

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

King James Paraphrase {updated 2/15/15*}

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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Chapter 13

(1) In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

(2) And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

(3) And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

(4) And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

(5) But he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

(6) And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

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(3) And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother who gave birth to him shall say to him, You shall not live; because you speak lies in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: and his father and mother who gave birth to him shall thrust him through {kill him with a sword} when he prophesies.

(4) And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he has prophesied; neither shall they wear rough clothes to deceive:

(5) But he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an farmer; because man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

(6) And *one* shall say to him, What *are* these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, I was wounded with *these in* the house of my friends.

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(7) Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

(8) And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.

(9) And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Chapter 14

(1) Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

(2) For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

(3) Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

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(7) Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man *Who is My Fellow*, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts: strike the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered:^a and I will turn My hand upon the little ones.

(8) And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}, two parts in it shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left in it.

(9) And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My Name, and I will hear them: I will say, These *are* My people: and they shall say, The LORD {Jehovah} is my God.

Chapter 14

(1) Look, the day of the LORD {Jehovah} comes, and your spoil shall be divided in your midst.

(2) Because I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

(3) Then the LORD {Jehovah} shall go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.

13:7a – Mat. 26:31