

Series "Fixed On 66"
"Zechariah"
Book-38

Key Passage – Zechariah 1:14; 4:6

The Author – Zechariah 1:1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, Zechariah, Zechariah means "*Jehovah, or the Lord, remembers.*"

His father's name, **Berechiah**, means "Jehovah blesses," and his grandfather's name, **Iddo**, means "*His time.*"

Put them together and you have "*Jehovah remembers to bless in His time.*"

Zechariah - was both a Prophet and a Priest (**Nehemiah 12:4,16**)

Zechariah was a young man (**Zechariah 2:4**)

The elder Prophet Haggai had delivered two of his messages before Zechariah joined him in ministry. The two of them served God together for a short time.

We know nothing about Zechariah's life or death.

His prophecy is quoted or alluded to at least **41 times** in the New Testament.

When Written – 520 B.C. The remnant went back in 536 B.C. and laid the foundations for the temple in 535, but opposition arose, and the work stopped. In 520, the Lord raised up Haggai and Zechariah to stir up the leaders and the people, and in 515 they finished the work. (5 years later)

Where it was Written – In Jerusalem

Purpose – After about 12 years, the temple is still only half complete. God raised up Zechariah to motivate the people to complete the work. He does so by encouraging them through the truth of future blessings resulting from the temple. It is to be built for the glory of the Messiah. They are building a future, not just a building. The Messiah is coming.

He went beyond Haggai in calling for personal spiritual and social renewal.

In one verse, he describes the fall of Jerusalem under the Romans, and in the next verse, he will picture the coming of Messiah to reign. Zechariah's favorite name for God is "**Lord of Hosts**"—*the Lord of the armies*. He sees the Lord coming to defeat Israel's enemies and establish Jerusalem in peace and glory.

Theme – Zechariah – "*Future Blessing for Israel*"

Key Words – "Lord" 116 times, "Lord Almighty, Lord of Hosts" – 46 times, "In That Day" 21 times

Key Chapter – Zechariah 14 God has His victory over His enemies. This is the second coming of Jesus Christ and His touching down on the Mount of Olives—the great Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

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Outline – The messages in **chapters 1–8** were given to Zechariah during the temple building, and those in **chapters 9–14** were after the temple was completed.

- 1. Zechariah 1:1-6 God Calls His People to Repent**
- 2. Zechariah 1:7–6:15 God Encourages His People to Trust Him**
- 3. Zechariah 7:1–8:23 God Instructs His People**
- 4. Zechariah 9:1–14:21 God Redeems His People**

1. Zechariah 1:1-6 God Calls His People to Repent: Zechariah 1:1-3

James 4:8

Zechariah 1:4-5 Start thinking of the eternal state, not just the here and now.

Zechariah 1:6

God was faithful in predicting judgment for disobedience to the Lord, and **God proved faithful in delivering that judgment** to the people.

2. Zechariah 1:7–6:15 God Encourages His People to Trust Him:

8 Night Visions of Zechariah:

- 1. Zechariah 1:7-17 The Horsemen: God Watches the Nations:** In the first vision, the prophet saw a man on a red (bay) horse, leading an army astride red, brown, and white horses. This “**man among the myrtle trees**” was the Angel of the Lord. In this first vision, the Angel of the Lord taught Zechariah the meaning of the horsemen.

Zechariah 1:10

They are God’s angelic army that patrols the earth and carries out the decrees of the Lord (**Zech. 1:11, Deut. 33:2; 1 Kings 22:19; Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2; Dan. 7:10; Matt. 27:63**).

Jehovah is “Lord of Hosts,” the Commander of the armies of heaven and earth.

- 2. Zechariah 1:18-21 The Horns and Smiths: The Nations Judged:**

The four “smiths” (artisans, craftsmen) represent nations that God uses to defeat the enemies of the Jews. They would use their “tools” to cut off the horns and render them powerless. (Horns=power) Daniel’s visions of the image (**Dan. 2**) and the beasts (**Daniel 7**) speak of four empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

3. Zechariah 2:1-13 The Measuring Line: Jerusalem Restored: He planned future glory and honor for them and their city when He Himself would come to dwell with them.

4. Zechariah 3:1-10 The High Priest: Israel Cleansed: God had chosen Jerusalem and had plucked the Jews out of the fire of Babylonian Captivity (**Zech. 3:2**). What God did for Joshua symbolically, He would do for Israel personally. The iniquity of the land would be removed in a day (**Zech. 3:9**).

The climax of the cleansing (forgiveness) and robbing (righteous in Christ, **2 Cor. 5:21**) was the placing of the special turban on Joshua's head; for the golden plate at the front of the turban was inscribed: HOLINESS TO THE LORD (**Ex. 28:36-38; 39:30-31**).

5. Zechariah 4:1-14 The Olive Trees: God Empowers His People:
Zechariah 4:1

The young prophet had seen four wonderful visions, and the experience had exhausted him.

The lampstand in the tabernacle was symbolic of Messiah, the Light of the world (**John 8:12**), who one day would come and give the "light of life" to all who would trust Him. The light from the golden lampstand would shine on the table in the holy place (**Ex. 26:35**) and reveal the loaves of bread, Christ, the bread of life.

6. Zechariah 5:1-4 The Flying Scroll: Evil Purged From The Land:
Zechariah 5:1-2

On one side, he read the 3rd Commandment against taking God's name in vain (**Ex. 20:7**), and on the other side, he read the 8th Commandment against stealing (**Ex. 20:15**). (**Word able to be seen by all!**)

7. Zechariah 5:5-11 The Ephah: Evil Taken To Babylon: The answer is—commercialism. The Jews were people of the land when they went to Babylon, but many Jews born in Babylon became people of the city and successful merchants. **Revelation 17-18**. (Religious/Economic godless System)

But if the worldly commercial spirit infects the child of God, it will result in twisted values, confused priorities, and a craving for wealth and position that grieves the Lord

8. Zechariah 6:1-8 The Four Chariots: The Gentiles Judged:

The images in this vision are similar to those described in **1:7-17**, but the details are significantly different. The emphasis here is on the horses and chariots rather than the riders

If the horses' colors are significant, **Revelation 6:1-8** can assist us.

Zechariah 6:9-15 The Crowning of Joshua: Messiah Will Reign:

Zechariah 6:11-13

'Even though Zerubbabel was from David's line, he wasn't the one God chose to be crowned. God chose Joshua, and for the **first time in Jewish history, the Lord united the monarchy and the priesthood.**

This refers to Jesus Christ, for He is "the man whose name is the Branch" (**Zech. 6:12; 3:8**).

Zechariah 6:14-15

3. Zechariah 7:1–8:23 God Instructs His People:

Zechariah 7:1-7 About True Fasting: Zechariah 7:3

Traditions are not necessarily wrong, but it is good to ask ourselves if we are practicing something that is not biblical or no longer useful!

Zechariah 7:4-6 If Jerusalem is going to be rebuilt, why continue the fast? Zechariah replies that their fasting ought to be from the heart and not from the calendar

Zechariah 7:8-14 Obedience To The Word: Zechariah 7:8-14

Zechariah 8:1-23 Jerusalem's Future: God's people don't live on explanations; they live on promises. Faith and hope are nourished by the promises of God given to us in the Scriptures.

Zechariah 8:1-6 The City of Jerusalem Will Be Rebuilt: Zechariah 8:3-5

Zechariah 8:7 The People Of Israel Will Be Regathered: Zechariah 8:7

Zechariah 8:8 The Relationship Between Israel and Jehovah will be Restored:

Zechariah 8:9-13 The Land Of Israel Will Be Refreshed: Zechariah 8:12-13

Zechariah 8:14-19 The Covenant Standards Will Be Renewed: Zechariah 8:19

Zechariah 8:20-23 The Gentiles Will Be Redeemed: Zechariah 8:22-23

4. Zechariah 9:1–14:21 God Redeems His People:

Two Oracles:

1. Zechariah 9:1–11:17 The Rejection of Messiah:

Prophecies against Neighboring Nations.

Zechariah 9:9 (Mark 11:1-11)

God's Promise To Re-gather: Zechariah 10:8-10

Zechariah 11:11-13 Matthew 27:1-10

The False Shepard The Anti-Christ: Zechariah 11:15-17

John 5:43 According to **Daniel 9:27**, the Antichrist will be able to make a covenant with the Jews for seven years.

2. Zechariah 12:1–14:21 The Return And Reign Of Messiah: In these next 3 chapters, note the repetition of the phrase **"in that day," a total of 46 times**, which is found **16 times** in these closing chapters: **"That day"** or **"the Day of the Lord,"**

Zechariah 12:10 The Lord Will Cleanse Israel, there Will Be Repentance: Zechariah 12:9-10

Zechariah 13:1-7 The Nation Will Be Cleansed: Zechariah 13:1

Zechariah 13:8-9 The Nation Will Be Refined: Zechariah 13:8
But the third will be left in it. (Only 1/3 of Israel will remain)

Zechariah 14:4

The Gentiles Will Worship In Jerusalem:

Zechariah 14:16 and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Annual reminder to the Gentile nations that the bountiful blessings they enjoy come from a gracious and generous Lord.

The Lord Will Exercise Justice: Zechariah 14:17-21

Application:

1. God Was Faithful in Predicting Judgment for Disobedience to the Lord, and God Proved Faithful in Delivering That Judgment to the People.
2. The Child Of God Needs To Beware Of The Worldly Commercial Spirit That Infects The Child Of God. It Will Result In Twisted Values, Confused Priorities, and Craving For Wealth And Position That Grieves The Lord.
3. Israel's History Had Been To Turn Away Their Ear From The Word Of God; They Had Disobeyed The Lord And Had Sinned Against God And Man, and The Result Was Bareness And Being Outcasts. Same With Us, That Anyone That Disobeys God Never Prospers. There Is A Void And A Bareness That Will Become Apparent.
4. In The Future, The Gentiles Will Worship In Jerusalem, Celebrating The Feat Of Tabernacles. The Joyful And Fruitful Kingdom Age, Annual Reminder To The Gentile Nations That The Bountiful Blessings They Enjoy Come From A Gracious And Generous Lord.