

The Book of Zechariah

Key Verses:

Zechariah 1:3-4

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.

Zechariah 4:6

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit**, saith the Lord of hosts.

Author:

- **Zechariah 1:1b** “Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet”
- Zechariah = “whom Jehovah **remembers**”
- Berechiah = “Jehovah **blesses**”
- Iddo = “the appointed **time**”
- *God remembers and blesses at the **appointed** time!
- Zechariah was contemporary with **Haggai** (see Ezra 5:1; 6:14),
- Zechariah was probably a **younger** man than Haggai (see Zech. 2:4)
- He was entirely **visionary**, whereas Haggai was entirely **practical**.
- **28** Zechariahs are mentioned in the Old Testament
- Bible teachers identify the Zechariah of this book with the “Zacharias” whom our Lord mentioned in **Matthew 23:35** as having been **martyred**.

Interesting Facts:

- Zechariah’s prophecy **practically closes the Old Testament**—it is next to the final book
- **the New Testament opens chronologically with Luke’s account of another Zacharias** (meaning “Jehovah **remembers**”) and his wife Elisabeth (meaning “His **oath**”).
- Zacharias was a priest who was serving at the altar of incense when an angel appeared to him with a message from God **after four hundred years of silence**.
- So again God **remembered** His oath.

Date written: **520 - 519 BC** two months after Haggai’s prophecy (compare Haggai 1:1 and Zechariah 1:1)

Haggai’s Journal

1. Haggai 1:1 - Second year of Darius sixth(**Adar**) month and the first day
2. Haggai 1:15 - Second year of Darius sixth month and the 24th day of the month
3. Haggai 2:1 - Second year of Darius seventh month(**Nissan**) and the 21st day of the month

4. Haggai 2:10 - Second year of Darius ninth month(**Sivan**) and the 24th day of the month

5. Haggai 2:20 - Second year of Darius ninth month and the 24th day of the month

Zechariah 1:1

1 In the eighth month(**Iyar**), 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,

Purpose: To give hope and spiritual **revival** to God's people

To Whom Written: The **remnant** especially those who had return from exile in Babylon

Main Theme: The **future** hope (Zechariah 14:7)

Key Words: Your **King** is coming to you (Zechariah 9:9)

Prominent people: Zechariah, Zerubbabel, Joshua son of Josedech

Notable Passages:

1. The secret of **success** in the spiritual world (Zechariah 4:6-10)

a. It's because of God's **Spirit** (Zechariah 4:6)

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, **but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

b. It's by God's **Power** (Zechariah 4:8-9a)

8 Moreover **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it;

c. It's for God's **Glory** (Zechariah 4:9b-10)

and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the **plummet**(stone used to extract **metal** from) in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

2. The King the **Messiah**

a. His first coming in **lowliness** (Zechariah 9:9)

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**.

b. His coming as **Prince** of Peace (Zechariah 9:10)

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.

c. His Crucifixion (Zechariah 12:10)

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me **whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, **as one mourneth for his only son**, and shall **be in bitterness for him**, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

d. His sheep forsake their Shepherd (Zechariah 13:7)

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.*

3. The fountain of cleansing (Zechariah 13:1)

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.**

Outline

I. Multiple Visions from God (Messianic and Millennial) (Zechariah 1–6)

A. Introduction and Message of Warning (Zechariah 1:1–6)

B. Ten Visions (All in **One** Night) (Zechariah 1:7–6:15)

II. Questions and Answers (Zechariah 7 and 8)

A. Question Concerning Religious **Rituals** (Fasting) (Zechariah 7:1–3)

B. God's Threefold Answer (Zechariah 7:4–8:23)

III. Prophetic Burdens (Zechariah 9–14)