

{38} Zechariah

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Chapter 1

(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,
 (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.
 (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.
 (5) Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?
 (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.

Chapter 1

(1) In the eighth month {Heshvan [Oct./Nov.]}^a, in the second year of Darius^{b*}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Zechariah {Jehovah has remembered}^c, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
 (2) The LORD {Jehovah} has been greatly displeased with your forefathers.
 (3) Therefore say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Turn to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts^d, and I will turn to you, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.
 (4) Do not be as your forefathers, to whom the former prophets have cried, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Turn now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil deeds: but they did not hear, nor listen to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.
 (5) Your forefathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live forever?
 (6) But My words and My laws, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your forefathers? and they returned and said, The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts has dealt with us just as He thought to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our deeds.

1:1a - eighth month - Heshvan (October-November)

1:1b - Darius - Darius Hystaspes - 2nd year of Darius' reign is 16th year after Cyrus' decree ending the Babylonian captivity of Judah - This same year work on rebuilding the temple resumed. It will be completed 4 years later - 19 years total after Cyrus' decree and 70 years from the destruction of Solomon's temple. - See Haggai 1:1 - Haggai gave some prophecies two months prior to Zechariah. -- see Ezra 4-6
 - see [Appendix G: World Timeline of Biblical History](#)

1:1c - Zechariah {זְכַרְיָה} - JAH has remembered [JAH is a short form of Jehovah]

1:3d - LORD of hosts - Jehovah sabaoth {יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת} - Lord of armies or multitudes

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(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,

(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.

(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.

(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.

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(7) On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month {Shebat [Jan./Feb.]}^e, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius*, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

(8) I saw by night, and a Man riding upon a red horse, and He stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the valley; and behind Him *there were* red horses, gray-speckled, and white.

(9) Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the Angel who talked with me said to me, **I will show you what these *are*.**

(10) And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, **These *are those* whom the LORD {Jehovah} has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.**

(11) And they spoke to the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} Who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, **We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, look, all the earth sits still, and is at rest^f.**

(12) Then the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} answered and said, **O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You have had indignation these seventy years?**

(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} answered the Angel who talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

1:7e - eleventh month - Shebat - (January-February)

1:11f - the purpose of the horsemen is to report the conditions on the earth [not for the Lord's benefit, but for the angels who can only be in one place at a time]. See Rev. 6:2

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(10) And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

(11) But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

(12) Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

(13) Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

(14) But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Chapter 8

(1) Again the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me*, saying,

(2) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

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(10) And do not oppress the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

(11) But they refused to listen, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

(12) Yes, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts has sent in His Spirit by the former prophets: therefore a great wrath came from the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.

(13) Therefore it has come to pass, *that* as He cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts:

(14) But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they did not know. And so the land became desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: because they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Chapter 8

(1) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts came *to me*, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

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(3) Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

(4) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

(5) And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

(6) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

(7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

(8) And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

(9) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; I have returned to Zion, and will live in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts the holy mountain.

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; There shall yet live old men and old women in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand because of old age.

(5) And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in My eyes? says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.

(7) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Look, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country;

(8) And I will bring them, and they shall live in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, who *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

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Chapter 9

(1) The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD.

(2) And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.

(3) And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

(4) Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

(5) Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

(6) And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

(7) And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

Chapter 9

(1) The vision of the word of the LORD {Jehovah} in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* its rest; when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* towards the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And Hamath also shall border by it; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it is very wise.

(3) And Tyrus built herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

(4) Look, the Lord will cast her out, and He will strike her power in the sea; and she shall be burned up with fire.

(5) Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; because her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

(6) And an illegitimate child shall live in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

(7) And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he who remains, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

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(8) And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

(9) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

(10) And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

(11) As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

(12) Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee;

(13) When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

(14) And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

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(8) And I will encamp around My house {temple} because of the army, because of him who passes by, and because of him who returns: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: because now have I seen with My eyes.

(9) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: Look, your King comes to you: He is just, and having salvation; humble, and riding upon a donkey; upon a colt the foal of a donkey^a.

(10) And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and He shall speak peace to the ungodly nations: and His Kingdom *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

(11) As for you also, by the blood of your covenant I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit in which there *is* no water.

(12) Turn to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope: even today I do declare *that* I will pay double to you;

(13) When I have bent Judah for Myself, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you as the sword of a mighty man.

(14) And the LORD {Jehovah} shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD {Jehovah} shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

9:9a - Mat. 21:5; John 12:15