

## Zechariah

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## Part 1

Appeal for Repentance		
P	Zechariah 1:1-6	Comments
P	<p>Zechariah 1:1</p> <p>In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,</p>	<p>Iddo was one of the priests that came back from Babylon with Zerubbabel (Nehemiah 12:1-6). Therefore, Zechariah whose name means "YHVH remembers," is a priest serving as a prophet.</p> <p>The timing of the oracles of this writing is about 480-520 BCE. The first, here, being 520 BCE. This is during the timeframe of Haggai's ministry.</p>
A1	<p>Zechariah 1:2-3</p> <p><sup>2</sup> "The LORD has been very angry with your fathers.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.</p>	Repent, and YHVH will return to you.
A2	<p>Zechariah 1:4</p> <p><sup>4</sup> "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.'" But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the LORD.</p>	Their fathers failed to listen to the prophets' message from YHVH, which was to repent.
A3	<p>Zechariah 1:5-6</p> <p><sup>5</sup> "Your fathers, where <i>are</i> they? And the prophets, do they live forever?</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Yet surely My words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers? "So they returned and said: 'Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.'""</p>	The words YHVH gave the prophets were fulfilled; even their fathers confess this was the case.

Horseman and Horses		
P/C	Zechariah 1:7-17	Comments
P	<p>Zechariah 1:7</p> <p><sup>7</sup> On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, <b>the word of the LORD came to Zechariah</b> the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet:</p>	<p>Three months later.</p> <p>This is 2 months after Haggai's last two messages (Haggai 2:10, 20).</p>

			The Word of YHVH came to Zechariah.
A	<p>Zechariah 1:8</p> <p><sup>8</sup> I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him <i>were</i> horses: red, sorrel, and white.</p>	<p>Zechariah 1:11</p> <p><sup>11</sup> So they (horses) answered the Angel of the LORD, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, <b>all the earth is resting quietly.</b>"</p>	<p>The angel of YHVH stood among the myrtle trees.</p> <p>A man was riding on a red horse, which stood among the myrtle trees.</p> <p>There were 3 horses behind him. They talked to the angel of YHVH.</p> <p>They walked to and fro throughout the earth. They appear to have been on a reconnaissance mission and are reporting back that all the earth is resting quietly.</p>
B	<p>Zechariah 1:9</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Then I said, "My lord (adoni), what <i>are</i> these?"</p> <p>So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they <i>are</i>."</p>	<p>Zechariah 1:12</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, <b>how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?</b>"</p>	<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zechariah to the angel addressed as "my lord (adoni)." <i>This is not Adonai (YHVH) or The Angel of YHVH. He's an ordinary angel.</i></li> <li>• Angel to YHVH of hosts</li> </ul> <p><i>Other Scriptures have shown that The Angel of YHVH and YHVH of hosts is God; therefore, since the angel is speaking to YHVH of hosts, this angel is an ordinary angel.</i></p> <p><i>The angel in verses 11 and 12 should not be capitalized.</i></p> <p>Seventy years refers to the time of the Babylonian captivity.</p>

C	<p>Zechariah 1:10</p> <p><sup>10</sup> And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These <i>are the ones</i> whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."</p>	<p>Zechariah 1:13-17</p> <p><sup>13</sup> <b>And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with good <i>and</i> comforting words.</b></p> <p><sup>14</sup> So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, <b>`Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I am zealous for Jerusalem And for Zion with great zeal.</b></p> <p><sup>15</sup> I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease; For I was a little angry, And they helped-- <i>but</i> with evil <i>intent</i>."</p> <p><sup>16</sup> `Therefore thus says the LORD: <b>"I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My house shall be built in it,"</b> says the LORD of hosts, <b>"And a <i>surveyor's</i> line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem."</b></p> <p><sup>17</sup> "Again proclaim, saying, `Thus says the LORD of hosts: <b>"My cities shall again spread out through prosperity; The LORD will again comfort Zion, And will again choose Jerusalem."</b>"</p>	<p>YHVH is zealous for Zion/Jerusalem.</p> <p>YHVH said He will return to Jerusalem, and His temple will be built in it.</p> <p>A surveyor's line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. This is an indication that building will take place there.</p> <p>In fact, again YHVH's cities will overflow from prosperity. YHVH will comfort Zion, and YHVH will choose Jerusalem again.</p>
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Four Horns and Four Craftsmen		
P	Zechariah 1:18-2:2	Comments
A1	<p>Zechariah 1:18-19 (H 2:1-2)</p> <p><sup>18</sup> Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there <i>were</i> four horns.</p> <p><sup>19</sup> And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What <i>are</i> these?"</p> <p>So he answered me, "<i>These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.</i>"</p>	<p>Horns represent the kings of other nations which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.</p> <p>These four could be represented by Daniel's four beasts or perhaps something different such as other nations that were joined with one of Daniel's four beasts.</p>
A2	<p>Zechariah 1:20-21 (H 2:3-4)</p> <p><sup>20</sup> Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.</p> <p><sup>21</sup> And I said, "<i>What are these coming to do?</i>"</p>	<p>The four craftsmen are to come against the four horns that scattered Judah.</p>

<p>So he said, "These <i>are</i> the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head;</p> <p>but the craftsmen are coming to terrify <i>them</i>, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up <i>their</i> horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."</p>	<p>So, the original four horns will be punished by the four craftsmen for what they did to Judah.</p>
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Measuring Line			
C	Zechariah 2:1-13		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 2:1-4 (H 2:5-9)</p> <p><sup>1</sup>Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what <i>is</i> its width and what <i>is</i> its length." <sup>3</sup> And there <i>was</i> the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him, <sup>4</sup> who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited <i>as</i> towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it.</p>	<p>Zechariah 2:12-13 (H 2:16-17)</p> <p><sup>12</sup> "And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> "Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!"</p>	<p>A man with a measuring line is going to measure the width and length of Jerusalem.</p> <p>YHVH is going to take possession of Judah again and choose Jerusalem.</p> <p>Jerusalem is going to be laid out as multiple towns without walls because of the large amount of men and livestock in it.</p>
B	<p>Zechariah 2:5-9 (H 2:10-13)</p> <p><sup>5</sup> 'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "Up, up! Flee from the land of the north," says the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."</p> <p><sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.</p>	<p>Zechariah 2:10-11 (H 2:14-15)</p> <p><sup>10</sup> "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," says the LORD.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> "Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.</p>	<p>But YHVH of hosts is going to be a shield – like a wall of fire – around all of Jerusalem. He's going to dwell in their midst. Many nations will be joined to YHVH as His people.</p> <p>The people are to flee the land of the north -- Babylon.</p> <p>There seems to be a distinction here between YHVH and YHVH of hosts; Yeshua is likely speaking about/to the Father.</p>

	<p><sup>9</sup> "For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.</p>		
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Joshua the High Priest			
P/C	Zechariah 3:1-10		Comments
P	<p>Zechariah 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.</p>		<p>In this vision, this Angel of YHVH is YHVH God as evidenced by verse 2.</p> <p>Satan is likely accusing Joshua because his sons married foreign women, and he did not prevent this (Ezra 10:18).</p>
A	<p>Zechariah 3:2 <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! <b>The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem</b> rebuke you!</p> <p><i>Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"</i></p>	<p>Zechariah 3:6-10 <sup>6</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying,</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: `If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> `Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; <b>For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.</b></p> <p><sup>9</sup> For behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone <i>are</i> seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts, `And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.</p>	<p>Joshua (Yeshua) the High Priest is called a brand plucked from the fire.</p> <p>He is a sign – a picture of Yeshua the BRANCH; this is the MESSIAH (Anointed One) described in Isaiah 11:1-5.</p> <p>YHVH of hosts will remove the iniquity of the land in one day.</p> <p>Then, on that same day, everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.</p>

		<sup>10</sup> In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.'"	
B	<p>Zechariah 3:3-5</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."</p> <p><sup>5</sup> And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.</p>		<p>The change of clothes symbolizes the removal of iniquity.</p> <p>As a representative of Israel, his cleansing likely represents the cleansing of Israel.</p> <p>This could represent the putting away of foreign wives (Ezra 10:18-44).</p>

Golden Lampstand and Olive Trees			
C	Zechariah 4:1-14		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 4:1-6</p> <p>Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> And he said to me, "What do you see?"</p> <p>So I said, "I am looking, and there <b>is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> <b>"Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left."</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup> So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me,</p>	<p>Zechariah 4:11-14</p> <p><sup>11</sup> Then I answered and said to him, "What <i>are</i> these two olive trees-- at the right of the lampstand and at its left?"</p> <p><sup>12</sup> And I further answered and said to him, "<b>What are these two olive branches</b> that <i>drip</i> into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden <i>oil</i> drains?"</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these <i>are</i>?" And I said, "No, my lord."</p> <p><sup>14</sup> So he said, "<b>These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord (Adon) of the whole earth.</b>"</p>	<p>Two olive trees/branches drip oil into the receptacles of the two gold pipes that lead to the seven lamps of the gold lampstand. First, this oil represents God's Spirit.</p> <p>These olives trees/branches are two anointed ones – two people who have God's Spirit -- who stand beside the Lord (Adon) of the whole earth.</p> <p>According to Scripture, only three kinds of people were anointed in Israel – the prophet, priest, and king.</p>

	<p>saying, "What <i>are</i> these, my lord?"</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."</p> <p><sup>6</sup> So he answered and said to me: "<i>This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.</i>"</p>		<p>Zerubbabel, the governor, was the heir to David's throne. He was the grandson of Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24).</p> <p>But, the Lord (Adon) Zerubbabel is not technically a king.</p> <p>Joshua is the priest.</p>
B	<p>Zechariah 4:7-10</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "Who <i>are</i> you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel <i>you shall become</i> a plain! And <b>he shall bring forth the capstone</b> With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"<sup>8</sup></p> <p>Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:</p> <p><sup>9</sup> "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish <i>it</i>. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> For who has despised the day of small things? <b>For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line (stone of alloy/tin) in the hand of Zerubbabel.</b></p> <p><b>They are the eyes of the LORD,</b> Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."</p>		<p>This mountain is possibly an opposing political power that does not want the temple to be rebuilt. This is likely a reference to Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the river, Shethar-Boznai, and the Persians who are beyond the river (Ezra 6:6). It is a great opposition, but it will become as nothing – it will be flattened like a plain.</p> <p>Zerubbabel will be successful at laying the foundation and remainder of the temple.</p> <p>This "headstone" may not be a capstone but a cornerstone. Keep either option in mind.</p> <p>According to Ezra 6:15-16, the temple was finished on Adar 3 in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius; this was followed by celebration – likely with shouts of "Grace, grace to it."</p>



Flying Scroll and Basket		
P	Zechariah 5:1-11	Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 5:1-4</p> <p>Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there <b>a flying scroll</b>.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I answered, "<b>I see a flying scroll</b>. Its length <i>is</i> twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Then he said to me, "<b>This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth:</b> 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according <i>to</i> this side of <i>the scroll</i>; and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according <i>to</i> that side of it."</p> <p><sup>4</sup> "<b>I will send out <i>the curse</i>,</b>" says the LORD of hosts; "<b>It shall enter the house of the thief And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house And consume it, with its timber and stones.</b>"</p>	<p>Zechariah 5:5-8</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this <i>is</i> that goes forth."</p> <p><sup>6</sup> So I asked, "What <i>is</i> it?" And he said, "<b>It is a basket that is going forth.</b>"</p> <p>He also said, "This <i>is</i> their resemblance throughout the earth:</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "Here <i>is</i> a lead disc lifted up, and this <i>is</i> a woman sitting inside the basket";</p> <p><sup>8</sup> then he said, "<b>This is Wickedness!</b>" <b>And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth.</b></p> <p><sup>9</sup> Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there <i>were</i> two women, coming with the wind in their wings; <b>for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.</b></p> <p><sup>10</sup> So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"</p> <p><sup>11</sup> And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, <i>the basket</i> will be set there on its base."</p>

**Flying scroll** – the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth.

It has been sent out to consume the house of the thief and the one who swears falsely in YHWH's name. People have likely broken an oath involving money. By not fulfilling the oath, they are stealing from God.

Perhaps the oaths not paid in Zechariah relate to the building of the temple.

This may be similar to what happened with Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5.

**Flying Basket**  
*Basket* – their resemblance throughout the earth.  
*Lead disc* – lifted up and thrown over as a cover for the basket.  
*Woman* – thrown into the basket is Wickedness. Perhaps it is an idol of a woman representing wickedness.  
The house in Shinar is likely a temple.  
*Two women with wings like storks* – they lift up and carry the basket to the land of Shinar (southern Mesopotamia, land of the Chaldeans) where it will be set on its base in the temple.

			<p>It certainly doesn't belong in the area where YHVH's temple is being built.</p> <p>Idolatry is another thing that brought a curse upon the people. Both have been removed.</p>
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Four Chariots with Horses of Different Colors			
P	Zechariah 6:1-8		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 6:1-3 Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, <b>four chariots were coming from between two mountains</b>, and the mountains <i>were</i> mountains of bronze. <sup>2</sup> <b>With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses,</b> <sup>3</sup> <b>with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled (spotted) horses-- strong steeds.</b></p>	<p>Zechariah 6:7 <sup>7</sup> Then the strong <i>steeds</i> went out, eager to go, <b>that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth.</b> And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.</p>	<p>There are four chariots coming from between two mountains.</p> <p>Horses accompanied the chariots, and they went to and fro throughout the earth doing reconnaissance.</p>
B	<p>Zechariah 6:4-6 <sup>4</sup> Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, "What <i>are</i> these, my lord?"  <sup>5</sup> And the angel answered and said to me, "<b>These are four spirits of heaven</b>, who go out from <i>their</i> station before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup> "The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country."</p>	<p>Zechariah 6:8 <sup>8</sup> And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country."</p>	<p>Scripture identifies the four chariots as spirits of heaven. Usually, when not in races, chariots were for warfare.</p> <p>The second chariot with black horses is going north, and the third chariot with white horses are going with them. Those who go toward the north have given rest to YHVH's Spirit in the north.</p> <p>It would seem that there had been unrest that needed to be dealt with. Spiritual warfare takes place in the spiritual realm, but it affects what</p>

			<p>goes on in the physical realm.</p> <p>The dappled or spotted horses are going to toward the south.</p>
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## Part 2

Crowning of the High Priest			
C	Zechariah 6:9-15		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 6:9-12a</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:</p> <p><sup>10</sup> "Receive <i>the gift</i> from the captives-- from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon-- and go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> "Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown, and set <i>it</i> on the head of <b>Joshua the son of Jehozadak (Yah is righteous), the high priest.</b></p> <p><sup>12</sup> "Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "<b>Behold, the Man whose name <i>is</i> the BRANCH!</b></p>	<p>Zechariah 6:14-15</p> <p><sup>14</sup> "Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> "Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And <i>this</i> shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."</p>	<p>Gifts were collected from the captives from Babylon in order to make a crown for Joshua (Yeshua) the high priest.</p> <p>When Zechariah put the crown on Joshua's head, Zechariah said to him, "Behold, the Man whose name (Yeshua) is the BRANCH." He is the high priest.</p> <p>This was not said to Zerubbabel, a descendant of David. It was said to Joshua (Yeshua), the son of Yehozadak (Yah who is righteous).</p> <p>This name applies to two priests with the same name!</p> <p>Joshua the high priest is a sign of a coming Branch who will be a descendant of David. According to Zechariah 6:12, His name is Yeshua (Joshua). He is Messiah – a prophet, priest, and king.</p>

			<p>The crown is set as a memorial in the temple for those who donated the gifts.</p> <p>Other prophecies concerning the raising of a Branch of righteousness to David who will be king are in Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15; and Zechariah 3:8.</p>
B	<p>Zechariah 6:12b-13</p> <p>From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD;</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both."</p>		<p>He shall branch out and build the temple of YHVH.</p> <p>He shall sit and rule and be a priest on His throne.</p> <p>It would seem that the counsel of peace would be between Joshua and Zerubbabel OR Yeshua and the Father.</p>

YHVH's Response Concerning Fasts			
P	Zechariah 7:1-8:23		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 7:1-3</p> <p>Now in the fourth year of King Darius it came to pass <i>that</i> the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, on the fourth <i>day</i> of the ninth month, Chislev (December 7, 518 BCE),</p> <p><sup>2</sup> <b>when <i>the people</i> sent Sherezzer, with Regem-Melech and his men, to the house of God, to pray before the LORD,</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> <b>and to ask the priests who were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and the prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?"</b></p>	<p>Zechariah 8:20-23</p> <p><sup>20</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: `Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities;</p> <p><sup>21</sup> The inhabitants of one <i>city</i> shall go to another, saying, "<b>Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.</b>"</p> <p><sup>22</sup> Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, <b>And to pray before the LORD.'</b></p> <p><sup>23</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: `In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp <b>the sleeve (wing; hem) of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard <i>that</i> God is with you.</b>"'"</p>	<p>People came/will come to seek and pray to YHVH.</p> <p>The question was raised – Should we weep and fast in the fifth month?</p>

B	<p>Zechariah 7:4-7</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh <i>months</i> during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me-- for Me? <sup>6</sup> 'When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink <i>for yourselves</i>?</p>	<p>Zechariah 8:18-19</p> <p><sup>18</sup> Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>19</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'The fast of the fourth <i>month</i>, The fast of the fifth, The fast of the seventh, And the fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts For the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.'</p>	<p>Fasts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourth month --- (Tammuz) when walls were breached; end of Davidic kings occupying the throne.</li> <li>• Fifth month (Av) – when Solomon's temple was destroyed)</li> <li>• Seventh month (Tishrei) – when Gedaliah had been assassinated. He had been the governor appointed by Nebuchadnezzar after the fall of Jerusalem (Jeremiah 41).</li> <li>• Tenth month (Tevet) – mourns the siege of Jerusalem.</li> </ul> <p>Times of fasting will become times of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts.</p>
	<p>Zechariah 7:8-12</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: '<b>Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. <sup>10</sup> Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.'</b></p> <p><sup>11</sup> "But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> "Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former</p>	<p>Zechariah 7:16-17</p> <p><sup>16</sup> These <i>are</i> the things you shall do: <b>Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;</b> <sup>17</sup> <b>Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath.</b> For all these <i>are things</i> that I hate,' Says the LORD."</p>	<p>Earlier generation rejected YHVH's commands for social justice, but the people are exhorted to obey them.</p>

	<p>prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.</p>		
	<p>Zechariah 7:13-8:6</p> <p><sup>13</sup> "Therefore it happened, <i>that</i> just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts.</p> <p><sup>14</sup> <b>"But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate."</b></p> <p>8:1 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying,</p> <p><sup>2</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.'</p> <p><sup>3</sup> <b>"Thus says the LORD: 'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of the LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.'</b></p> <p><sup>4</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: <b>'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?'</b> Says the LORD of hosts.</p>	<p>Zechariah 8:7-15</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: <b>'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west; <sup>8</sup> I will bring them <i>back</i>, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'</b></p> <p><sup>9</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts: <b>'Let your hands be strong,</b> You who have been hearing in these days These words by the mouth of the prophets, Who <i>spoke</i> in the day the foundation was laid For the house of the LORD of hosts, <b>That the temple might be built.</b></p> <p><sup>10</sup> For before these days There were no wages for man nor any hire for beast; <b><i>There was no peace</i></b> from the enemy for whoever went out or came in; For I set all men, everyone, against his neighbor.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> <b>'But now I <i>will not treat</i> the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says the LORD of hosts.</b></p> <p><sup>12</sup> 'For the seed <i>shall be</i> prosperous, The vine shall give its fruit, The ground shall give her increase, And the heavens shall give their dew-- <b>I will cause the remnant of this people To possess all these.</b></p> <p><sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass <i>That</i> just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a</p>	<p>Because the people refused to listen to YHWH's prophets, they were cursed and exiled.</p> <p><b>However, YHWH will again dwell with His people.</b></p> <p>The people, young and old, will be gathered and be abundant in Zion. They will dwell in truth and righteousness with blessing.</p> <p>YHWH will be their God in truth and righteousness.</p>

		<b> blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.'</b> <sup>14</sup> "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Just as I determined to punish you When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I would not relent, <sup>15</sup> <b> So again in these days I am determined to do good To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.</b>	
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At this point in the text, it is after the Babylonian captivity, and the temple has been rebuilt. The remaining chapters have no dates for reference. We need to bear that in mind that the goal of rebuilding the temple was likely part of a covenant renewal while looking ahead toward a coming Messiah from the Davidic line. In fact, there are several quotations from Zechariah applied to Yeshua in the Apostolic Scriptures.

Bear in mind, some suggest that Zechariah 9-14 was not written by Zechariah and that it is pre-exilic. Other scholars say it's post-exilic but agree that it was not written by Zechariah. All of this, of course, affects the interpretation of the text. I will consider it to be a single text.

The Coming of King YHVH of Hosts			
C	Zechariah 9:1-10:1		Comments
A	Zechariah 9:1-8 The burden of the word of the LORD Against the land of Hadrach, And Damascus its resting place ( <b>For the eyes of men And all the tribes of Israel Are on the LORD</b> ); <sup>2</sup> Also <i>against</i> Hamath, <i>which</i> borders on it, And <i>against</i> Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise. <sup>3</sup> For Tyre built herself a tower, Heaped up silver like the dust, And gold like the mire of the streets. <b>B <sup>4</sup> Behold, the Lord will cast her out; He will destroy her power in the sea, And she will be devoured by fire.</b> <sup>5</sup> Ashkelon shall see <i>it</i> and <b>fear</b> ; Gaza also shall be very <b>sorrowful</b> ; And Ekron, for He	Zechariah 9:11-10:1 <sup>11</sup> "As for you also, <b>Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.</b> <sup>12</sup> <b>Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope.</b> Even today I declare <b>That I will restore double to you.</b>  <sup>13</sup> For I have bent Judah, My <i>bow</i> , Fitted the bow with Ephraim, <b>And raised up your sons, O Zion, Against your sons, O Greece,</b> And made you like the sword of a mighty man." <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD will be seen over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning. <b>The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And go with whirlwinds from the south.</b>	<b>War</b>  <b>Eyes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The people are looking toward YHVH.</li> <li>• YHVH has seen with His eyes – He will camp around His house and guard it.</li> </ul> <b>Removal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a removal of enemies.</li> <li>• There will be a removal of what is unclean or forbidden to eat from the mouth of Israel's enemies. Israel's enemies will not be permitted to devour or destroy Israel. Whoever is permitted to remain will be on God's side.</li> </ul>

	<p>dried up her expectation. The king shall perish from Gaza, And Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> <b>"A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod, And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.</b></p> <p><sup>7</sup> <b>I will take away the blood from his mouth, And the abominations from between his teeth.</b></p> <p>But he who remains, even he <i>shall be</i> for our God, And shall be like a leader in Judah, And Ekron like a Jebusite.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> I will camp around My house Because of the army, Because of him who passes by and him who returns. No more shall an oppressor pass through them, <b>For now I have seen with My eyes.</b></p>	<p><sup>15</sup> <b>The LORD of hosts will defend them;</b> They shall devour and subdue with slingstones. They shall drink <i>and</i> roar as if with wine; They shall be filled <i>with blood</i> like basins, Like the corners of the altar.</p> <p><sup>16</sup> <b>The LORD their God will save them in that day,</b> As the flock of His people. For they <i>shall be like</i> the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land—</p> <p><sup>17</sup> For how great is its goodness And how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men thrive, And new wine the young women.</p> <p><b>10:1 Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter <i>rain</i>. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone.</b></p>	<p>Some will perish, but others will remain who will fear and be sorry.</p> <p>Because Ashkelon will not be inhabited, a mixed race will settle in Ashdod.</p> <p>God's people are told to return to the stronghold – this is either a call for repentance and/or a call to protect themselves -- possibly in the City of David which had been David's physical stronghold.</p> <p>God will restore double to His people. This makes me think of what Job lost and what was restored to him.</p> <p>Note the battle is between the sons of Zion and the sons of Greece. God will blow the trumpet and defend His people.</p> <p>Recall that Antiochus Epiphanes was a Seleucid Greek. It may be that as the future unfolds, there will be a people representative of that people group or of that nature. At this point, it is likely composed of Muslims from that area of the world that seeks to destroy Israel.</p> <p>The blood of the covenant is the reason that YHVH is doing all of this. It is a threshold covenant.</p>
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B	<p>Zechariah 9:9  <sup>9</sup> <b>"Rejoice</b> greatly, O daughter of Zion! <b>Shout</b>, O daughter of Jerusalem!</p> <p>Behold, your King is coming to you; He <i>is</i> just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He <i>shall speak peace to the nations</i>; His dominion <i>shall be</i> 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'</p>		<p>Salvation and peace --</p> <p>When Yeshua rode on the colt of a donkey into Jerusalem, He was signaling to the people that He was going to be this just King having salvation. It is likely that He will once again ride on the colt of a donkey into the city after the coming war as a complete fulfilment of this passage.</p> <p>After the war of Armageddon, there will be peace among the nations, and He will have far reaching dominion on earth.</p> <p>Israel has never had a leader whose dominion was from sea to sea. This must refer to the Messiah.</p>
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YHVH's Anger Against the Shepherds			
C	Zechariah 10:2-11:3		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 10:2-3a  <sup>2</sup> For the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore <i>the people</i> wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because <b>there is no shepherd</b>.  <sup>3</sup> <b>"My anger is kindled against the shepherds</b>, And I will punish the goatherds.</p>	<p>Zechariah 11:1  <sup>1</sup>Open your doors, O Lebanon, That fire may devour your cedars.  <sup>2</sup> <b>Wail</b>, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen, Because the mighty <i>trees</i> are ruined. <b>Wail</b>, O oaks of Bashan, For the thick forest has come down.  <sup>3</sup> <b>There is the sound of wailing shepherds!</b> For their glory is in ruins. <i>There is</i> the sound of <b>roaring lions!</b> For the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.</p>	<p>It seems there could be two sets of shepherds here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-existent/neglectful – Idolatry and divination are practiced, and false prophecy comforts the people in vain.</li> <li>• Foreign – Lebanon/Jordan</li> </ul> <p>The trees are figurative of great foreign leaders, and the thick forest is figurative of walled cities. The shepherds are kings</p>

			and young lions are princes. The pride (territory) of the Jordan is in ruins.
B	<p>Zechariah 10:3b-17</p> <p>For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, The house of Judah, And will make them as His royal horse in the battle.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> From him comes the cornerstone, From him the tent peg, From him the battle bow, From him every ruler together.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> They shall be like mighty men, Who tread down <i>their enemies</i> In the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, And the riders on horses shall be put to shame.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> <b>"I will strengthen the house of Judah, And I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back, Because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I had not cast them aside; For I <i>am</i> the LORD their God, And I will hear them.</b></p> <p><sup>7</sup> <b><i>Those of Ephraim</i> shall be like a mighty man, And their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes, their children shall see <i>it</i> and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.</b></p> <p><sup>8</sup> <b>I will whistle for them and gather them, For I will redeem them; And they shall increase as they once increased.</b></p> <p><sup>9</sup> <b>"I will sow them among the peoples, And they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, And they shall return.</b></p> <p><sup>10</sup> <b>I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, And gather them from Assyria. I will</b></p>		<p>YHVH of hosts will visit His people. This can be Yeshua who came to visit His people when He was a shepherd to them. However, He will also visit them in battle.</p> <p>Judah's rulers will become as His royal horse in battle – might men who tread down their enemies. They will fight because YHVH is with them.</p> <p>There were future battles that took place since this time in Israel's history. However, this represents the battle that will take place at Yeshua's second coming.</p> <p>The cornerstone and tent peg, which secures a structure (a picture of what Yeshua does for His people), as well as the bow of battle and every ruler, comes from Judah.</p> <p>There will be redemption, salvation, a gathering of both the house of Judah and Joseph (Ephraim), rejoicing, and an increase of the people.</p> <p>YHVH brings down the pride of Assyria and removes the scepter of Egypt. We should think in terms of what these</p>

	<p>bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no <i>more room</i> is found for them.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> He shall pass through the sea with affliction, And strike the waves of the sea: All the depths of the River shall dry up.</p> <p><b>Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, And the scepter of Egypt shall depart.</b></p> <p><sup>12</sup> "So I will strengthen them in the LORD, And they shall walk up and down in His name," Says the LORD.</p> <p><sup>17</sup> For how great is its goodness And how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men thrive, And new wine the young women.</p>		<p>powers represented in the past as we consider how they may apply in the future.</p>
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Two Kinds of Shepherds			
C	Zechariah 11:4-17		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 11:4-8</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for/of slaughter,</p> <p><sup>5</sup> "whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich'; and their shepherds do not pity them.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. "But indeed I will give everyone into his neighbor's hand and into the hand of his king. They shall attack the land, and I will not deliver <i>them</i> from their hand."</p> <p><sup>7</sup> So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock. <b>I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Beauty (נָעֻם), noam;</b></p>	<p>Zechariah 11:15-17</p> <p><sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd.</p> <p><sup>16</sup> "For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land <i>who</i> will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces.</p> <p><sup>17</sup> "Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword <i>shall be</i> against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded."</p>	<p>YHVH is speaking, and Zechariah is doing as instructed as a sign for what is to come.</p> <p>The flock for slaughter is the people whose shepherds slaughter them without guilt – these shepherds happen to be rich and have no pity for the flock.</p> <p>The inhabitants of the land – the flock for slaughter – will be given over to their neighbors for destruction.</p> <p>As a shepherd, Zechariah had two staffs – Beauty and Bonds – implements of a good shepherd. One symbolized the beauty of</p>

	<p>Suitableness, Graciousness) , and the other I called Bonds (חֻבְּלִים, chovlim; union); and I fed the flock.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.</p>		<p>God's people, and the other symbolized the brotherhood of the houses of Judah and Ephraim.</p> <p>Zechariah dismissed three shepherds. We are not told who they were. They likely represented the religious leaders of Yeshua's day.</p> <p>Later, Zechariah was told to take implements of a foolish shepherd. <b>These represented a cruel, evil, worthless shepherd who YHVH would raise up.</b></p> <p><b>He will be blind in his right eye, and his right arm will be withered (rendered useless). This could be not only physical but figurative of a leader with loss of strength (withered arm) and accuracy (blind eye).</b></p> <p>This condition has been applied to Ben Koviza (Bar Kokhva) in the Jerusalem Talmud.<sup>i</sup> This man was declared to be the Messiah by R. Akiva. Bar Kokhva led a revolt against Rome and required a finger of his soldiers to be cut off to show allegiance to him.</p> <p><b>We should be on the lookout for such a shepherd – either physical or figurative – in the future.</b></p>
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B	<p>Zechariah 11:9-11</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh."</p> <p><sup>10</sup> <b>And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples.</b></p> <p><sup>11</sup> So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it <i>was</i> the word of the LORD.</p>	<p>Zechariah 11:14</p> <p><sup>14</sup> <b>Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.</b></p>	<p>Zechariah was having trouble with his flock. He said he would not feed them anymore. This would cause the dying to die, and others to devour each other.</p> <p>YHVH broke his 2 staffs in two to symbolize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The breaking of the covenant between YHVH and His people. Thus, there would be a need for a new covenant.</li> <li>• The breaking of the brotherhood (bond) between Judah and Israel (Ephraim).</li> </ul>
C	<p>Zechariah 11:12</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give <i>me</i> my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver.</p>	<p>Zechariah 11:13</p> <p><sup>13</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter "-- <b>that princely price they set on me.</b> So I took the thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.</p>	<p>Once he quit being the shepherd of the flock, Zechariah asked for his wages. Thirty pieces of silver was the wage given to Zechariah, the good shepherd, but this was not the normal price of a shepherd; it was a princely price.</p> <p>This was the price given to Judas Iscariot in exchange for Yeshua when Yeshua was no longer going to be the good shepherd.</p> <p>Again, what Zechariah was doing was a sign; it created a pattern for what was to come. However, in the fulfillment of the pattern, it was Judas, not Yeshua, who asked for the wages. This is because a pattern is like a shadow; anyone can cause the</p>

			<p>shadow of something to be cast.</p> <p>YHVH commanded the money to be thrown into the house of YHVH for the potter.</p> <p>In Yeshua's day, it could not go into the treasury because it was blood money. Therefore, it was used to buy the potter's field to bury strangers in (Matthew 27:7-10). This quote was attributed to Jeremiah in Matthew, but it is found in Zechariah.</p>
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The Battle Against Israel			
P	Zechariah 12:1-14		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 12:1-6</p> <p>The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:</p> <p><sup>2</sup> "Behold, <b>I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples</b>, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> "And it shall happen <b>in that day</b> that <b>I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces</b>, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> "<b>In that day</b>," says the LORD, "I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness;</p>	<p>Zechariah 12:7-14</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "<b>The LORD will save the tents of Judah first</b>, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> "<b>In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;</b> the one who is feeble among them <b>in that day</b> shall be like David, and <b>the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD</b> before them.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> "It shall be <b>in that day</b> that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> "<b>And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enemies come against Jerusalem.</li> <li>• YHVH defends Jerusalem.</li> </ul> <p>First, Jerusalem will become a cup of drunkenness to all the nations of the earth who will rise against her.</p> <p>The horses will become confused and blind. The riders will be struck with madness/craziness (שִׁגְגָּאוֹן, shiggaon).</p> <p>The governors will say the inhabitants of Jerusalem will have strength from YHVH of hosts, their God, and they will devour their enemies.</p> <p>Second, YHVH will save Judah first, then</p>

	<p>I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and <b>will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.</b></p> <p><sup>5</sup> "And the <b>governors of Judah</b> shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem <i>are</i> my strength in <b>the LORD of hosts, their God.</b>'</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "<b>In that day</b> I will make the <b>governors of Judah</b> like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they <b>shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place-- Jerusalem.</b></p>	<p><b>mourns for <i>his only son</i></b>, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> "<b>In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem</b>, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> "And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;</p> <p><sup>13</sup> "the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;</p> <p><sup>14</sup> "all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.</p>	<p>Jerusalem. This will likely begin in the Valley of Meggido or Armageddon if John's vision is placed here (Revelation 16:16; 19:11-16).</p> <p>The weak will be strong like David. Together, the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of YHVH before them.</p> <p>YHVH of hosts will destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem/Israel.</p> <p>YHVH will pour out a Spirit of grace and supplication on the house of David.</p> <p><b>They will look on YHVH of hosts who they pierced – Yeshua – and they will mourn greatly for Him.</b></p>
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Separation, Cleansing. and Refining			
P	Zechariah 13:1-9		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 13:1-6</p> <p>"<b>In that day</b> a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> "It shall be <b>in that day</b>," says the LORD of hosts, "<b>that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.</b></p> <p><sup>3</sup> "It shall come to pass <i>that</i> if anyone still prophesies, then</p>	<p>Zechariah 13:7-8</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts.</p> <p><b>"Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.</b></p> <p><sup>8</sup> And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "<i>That</i> two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But <i>one-third</i> shall be left in it:</p>	<p>There will be a separation, cleansing, and purifying.</p> <p>The names of idols will be cut off from the land; false prophets and unclean spirits will depart from the land.</p> <p>The Shepherd will be struck, and His sheep will be scattered. This is what happened when Yeshua was arrested.</p> <p>Two-thirds will be cut off and die.</p>

<p>his father and mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.' And his father and mother who begot him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> "And it shall be <b>in that day that every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies</b>; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> "But he will say, 'I <i>am</i> no prophet, I <i>am</i> a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.'</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "And <i>one</i> will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'</p>	<p><sup>9</sup> I will bring the <i>one-third</i> through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD <i>is</i> my God.'"</p>	<p>One-third will be left and purified/refined through the fire.</p> <p>It is difficult to determine with accuracy if a fulfilment for this has already taken place or if it is yet for the future. It is hard to say for sure whether this is related to subsequent persecution and martyrdom or not.</p>
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The Coming of the Day of YHVH			
C	Zechariah 14:1-7		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 14:1</p> <p>Behold, <b>the day of the LORD is coming</b>, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.</p>	<p>Zechariah 14:6-7</p> <p><sup>6</sup> It shall come to pass in that day <i>That</i> there will be no light; The lights will diminish.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> <b>It shall be one day Which is known to the LORD-- Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen <i>That</i> it will be light.</b></p>	<p>Scripture talks about a time in the future that is the Day of the Lord's return – Matt. 24:3-51; Mark 13:3-37; Luke 21:7-28; 1 Cor. 1:8; 5; 1 Thess. 5:2-4; 2 Thess. 2; 2 Peter 3:9-10.</p>
B	<p>Zechariah 14:2-3</p> <p><sup>2</sup> For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, <b>But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.</b></p>	<p>Zechariah 14:5</p> <p><sup>5</sup> <b>Then you shall flee <i>through</i> My mountain valley</b>, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. <b>Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.</b></p>	<p>The remnant will not be cut off from the city. They will flee through the mountain valley created when YHVH comes onto the Mount of Olives.</p> <p>The saints will accompany YHVH my God.</p>



	<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.	Thus the LORD my God will come, <i>And</i> all the saints with You.	
C	Zechariah 14:4 <sup>4</sup> And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, <i>Making</i> a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.		Then YHVH will come and stand on the Mount of Olives, which will split causing a valley to form. This is reminiscent of the Red Sea crossing.

When YHVH is King Over All the Earth			
C	Zechariah 14:8-19		Comments
A	Zechariah 14:8 <sup>8</sup> And in that day it shall be <i>That living waters</i> shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur.	Zechariah 14:17-19 <sup>17</sup> And it shall be <i>that</i> whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be <b>no rain</b> . <sup>18</sup> If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they <i>shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles</i> . <sup>19</sup> This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.	Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living waters from Jerusalem will flow in summer and winter.</li> <li>• Rain will be a blessing for those who come to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.</li> </ul>
B	Zechariah 14:9 <sup>9</sup> And <b>the LORD shall be King over all the earth</b> . In that day it shall be-- " <b>The LORD is one,</b> " <b>And His name one</b> .	Zechariah 14:16 <sup>16</sup> And it shall come to pass <i>that</i> <b>everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem</b> shall go up from year to year to worship <b>the King, the LORD of hosts</b> , and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.	YHVH of hosts will be King over all the earth.  Feast of Sukkot will be kept, and people will go up to worship the King, YHVH of hosts.

C	<p>Zechariah 14:10-12</p> <p><sup>10</sup> All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. <i>Jerusalem</i> shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and <i>from</i> the Tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> <i>The people</i> shall dwell in it; And no longer shall there be utter destruction, But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> <b>And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.</b></p>	<p>Zechariah 14:13-15</p> <p><sup>13</sup> It shall come to pass in that day <i>That</i> a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;</p> <p><sup>14</sup> Judah also will fight at Jerusalem.</p> <p>And the wealth of all the surrounding nations Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> <b>Such also shall be the plague On the horse <i>and</i> the mule, On the camel and the donkey, And on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So <i>shall</i> this plague <i>be</i>.</b></p>	<p>When the nations come against Jerusalem, there will be panic. Judah will fight at Jerusalem.</p> <p>There will be a plague on those who fight against Jerusalem, even on their animals. <b>Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.</b></p> <p>The wealth of the surrounding nations will be brought to Jerusalem.</p> <p>Jerusalem will be safely inhabited after the war. There will be no more destruction.</p>
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Holiness to YHVH			
P	Zechariah 14:20-21		Comments
A	<p>Zechariah 14:20-21a</p> <p><sup>20</sup> In that day "<b>HOLINESS TO THE LORD</b>" shall be <i>engraved</i> on the bells of the horses.</p> <p>The pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. <sup>21</sup> Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall <b>be holiness to the LORD of hosts</b>. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them.</p>	<p>Zechariah 14:21b</p> <p>In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.</p>	<p>Holiness to YHVH – this is a sacred status that the horses' bells and pots were raised to.</p> <p>Originally, only the plate on the high priest's crown that said, "Holiness to YHVH."</p> <p>On the other hand, what is profane? The Canaanites who cannot enter the house of YHVH of hosts.</p>

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<sup>i</sup> A Bat Qol went forth, saying, "Woe to the worthless shepherd who abandons the flock; the sword shall be upon his arm and upon his right eye; his arm shall be wholly withered and his right eye utterly blinded" (Zech. 11:17): you slew R. El'azar of Modi'im, the arm of all Israel and their right eye. Therefore, your own arm shall be wholly withered and your own right eye utterly blinded. Immediately, Betar was captured and Ben Koziva was killed. (Jerusalem Talmud)