1-3; 6:12-13, 9; 14:1-5, 16-21). The New Testament either directly quotes or alludes to Zechariah 41 times. The central theme of the

give way to future glorious feasts. His final two oracles provided hope by predicting the coming of the Messiah and His glorious kingdom. Zechariah used the

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ZECHARIAH'S 8 NIGHT VISIONS — “THE LORD OF HOSTS”

<p>① 1:7-17</p> <p>Angelic Horsemen</p> <p>The presence of His angel was watching over His people</p>	<p>② 1:18-21</p> <p>4 Horns and Craftsmen</p> <p>Forces from God would destroy the powers that opposed them</p>	<p>③ Ch.2</p> <p>Man with Measuring Stick</p> <p>God reveals Jerusalem in its future secure state</p>	<p>④ Ch.3</p> <p>High Priest (Joshua) and Satan</p> <p>God reveals their adversary and also their advocate</p>
<p>⑤ Ch.4</p> <p>Lampstand and 2 Olive Trees</p> <p>God reveals the people's responsibility to be lights in the world using God's resources</p>	<p>⑥ 5:1-4</p> <p>Flying Scroll with Warning</p> <p>God reveals the purging of evil with divine revelation</p>	<p>⑦ 5:5-11</p> <p>Woman in a Basket</p> <p>God illustrates ongoing evil and its final purging away</p>	<p>⑧ Ch.6</p> <p>Chariots and Crowning High Priest</p> <p>God reveals the need for divine control and its provision</p>

book is encouragement and hope. The key to this hope is the coming of Messiah, which includes his overthrow of ungodly forces and establishing His Kingdom on earth. Zechariah's contemporaries looked back to their past and saw former glories, and saw their present as shame in comparison. They looked forward and saw many difficulties and felt discouraged. Zechariah ministered to inspire hope in their discouraged hearts. They wondered why should they build if there was no future? Zechariah's eight night visions did inspire hope to his hearers. He went on to explain that the present sorrowful fasts would

phrase, “The LORD of hosts” at least 35 times. The word “hosts” in Scripture describes angels, stars, the people of Israel, and armies of other nations. Thus, the title describes Yahweh as the LORD of the entire hosts of the universe.



CHRIST IN ZECHARIAH

- Zechariah portrays Christ in many ways including, the righteous Branch (3:8; 6:12-13); the good Shepherd sold for 30 pieces of silver (11:4-13); and the pierced One (12:10).