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# Messiah



# Theme

# Rebuild Temple for Messiah



# Key Verse

"This is what the LORD says, 'I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called The Holy Mountain''' (8:3).



### **Kingdom Statement**

# Judah must rebuild the temple (6:9-15) for blessing in the Messiah's kingdom.





### **Summary Statement**

Judah must prepare for the Messiah in light of her privileged covenant position among the nations by rebuilding the temple for future blessings when the Messiah rules in the kingdom.

# Zechariah

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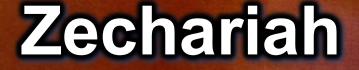
### Covenant

Eight covenant visions (1:7–6:8) depict Israel's privileged position and judgment on the nations based on God's promise to Abraham to bless those who bless them and curse those who curse them (cf. Gen. 12:1-3).



#### Redemption

God's salvation of Jews from many countries of exile (8:7, 13) will come through a humble King (9:9) who brings salvation like a Shepherd (9:16) who was pierced (12:10-13).



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### Messiah

Christ is the humble King (9:9) who will die for the nation (12:10-13; 13:7) to bring forgiveness (10:1) and salvation at his second coming (ch. 14).



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#### **Rebuild Temple for Messiah**

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**God's Covenant Faithfulness Future Messianic Rule** Chapters 1–6 Chapters 7–14 "The word of the LORD came to Zechariah..." (1:1) "The word of the LORD came to Zechariah..." (7:1) Visions of the Covenant Visions of the Messiah **Two Burdens Eight Received** at Joshua's Four **Rejected** at **Command to** Restoration First **Covenantal** Symbolic Second Repent Advent Coronation Visions Messages Advent 1:1-6 1:7-6:8 6:9-15 7-8 9-11 12 - 14"Then I looked "The word of "The word of "The burden of "The word of the "The burden of the LORD came to up-and there the LORD the I ORD the word of the word of the LORD" before me" Zechariah" came to me" came to me" LORD" (NASB) (NASB) **Predictions Pictures Problems** Israel's Israel's Israel's Fasting Fortune **Future** After Building the Temple While Building the Temple Zechariah 520-518 BC (1:1; 7:1) Jerusalem

# Zechariah

Meaning of Zechariah's vision
 Examination with measuring line
 Satan and the Branch
 Seven lampstands of gold
 Interpreting the flying scroll
 Act of crowning Joshua
 Hearts become like flint
 Security comes to Jerusalem

9 Return of the Messiah
10 Ephraim and Judah restored
11 Teaching about wicked shepherds
12 Understanding whom they pierced
13 Refining of God's remnant
14 New kingdom ushered in



Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

# Encouraged

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# Zechariah

### the struggle is real

### DISCOURAGEMENT

# Discouragement while serving Jesus is real.

carried away ministries



# How can you be encouraged in your service for Christ?



# Main Idea

The way to fight discouragement is to... see who you are and where you are going.

## Zechariah

# I. See your privileged position.

# Zechariah 1–6

# II. See your glorious future.

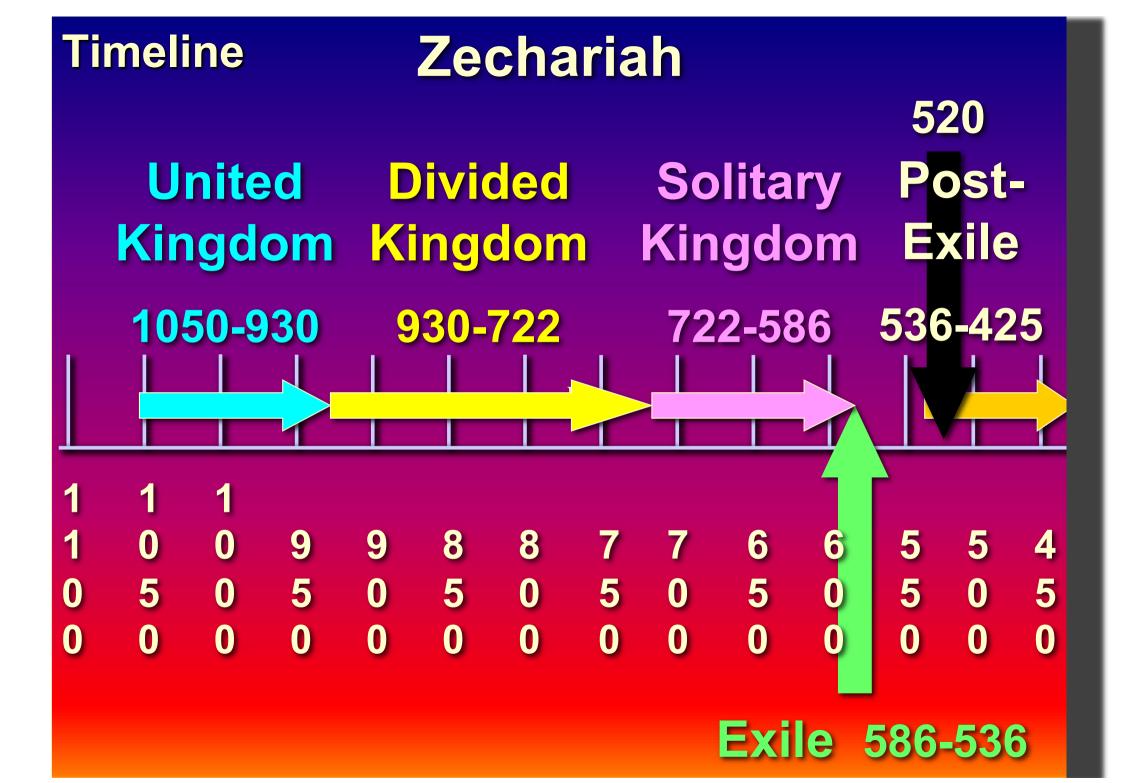
# Zechariah 7–14

## **Questions to Ponder**

# How can you better understand your exalted position in Christ?

# How can you better serve Christ now in light of your rule with him at his return?





# Structure

Intro: Call to Return to the LORD (1:1-6)
Visions (1:7-6:15)
Oracles connected with fasting (7:1-8:25)
Eschatology (9-11, 12-14)

Genre

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# SECTIONS: \*Chapters 1-8 → prose except 2:6-13 and 8:1-8 are poetic \*Chapters 9-11 → poetry except 11:4-16 \*Chapters 12-14 → prose except 13:7-9

# Zechariah Somany symbols!

### **Visionary Literature**

	Characteristics of Visionary Literature	Therefore, Interpret with These Guidelines	
1. Structure	Many separate and equal passages contribute to a whole ("pictures a kaleidoscope structure of self-contained units")	Interpret each self-contained unit of visionary material in relationship to both its own unit as well as within the context of the section or book where it is found	
2. Symbolism	Communicates history through ideological signs, not literal objects	Interpret symbols consistent with symbols in other texts	
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and Mark L. Bailey, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1986

### **Visionary Literature**

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3. Supernatural	Portrays a transcendental world through God, demons, and angels	Interpret as anticipating divine intervention for the salvation or judgment of both men and nations
4. Scope	Transforms the state of reality at the time of writing to what can be imagined in the future	Interpret present images as depicting future unknowns, especially relating to the Day of the LORD and end times events

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### **Visionary Literature**

	Characteristics of Visionary Literature	Therefore, Interpret with These Guidelines
5. Subjects	Places both familiar people and places with unfamiliar ones	Know the whole of visionary literature in Scripture in order to separate near from far fulfillments and to protect against spiritualizing the text
6. Scenic	Reveals a cosmic scene rather than localized scenes	Recognize national and cosmic entities in the text instead of individual destinies
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Visionary Literature				
	Characteristics of Visionary Literature	Therefore, Interpret with These Guidelines		
7. Strangeness	People, settings and events described in extraordinary realities	Do not interpret every detail of extraordinary descriptions		

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# Be Encouraged

### **Book of Zechariah**

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# Discouragement.

### We all need encouragement



# Discouragement.

# Discouragement.



# Discouragement especially happens with work.



# Zechariah

### the struggle is real

### DISCOURAGEMENT

# Discouragement while serving Jesus is real.

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http://www.lawrencewilson.com/stop-saying-1700-pastors-leave-the-ministryevery-month/

#### Are All Pastors Miserable and Want to Quit?



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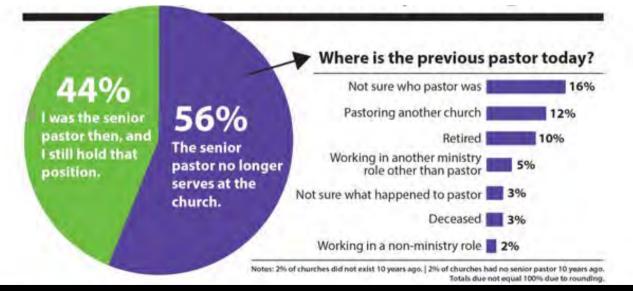


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## Despite Stresses, Few Pastors Give Up on Ministry

Among evangelical pastors:

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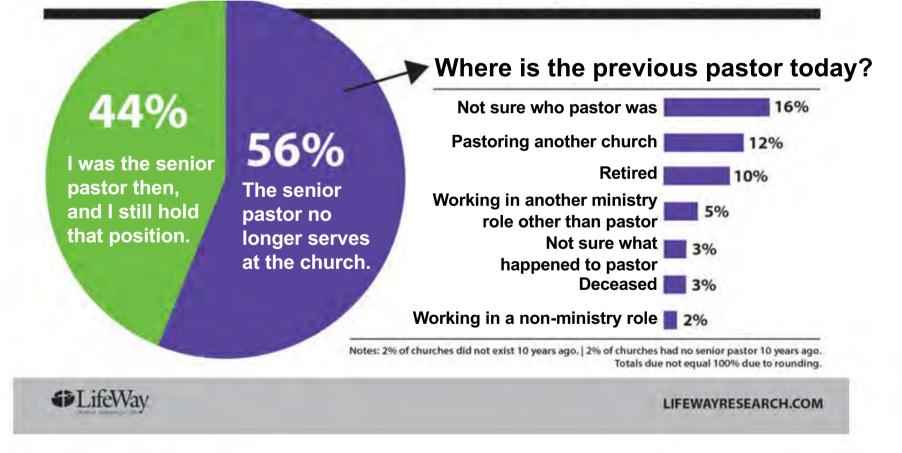


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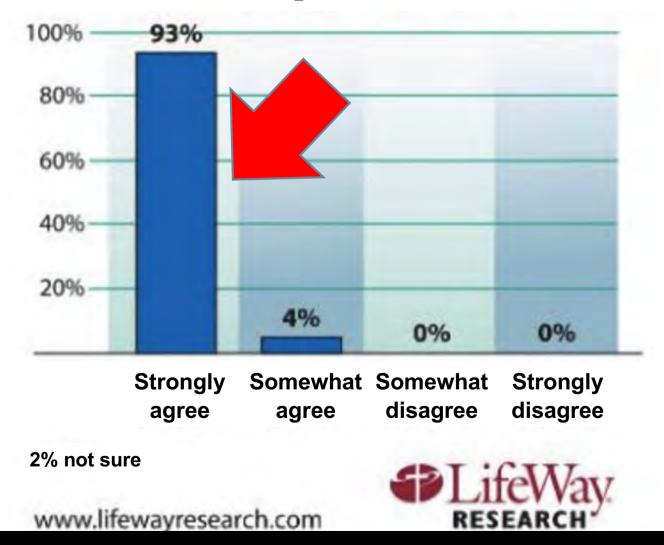
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**Among Protestant pastors** 

## "I feel privileged to be a pastor."



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## How can you be encouraged in your service for Christ?



## Background: Judah hanging on a limb



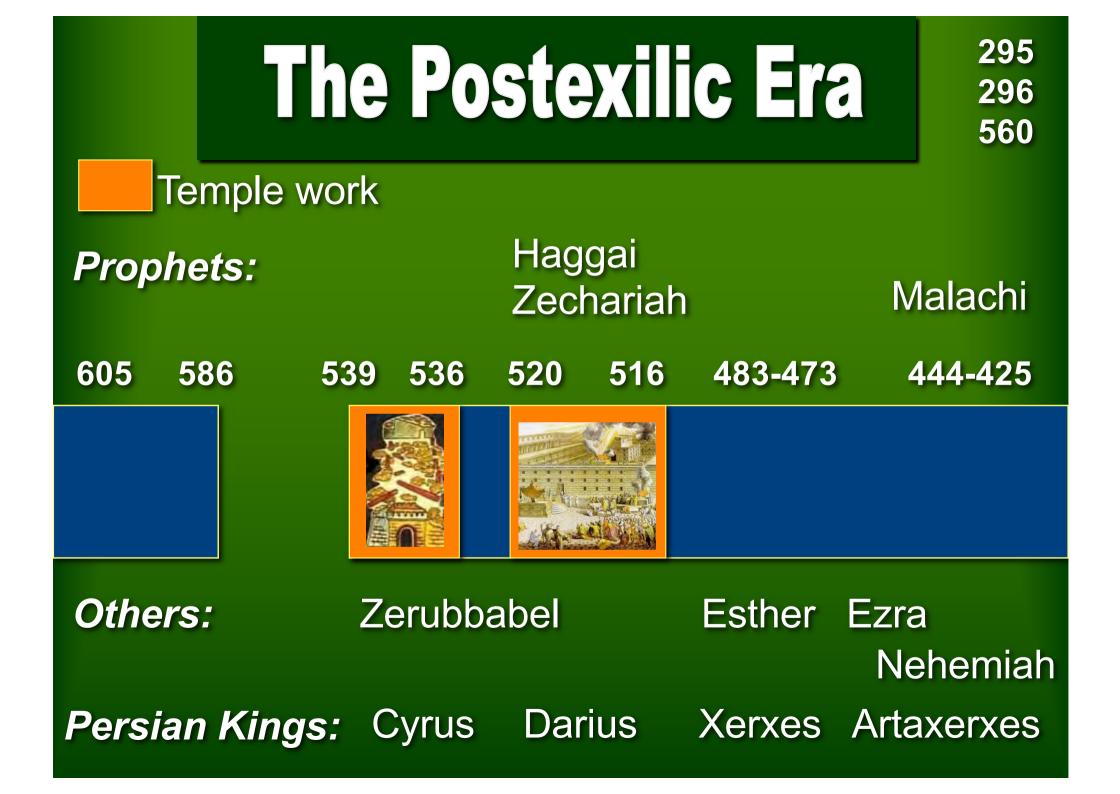


## Minor Prophets | Major Message

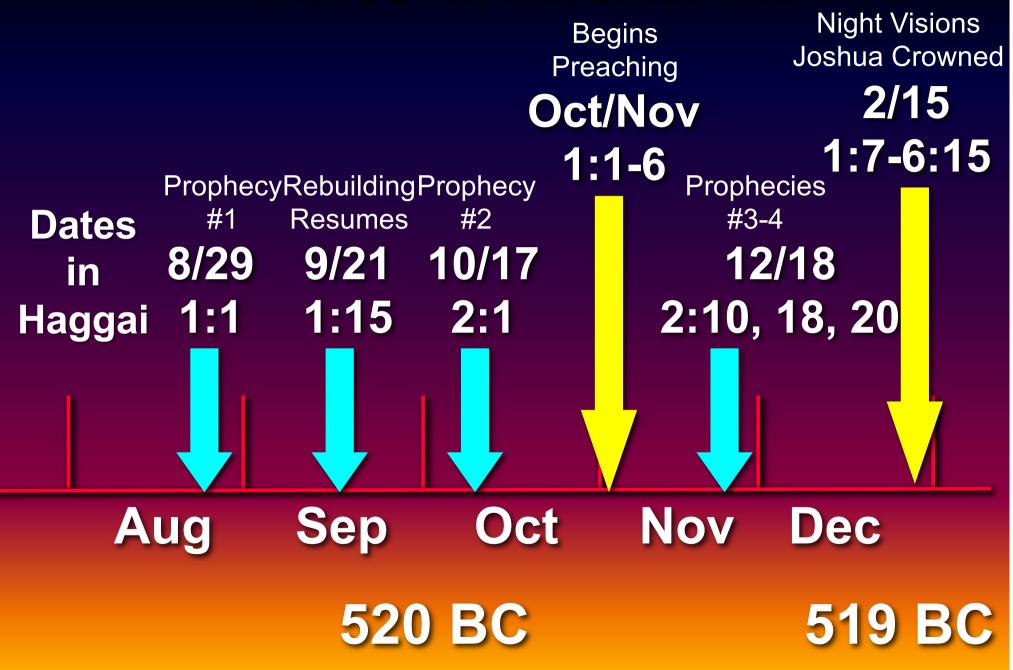


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## **Dates in Zechariah**





# Zechariah 1

"In November of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD gave this message to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah and grandson of Iddo" (Zech 1:1 NLT).



## Meaning זכריה

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## \*'Yahweh has remembered'' (Hebrew)

"I, the LORD, was very angry with your ancestors. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, say to the people, 'This is what the **LORD of Heaven's Armies** says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies" (Zech 1:2-3 NLT).

"Don't be like your ancestors who would not listen or pay attention when the earlier prophets said to them, 'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Turn from your evil ways, and stop all your evil practices'" (Zech 1:4 NLT).



"Where are your ancestors now? They and the prophets are long dead. <sup>6</sup>But everything I said through my servants the prophets happened to your ancestors, just as I said" (Zech 1:5-6a NLT).

"As a result, they repented and said, 'We have received what we deserved from the LORD of Heaven's Armies. He has done what he said he would do" (Zech 1:6b NLT).

## 2 ways

## How can you be encouraged in your service for Christ?



## Always there.

## I. See your privileged position.

## Zechariah 1–6

Even today Jews pray every day for the temple rebuilding

Israel's privileged position should result in temple rebuilding (Chs. 1–6)



#### Vision 1: Red-Horse Rider among the Myrtles (Zech 1:7-17)

"Three months later, on February 15, the LORD sent another message to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah and grandson of Iddo.<sup>8</sup>In a vision during the night, I saw a man sitting on a red horse that was standing among some myrtle trees in a small valley. Behind him were riders on red, brown, and white horses. <sup>9</sup>I asked the angel who was talking with me, 'My lord, what do these horses mean?' 'I will show you,' the angel replied" (1:7-9 NLT).

"The rider standing among the myrtle trees then explained, 'They are the ones the LORD has sent out to patrol the earth'" (1:10 NLT). "Then the angel said to me, 'Shout this message for all to hear: "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: My love for Jerusalem and Mount Zion is passionate and strong. <sup>15</sup>But I am very angry with the other nations that are now enjoying peace and security. I was only a little angry with my people, but the nations inflicted harm on them far beyond my intentions" ' " (1:14-15 NLT).



## Vision 1: Red-Horse Rider among the Myrtles (Zech 1:7-17)

## God's anger against the nations and blessing on restored Israel

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#### Zechariah 1:8 expands in Revelation 6:1-4

# 650 1:16 "My temple will be rebuilt!" זכריה



## **Eight Covenantal Visions**

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Vision	Text	Meaning
Red-Horse Rider among the Myrtles	1:7-17	God's anger against the nations and blessing on restored Israel
Four Horns and Four Craftsmen	1:18-21	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel
Surveyor with a Measuring Line	Zech. 2	God's future blessing on restored Israel
Cleansing and Crowning of Joshua the High Priest	Zech. 3	Israel's future cleansing from sin and reinstatement as a priestly nation
Golden Lampstand and Two Olive Trees	Zech. 4	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest
Flying Scroll	5:1-4	Severity and totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites
Woman in the Ephah	5:5-11	Removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God
Four Chariots	6:1-8	Divine judgment on Gentile nations
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## Vision 2: Four Horns and Four Craftsmen (Zech 1:18-21)

# God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel

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"Then I looked up and saw four animal horns. <sup>19</sup>What are these?' I asked the angel who was talking with me. He replied, 'These horns represent the nations that scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem'" (Zech 1:18-19 NLT).

Zechariah's Second Vision: The Horns and the Smiths (Craftsmen) in Zechariah 1:18-21



"Then the LORD showed me four blacksmiths. <sup>21</sup>'What are these men coming to do?' I asked. The angel replied, 'These four horns—these nations scattered and humbled Judah. Now these blacksmiths have come to terrify those nations and throw them down and destroy them" (Zech 1:20-21 NLT).

# Zechariah 2

## Vision 3: Surveyor with a Measuring Line (Zech 2)

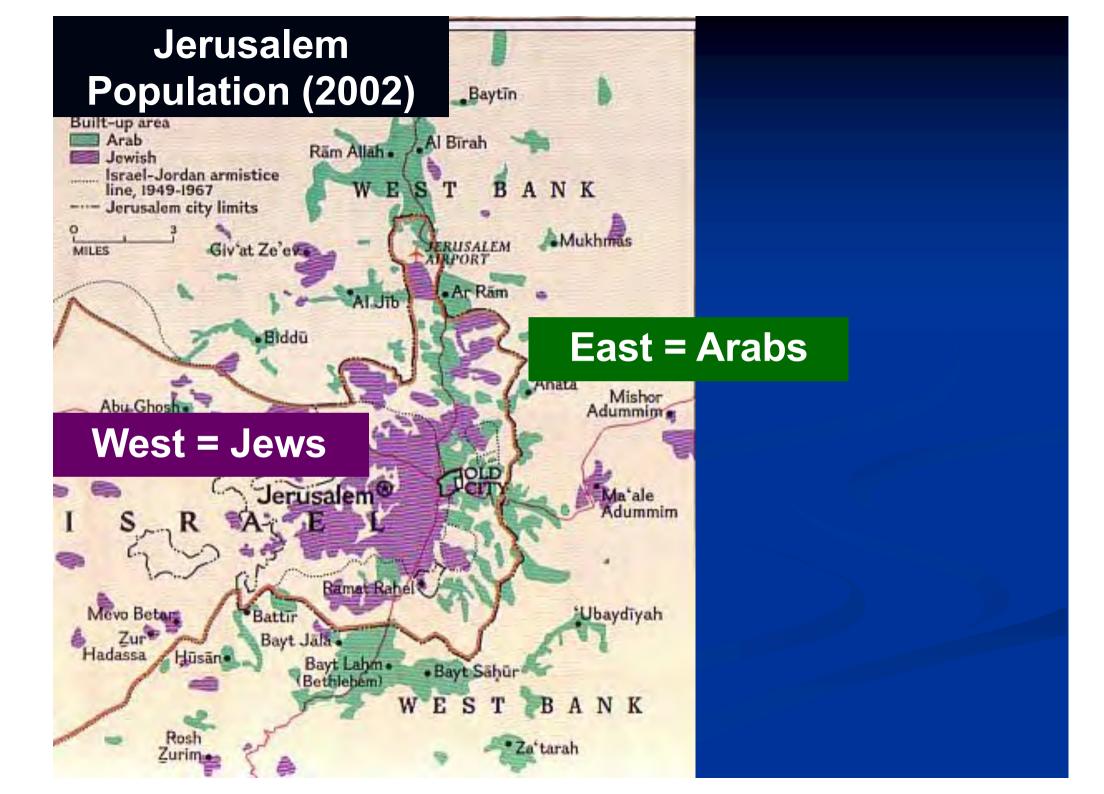
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## God's future blessing on restored Israel

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"When I looked again, I saw a man with a measuring line in his hand. <sup>2</sup>'Where are you going?' I asked. He replied, 'I am going to measure Jerusalem, to see how wide and how long it is.'"

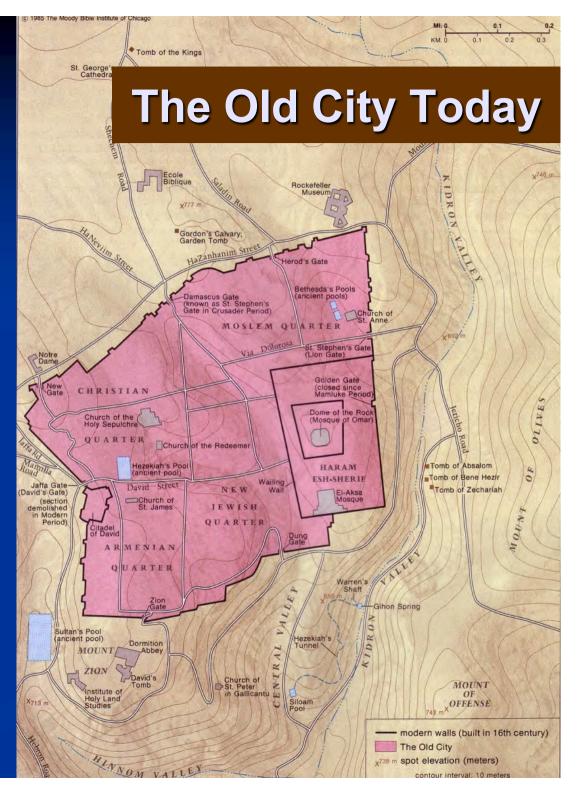
A Measuring Rod for Jerusalem (Zech. 2:1-2 NLT)





## Jerusalem (2002)

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## Modern Jerusalem: "Many will live outside the city walls" (Zech. 2:4)

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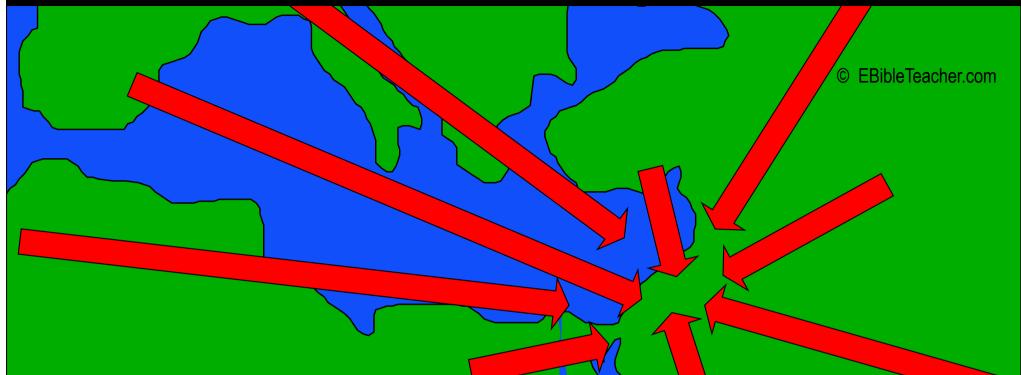


### The Wall of Fire (Zech. 2:3-5 NLT)

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"Then the angel who was with me went to meet a second angel who was coming toward him. <sup>4</sup>The other angel said, 'Hurry, and say to that young man, 'Jerusalem will someday be so full of people and livestock that there won't be room enough for everyone! Many will live outside the city walls. <sup>5</sup>Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!"

#### Zechariah 2:10-12 NLT



The LORD says, "Shout and rejoice, O beautiful Jerusalem, for I am coming to live among you. <sup>11</sup> Many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the LORD of Heaven's Armies sent me to you. <sup>12</sup>The land of Judah will be the LORD's special possession in the holy land, and he will once again choose Jerusalem to be his own city."

# Zechariah 3

#### Vision 4: Cleansing and Crowning of Joshua the High Priest (Zech 3)



## Israel's future cleansing from sin and reinstatement as a priestly nation

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"Then the angel showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD. The Accuser, Satan, was there at the angel's right hand, making accusations against Joshua. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to Satan, 'I, the LORD, reject your accusations, Satan. Yes, the LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you. This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from the fire'" (Zech 3:1-2 NLT).

"Joshua's clothing was filthy as he stood there before the angel. <sup>4</sup>So the angel said to the others standing there, 'Take off his filthy clothes.' And turning to Joshua he said, 'See, I have taken away your sins, and now I am giving you these fine new clothes'" (Zech 3:3-4 NLT).



"Then I said, 'They should also place a clean turban on his head.' So they put a clean priestly turban on his head and dressed him in new clothes while the angel of the LORD stood by'" (Zech 3:5 NLT).

"Who has ever seen anything as strange as this? Who ever heard of such a thing? Has a nation ever been born in a single day? Has a country ever come forth in a mere moment? But by the time Jerusalem's birth pains begin, her children will be born."

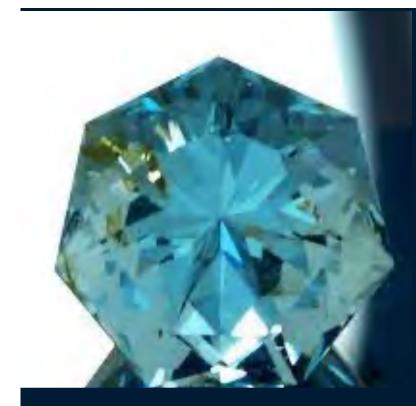


Isaiah 66:8 (NLT)



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time, all inhabitants were known as Palestinians, in the same way people in the United States are called Americans.



"Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets. I will engrave an inscription on it, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9 NLT).

#### "All Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:25-27)

<sup>25</sup>I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part <u>until</u> the full number of the Gentiles has come in.
<sup>26</sup>And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. <sup>27</sup>And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."



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#### Vision 4: Cleansing and Crowning of Joshua the High Priest (Zech 3)



## Israel's future cleansing from sin and reinstatement as a priestly nation

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# Zechariah 4

"Then the angel who had been talking with me returned and woke me, as though I had been asleep. <sup>2</sup>'What do you see now?' he asked" (Zech 4:1-2a NLT).



#### "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl of oil on top of it. Around the bowl are seven lamps, each having seven spouts with wicks" (Zech 4:2b NLT).



### Vision 5: Golden Lampstand and Two Olive Trees (Zech 4)

## Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest

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#### <sup>330</sup> The Two Olive Trees (Rev. 11:4)

#### The Lamp & Olive Trees (Zech. 4:1-14)

"Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of Heaven's Armies has sent me. <sup>10</sup>Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.' (The seven lamps represent the eyes of the LORD that search all around the world.)" (Zech. 4:9-10 NLT)

# Zechariah 5

## Vision 6: The Flying Scroll (Zech 5:1-4)

## Severity and totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites

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## 5:1-4 Flying Scroll

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"I looked up again and saw a scroll flying through the air. <sup>2</sup>'What do you see?' the angel asked. 'I see a flying scroll,' I replied. 'It appears to be about 30 feet long and 15 feet wide'" (Zech 5:1-2 NLT). "Then he said to me, 'This scroll contains the curse that is going out over the entire land. One side of the scroll says that those who steal will be banished from the land; the other side says that those who swear falsely will be banished from the land" (Zech 5:3 NLT).



"And this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: I am sending this curse into the house of every thief and into the house of everyone who swears falsely using my name. And my curse will remain in that house and completely destroy it—even its timbers and stones" (Zech 5:4 NLT).

#### Baskets were very familiar to Zechariah



### Vision 7: Woman in the Ephah (Zech 5:5-11)

# Removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God

Bible Knowledge Commentary, 1:1549

"Then the angel who was talking with me came forward and said, 'Look up and see what's coming.' <sup>6</sup>'What is it?' I asked. He replied, 'It is a basket for measuring grain, and it's filled with the sins of everyone throughout the land.' <sup>7</sup>Then the heavy lead cover was lifted off the basket, and there was a woman sitting inside it" (Zech 5:5-7 NLT).

"The angel said, 'The woman's name is Wickedness,' and he pushed her back into the basket and closed the heavy lid again" (Zech 5:8 NLT). "The angel said, 'The woman's name is Wickedness,' and he pushed her back into the basket and closed the heavy lid again" (Zech 5:8 NLT).



<sup>9</sup> "Then I looked up and saw two women flying toward us, gliding on the wind. They had wings like a stork, and they picked up the basket and flew into the sky. <sup>10</sup> 'Where are they taking the basket?' I asked the angel. <sup>11</sup> He replied, 'To the land of Babylonia, where they will build a temple for the basket. And when the temple is ready, they will set the basket there on its pedestal" (Zech 5:9-11 NLT).

## 5:9-11 Woman in Basket



"Then I looked up and saw two women flying toward us, gliding on the wind. They had wings like a stork, and they picked up the basket and flew into the sky" (Zech 5:9 NLT).

## Wickedness sometimes appears in the imagery of women.

Zechariah 5:9 is one of two places that mention female supernatural beings.

# Zechariah 6

"Then I looked up again and saw four chariots coming from between two bronze mountains. <sup>2</sup>The first chariot was pulled by red horses, the second by black horses, <sup>3</sup>the third by white horses, and the fourth by powerful dappled-gray horses."

"4'And what are these, my lord?' I asked the angel who was talking with me" (Zech 6:1-4 NLT).

### Vision 8: The Four Chariots (Zech 6:1-8)

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"The angel replied, 'These are the four spirits of 649 heaven who stand before the LORD of all the earth. They are going out to do his work.

6:1-8 Chariots

<sup>6</sup>The chariot with black horses is going north, the chariot with white horses is going west, and the chariot with dappled-gray horses is going south" (Zech 6:5-6 NLT).

#### Vision 8: The Four Chariots (Zech 6:1-8)

### **Divine judgment on Gentile nations**

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### **The Night Visions Reviewed**

### God also encourages us to serve him by revealing our identity in Christ.

## WHO AM I?

### **IDENTITY IN CHRIST**



### **Our Identity in Christ**



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- 3. Redeemed



- 5. All Sins Covered by Atoning Blood
- 6. Vitally Joined together with Christ for Judgment of the "Old Man" Unto a New Walk

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- 7. Free from the Law
- 8. Children of God
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- 10. Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ

- 11. Justified
- **12. Forgiven All Trespass**
- 13. Made Nigh (Drawn Near)
- 14. Delivered from the Powers of Darkness

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- 15. Translated into the Kingdom
- 16. On the Rock Christ Jesus
- 17. A Gift from God the Father to Christ
- **18. Circumcised in Christ**
- 19. Partakers of the Holy and Royal Priesthood
- 20. A Chosen Generation and a Peculiar People
- 21. Having Access to God
- 22. Within the "Much More" Care of God:

- 23. His Inheritance
- 24. Our Inheritance
- 25. A Heavenly Association
- 26. Heavenly Citizens
- 27. Of the Family and Household of God
- 28. Light in the Lord
- 29. Vitally United to the Father, Son, and Spirit
- 30. Blessed with the "First-Fruits" and the "Earnest" of the Spirit

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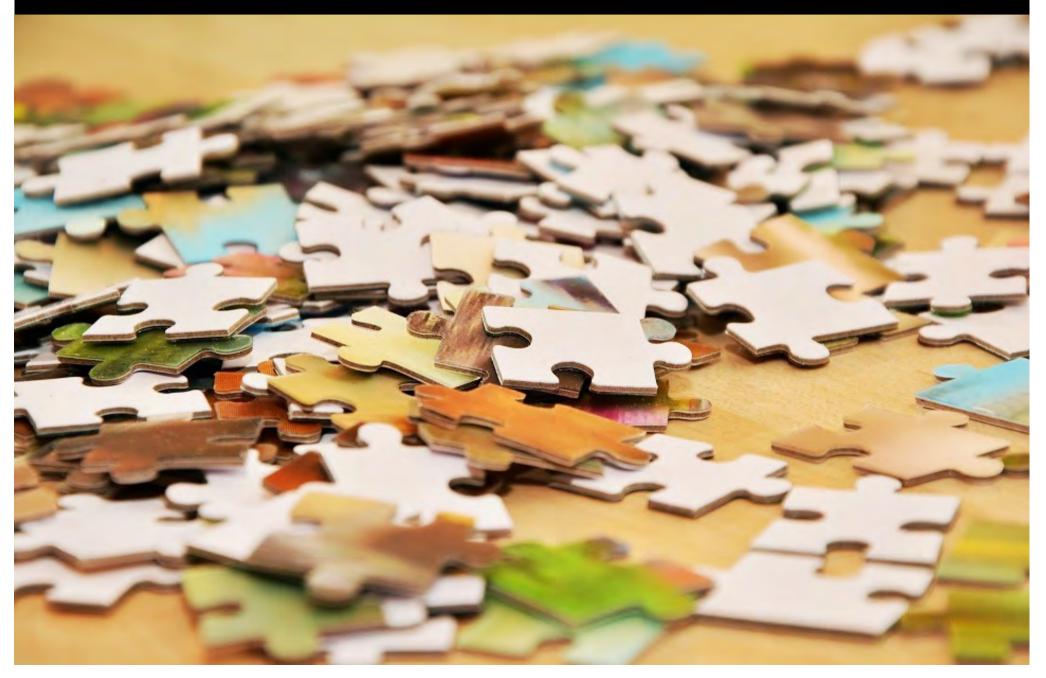
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- 31. Glorified
- 32. Complete in Him
- **33. Possessing Every Spiritual Blessing**

## **Our Identity in Christ**



## 2 ways

### How can you be encouraged in your service for Christ?

## I. See your privileged position.

## Zechariah 1–6

## II. See your glorious future.

## Zechariah 7–14

# Zechariah 7

## The Postexilic Era

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#### Temple work **"On December 7** Haggai **Prophets:** of the fourth Zechariah year of King 605 536 520 586 539 516 Darius's reign, another message came to Zechariah from the LORD" **Others:** Zerubbabel (Zech 7:1 NLT). Darius Persian Kings: Xerxes Artaxerxes Cyrus

"The people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regemmelech, along with their attendants, to seek the LORD's favor. <sup>3</sup>They were to ask this question of the prophets and the priests at the Temple of the LORD of Heaven's Armies: 'Should we continue to mourn and fast each summer on the anniversary of the Temple's destruction, as we have done for so many years?" (Zech 7:2-3 NLT).

"The LORD of Heaven's Armies sent me this message in reply: <sup>5</sup>'Say to all your people and your priests, "During these seventy years of exile, when you fasted and mourned in the summer and in early autumn, was it really for me that you were fasting? <sup>6</sup>And even now in your holy festivals, aren't you eating and drinking just to please yourselves?"" (7:4-6 NLT).



#### **Rebuild Temple for Messiah**

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God's Covenant Faithfulness **Future Messianic Rule** Chapters 1–6 Chapters 7–14 "The word of the LORD came to Zechariah..." (1:1) "The word of the LORD came to Zechariah..." (7:1) Visions of the Covenant Visions of the Messiah **Two Burdens** Four **Received** at Eight Joshua's **Rejected** at **Command to** Restoration First Covenantal Symbolic Second Repent Coronation Visions Messages Advent Advent 1:1-6 1:7-6:8 6:9-15 7-8 9-11 12 - 14"The word of the "Then I looked "The word of "The word of "The burden of "The burden of the LORD came to up-and there the LORD the LORD the word of the word of the LORD" before me" came to me" LORD" (NASB) Zechariah" came to me" (NASB) **Predictions Pictures Problems** Israel's Israel's Israel' s Fasting **Fortune Future** While Building the Temple After Building the Temple 520-518 BC (1:1; 7:1) 480-470 BC (9:13?) Jerusalem

7:1–8:23 Fasts in Zechariah 657			
Text	Month/D ay	Fast Commemorates:	Scripture
8:19d	10/10	Nebuchadnezzar Began Jerusalem Siege (15 January 588)	Jer. 39:1; 52:4; 2 Kings 25:1
8:19a	4/9	Jerusalem Destroyed (18 July 586)	Jer. 39:2; 52:6; 2 Kings 25:3
7:3, 5 8:19b	5/10	Jerusalem & Temple Burned (15-18 August 586)	Jer. 52:12-13; 2 Kings 25:8
7:5 8:19c	7/3	Gedaliah Slain (9 October 586)	Jer. 41:1-3 2 Kings 25:25-26

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# Zechariah 8

"Then another message came to me from the LORD of Heaven's Armies: 'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: My love for Mount Zion is passionate and strong; I am consumed with passion for Jerusalem!" (Zech 8:1-2 NLT).

### **Key Verse**

"This is what the LORD says, 'I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called The Holy Mountain'" (Zechariah 8:3).



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"Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain." Zechariah 8:3

"And He will lift up a standard for the nations, and will assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Isaiah 11:12

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and I will bring them *back*, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness." Zechariah 8:7–8

### Jews will be sought out

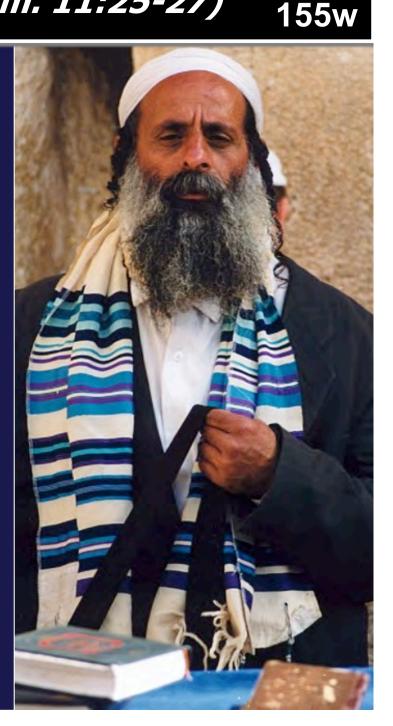
"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In those days ten men from different nations and languages of the world will clutch at the sleeve of one Jew. And they will say, 'Please let us walk with you, for we have heard that God is with you" (Zech. 8:23 NLT).

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#### "All Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:25-27)

<sup>25</sup>I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part <u>until</u> the full number of the Gentiles has come in.
<sup>26</sup>And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. <sup>27</sup>And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."



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### Zech-a-Cry-Ah

#### = Key Word

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"For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: I was determined to punish you when your ancestors angered me, and I did not change my mind, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. <sup>15</sup> But now I am determined to bless Jerusalem and the people of Judah. So don't be afraid. <sup>16</sup> But this is what you must do: Tell the truth to each other. Render verdicts in your courts that are just and that lead to peace. <sup>17</sup> Don't scheme against each other. Stop your love of telling lies that you swear are the truth. I hate all these things, says the LORD" (Zech 8:14-17 NLT).

# Zechariah 9



## Messiah



### Zechariah Kingdom Statement

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### Judah must rebuild the temple (6:9-15) for blessing in the Messiah's kingdom.

### Zechariah

Meaning of Zechariah's vision
 Examination with measuring line
 Satan and the Branch
 Seven lampstands of gold
 Interpreting the flying scroll
 Act of crowning Joshua
 Hearts become like flint
 Security comes to Jerusalem

9 Return of the Messiah
10 Ephraim and Judah restored
11 Teaching about wicked shepherds
12 Understanding whom they pierced
13 Refining of God's remnant
14 New kingdom ushered in



Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

Hamath O

Damascus Sidon O O Tyre O Aram

Israel

### Judgments

Zechariah 9:1-4 NLT

"This is the message from the LORD against the land of Aram and the city of Damascus, for the eyes of humanity, including all the tribes of Israel, are on the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Doom is certain for Hamath, near Damascus, and for the cities of Tyre and Sidon, though they are so clever. <sup>3</sup>Tyre has built a strong fortress and has made silver and gold as plentiful as dust in the streets! <sup>4</sup>But now the LORD will strip away Tyre's possessions and hurl its fortifications into the sea, and it will be burned to the ground."



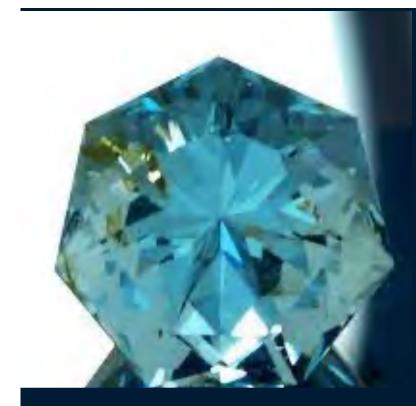
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### Zech. 9:9

### **Triumphal Entry**



"Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets. I will engrave an inscription on it, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9 NLT).



"On that day the LORD their God will rescue his people, just as a shepherd rescues his sheep. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown" (Zechariah 9:16 NLT).

# Zechariah 10

"Ask the LORD for rain in the spring, for he makes the storm clouds. And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture. <sup>2</sup>Household gods give worthless advice, fortunetellers predict only lies, and interpreters of dreams pronounce falsehoods that give no comfort. So my people are wandering like lost sheep; they are attacked because they have no shepherd" (Zech 10:1-2 NLT).

"My anger burns against your shepherds, and I will punish these leaders. For the LORD of Heaven's Armies has arrived to look after Judah, his flock. He will make them strong and glorious, like a proud warhorse in battle. <sup>4</sup> From Judah will come the cornerstone, the tent peg, the bow for battle, and all the rulers. <sup>5</sup> They will be like mighty warriors in battle, trampling their enemies in the mud under their feet. Since the LORD is with them as they fight, they will overthrow even the enemy's horsemen" (Zech 10:3-5 NLT).

"I will strengthen Judah and save Israel; I will restore them because of my compassion. It will be as though I had never rejected them, for I am the LORD their God, who will hear their cries.

<sup>7</sup> The people of Israel will become like mighty warriors,

and their hearts will be made happy as if by wine. Their children, too, will see it and be glad;

their hearts will rejoice in the LORD. When I whistle to them, they will come running,

for I have redeemed them.

From the few who are left,

they will grow as numerous as they were before" (Zech 10:6-8 NLT).

#### 33-34 How will there be a second return? Assyria **Postexilic prophecy** "Though I have scattered (Zech. 10:9-10) them like seeds among the nations, they will still Lebanon remember me in distant lands. They and their Gilead children will survive and return again to Israel. <sup>10</sup> I will bring them back Egypt from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will resettle them in Gilead and Lebanon until there is no more room for them all."

### The Resettlement

Zechariah 10:11-12 NLT

### Assyria

### Lebanon

Egypt

### Gilead

"They will pass safely through the sea of distress, for the waves of the sea will be held back, and the waters of the Nile will dry up. The pride of Assyria will be crushed, and the rule of Egypt will end. <sup>12</sup> By my power I will make my people strong, and by my authority they will go wherever they wish.

I, the LORD, have spoken!"

# Zechariah 11

### Sidon Sidon Tyre Bashan Israel

### Judgments

Zechariah 11:1-3 NLT

"Open your doors, Lebanon, so that fire may devour your cedar forests. <sup>2</sup>Weep, you cypress trees, for all the ruined cedars; the most majestic ones have fallen. Weep, you oaks of Bashan, for the thick forests have been cut down. <sup>3</sup>Listen to the wailing of the shepherds, for their rich pastures are destroyed. Hear the young lions roaring, for their thickets in the Jordan Valley are ruined."

# Zechariah 12

"This message concerning the fate of Israel came from the LORD: 'This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit" (Zech 12:1 NLT).

### The Day of the Lord

"I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah" (Zech 12:2 NLT).



"On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves" (Zech 12:3 NLT).



# "I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock."

"On that day," says the LORD, "I will cause every horse to panic and every rider to lose his nerve. I will watch over the people of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of their enemies. <sup>5</sup>And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, 'The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the LORD of Heaven's Armies, their God'" (Zech 12:4-5 NLT). "On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a flame that sets a woodpile ablaze or like a burning torch among sheaves of grain. They will burn up all the neighboring nations right and left, while the people living in Jerusalem remain secure" (Zech 12:6 NLT).

"The LORD will give victory to the rest of Judah first, before Jerusalem, so that the people of Jerusalem and the royal line of David will not have greater honor than the rest of Judah. <sup>8</sup>On that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem; the weakest among them will be as mighty as King David! And the royal descendants will be like God, like the angel of the LORD who goes before them! <sup>9</sup>For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem" (Zech 12:7-9 NLT).

#### "For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My Servant David's Sake." 2 Kings 19:34

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"And it will come about in that day that I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son."

Zechariah 12:9-10



#### **Rebuild Temple for Messiah**

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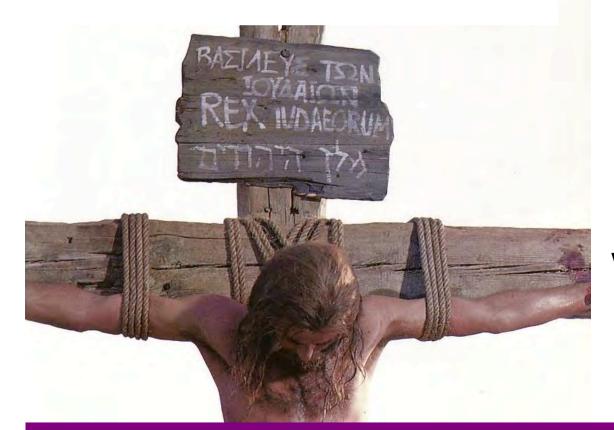
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### The Repentance of Israel

"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died" (Zechariah 12:10 NLT).

### **Tribulation Results**

#### "They will look on the one they have pierced..." (Zech. 12:1-10; esp. v. 10)



"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" (Isa. 59:20)

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from David" (Rom. 11:26b)

"And so all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26a)

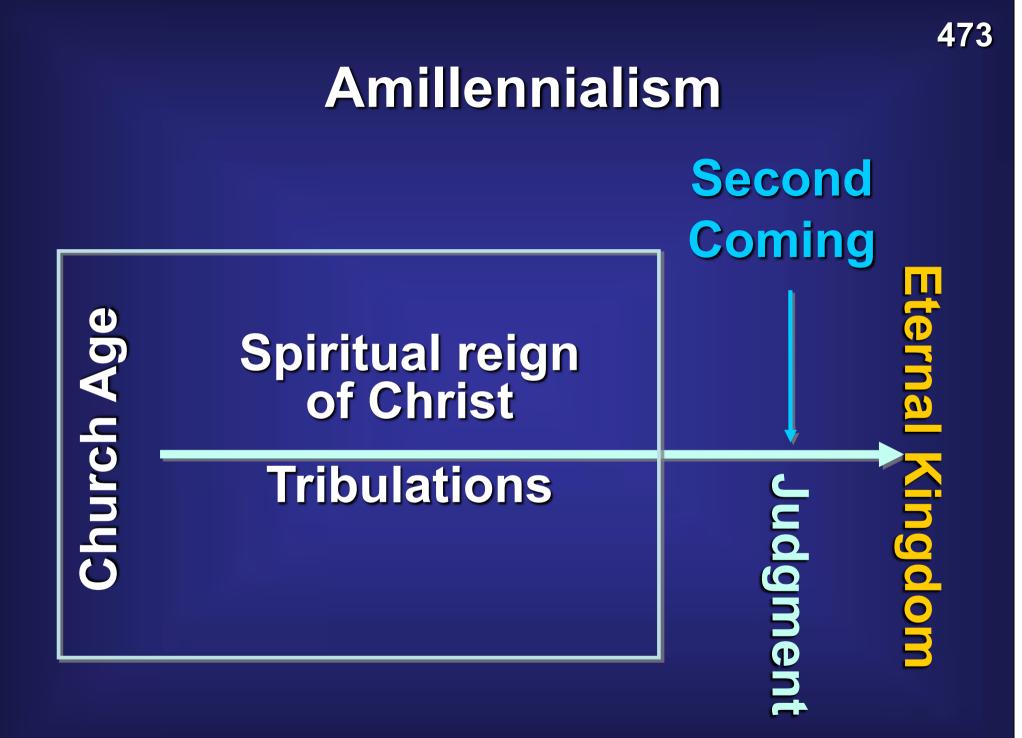


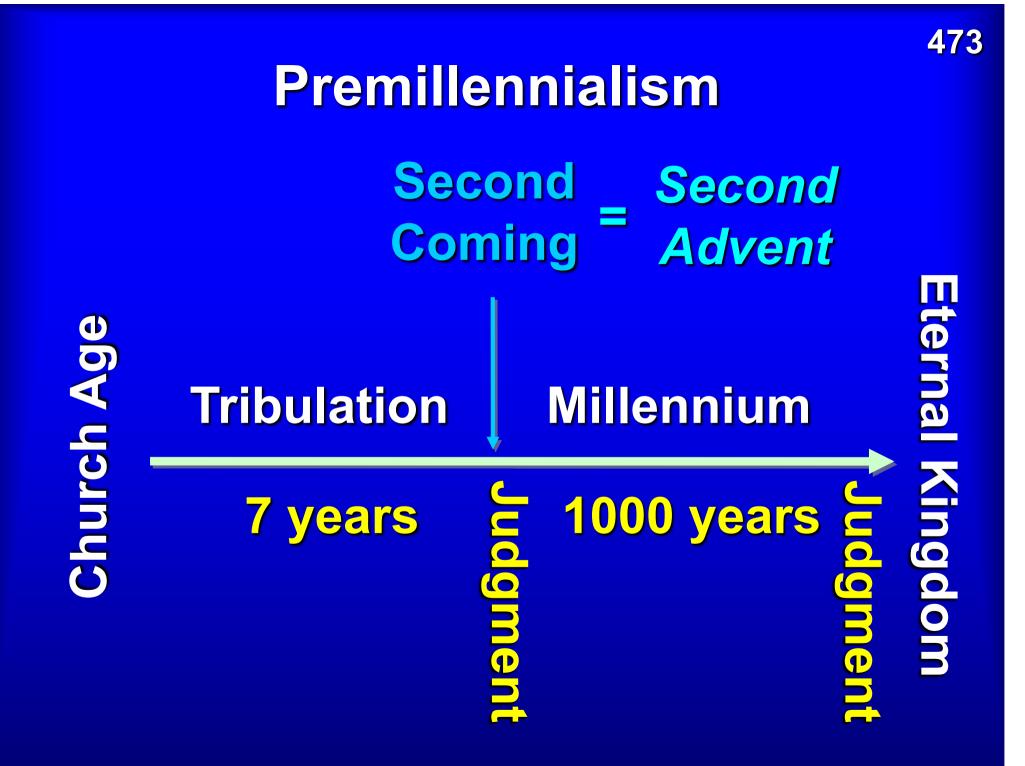
"Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him even those who pierced him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen!"



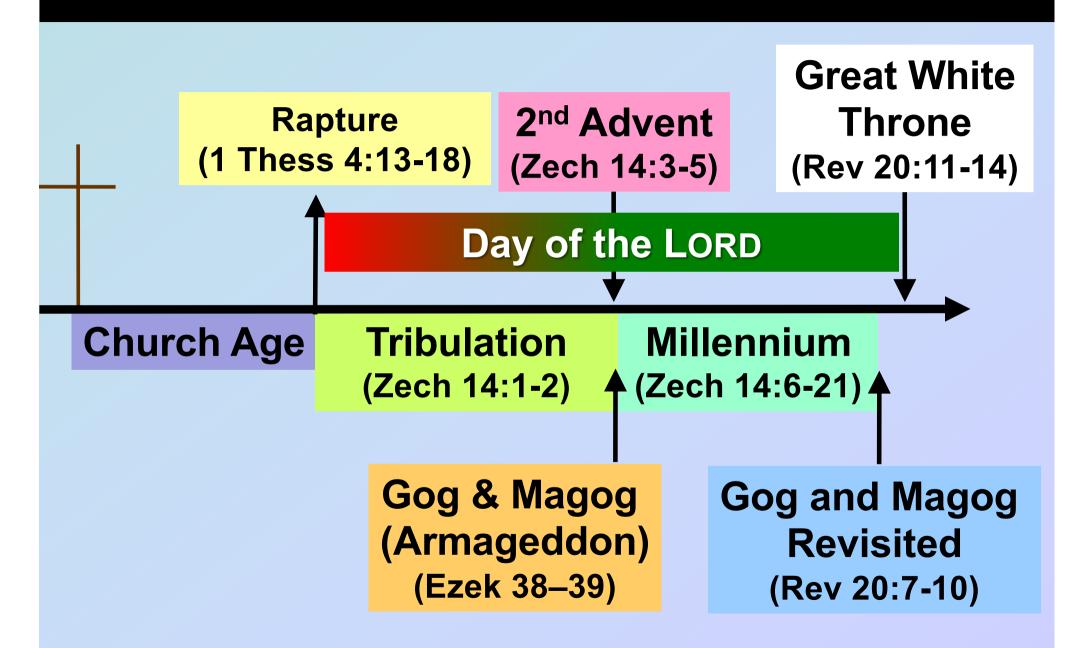
"The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo" (Zech 12:11 NLT).

 "All Israel will mourn, each clan by itself, and with the husbands separate from their wives. The clan of David will mourn alone, as will the clan of Nathan, <sup>13</sup> the clan of Levi, and the clan of Shimei. <sup>14</sup> Each of the surviving clans from Judah will mourn separately, and with the husbands separate from their wives" (Zech 12:12-14 NLT).





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# Zechariah 13

# "On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity" (Zech 13:1 NLT).

Moon and Back Graphics James Feeler, photo "And on that day,' says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, 'I will erase idol worship throughout the land, so that even the names of the idols will be forgotten. I will remove from the land both the false prophets and the spirit of impurity that came with them'" (Zech 13:2 NLT). "If anyone continues to prophesy, his own father and mother will tell him, 'You must die, for you have prophesied lies in the name of the LORD.' And as he prophesies, his own father and mother will stab him" (Zech 13:3 NLT).

"On that day people will be ashamed to claim the prophetic gift. No one will pretend to be a prophet by wearing prophet's clothes. <sup>5</sup> He will say, 'I'm no prophet; l'm a farmer. l began working for a farmer as a boy.' <sup>6</sup> And if someone asks, 'Then what about those wounds on your chest?' he will say, 'I was wounded at my friends' house!" (Zechariah 13:4-6 NLT).

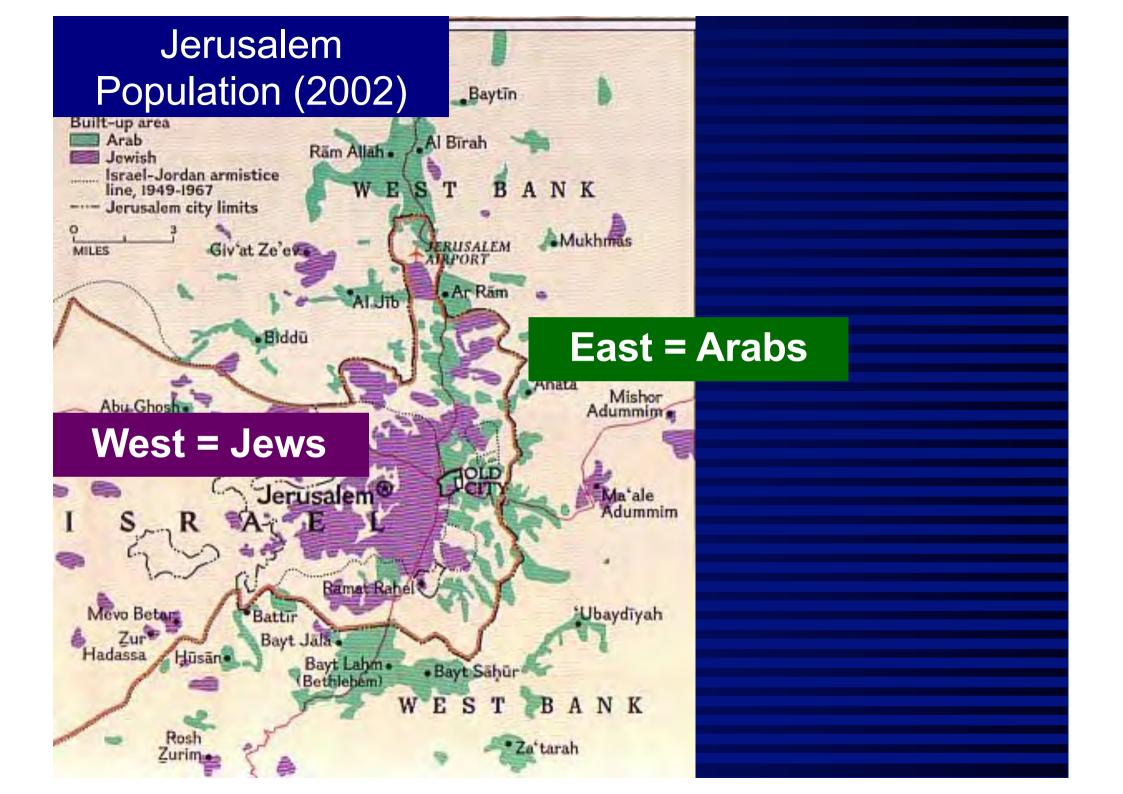


"'Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, the man who is my partner,' says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 'Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn against the lambs. <sup>8</sup>Twothirds of the people in the land will be cut off and die,' says the LORD. 'But one-third will be left in the land" (Zech 13:7-8 NLT).



"I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure. I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'These are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God'" (Zech 13:9 NLT).

# Zechariah 14



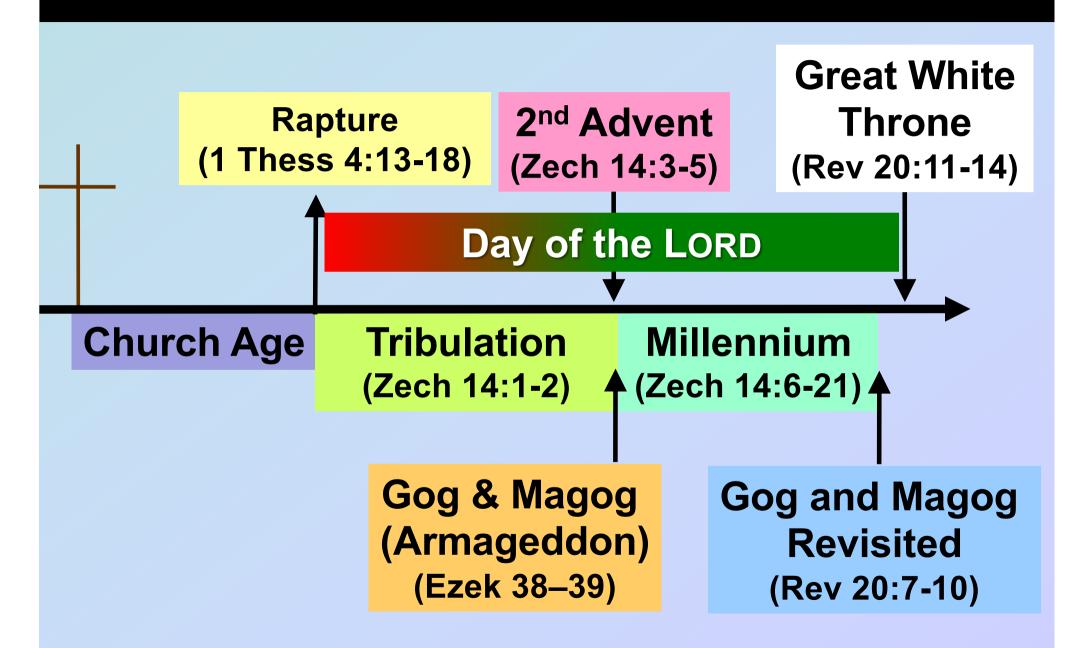
"Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you!" (Zech. 14:1).





"I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city" (Zech. 14:2 NLT).

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#### **Christ's Return**

"Then the LORD will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past"

(Zech. 14:3 NLT).

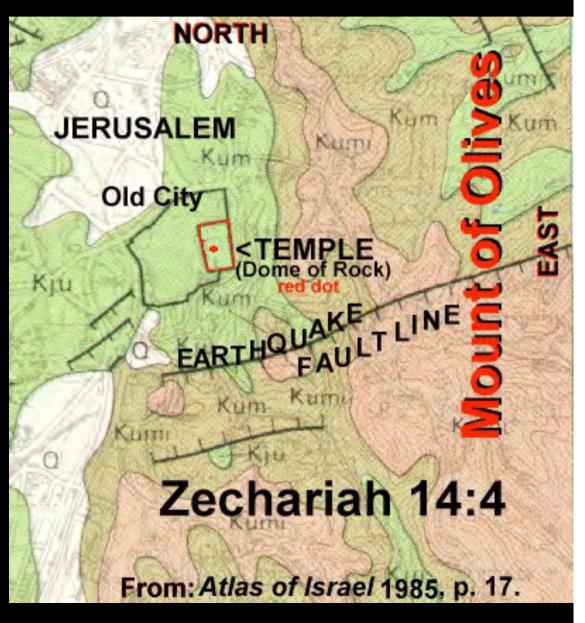


"On that day, his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem" (Zech. 14:4).

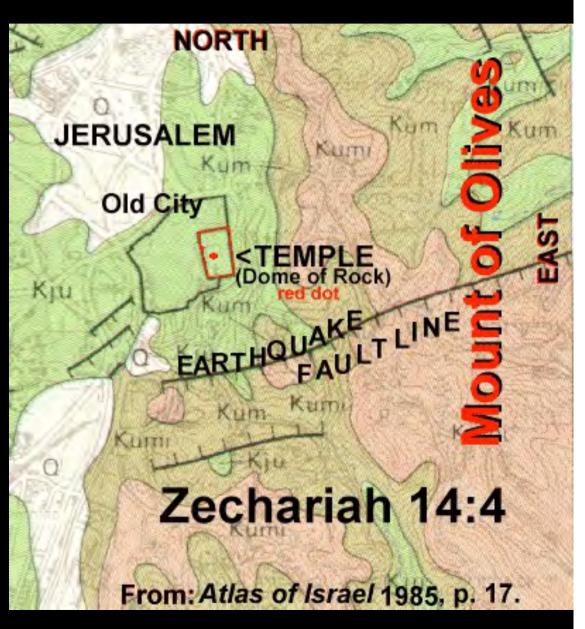


"On that day, his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem..." (Zech. 14:4a).

"...And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south" (Zech. 14:4b NLT).



"You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him" (Zech. 14:5 NLT).



"On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, <sup>7</sup>yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light" (Zech. 14:6-7 NLT).

## **Living Water!**

"On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter" (Zech. 14:8 NLT).

# The River from Ezekiel's Temple (47:1-12)

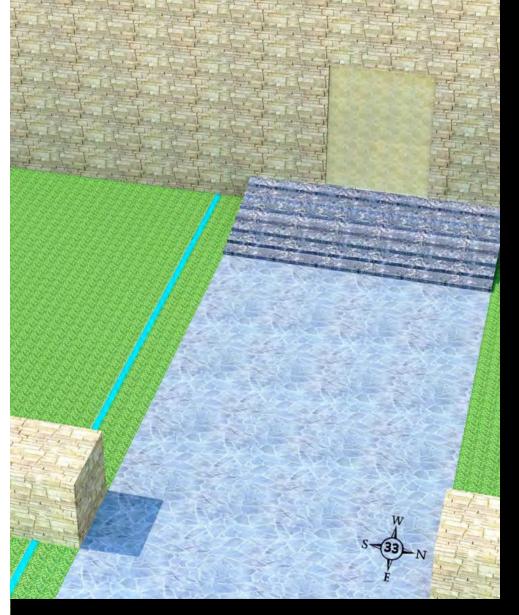




#### The river that starts on the south side of the temple entrance

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#### The Beginning of the River (Ezekiel 47:2)



The river flowing out the south side of the outer east gate

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#### The River Gets Deeper (Ezekiel 47:3-5)

# The river flowing east from the temple compound gets deeper and wider

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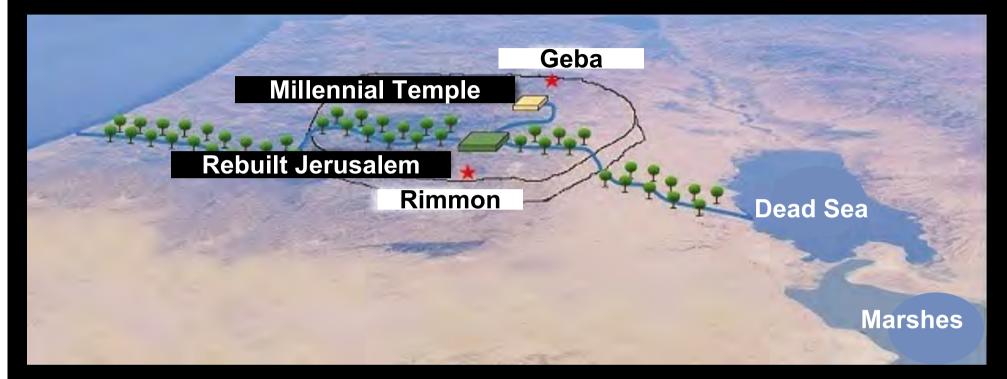
"Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles" (Ezek. 47:3 NLT).

"He measured off another 1,750 feet and led me across again. This time the water was up to my knees" (Ezek. 47:4a NLT).

"After another 1,750 feet, it was up to my waist" (Ezek. 47:4b NLT).

**"Then he** measured another 1,750 feet, and the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through" (Ezek. 47:5 NLT).

# **The Millennial River**



#### Ezekiel 47:1-12

# **The Millennial River**



### Zechariah 14:8

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# **The Millennial River**



## **Joel 3:17**

In that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk. Water will fill the streambeds of Judah, and a fountain will burst forth from the LORD's Temple, watering the arid valley of acacias.



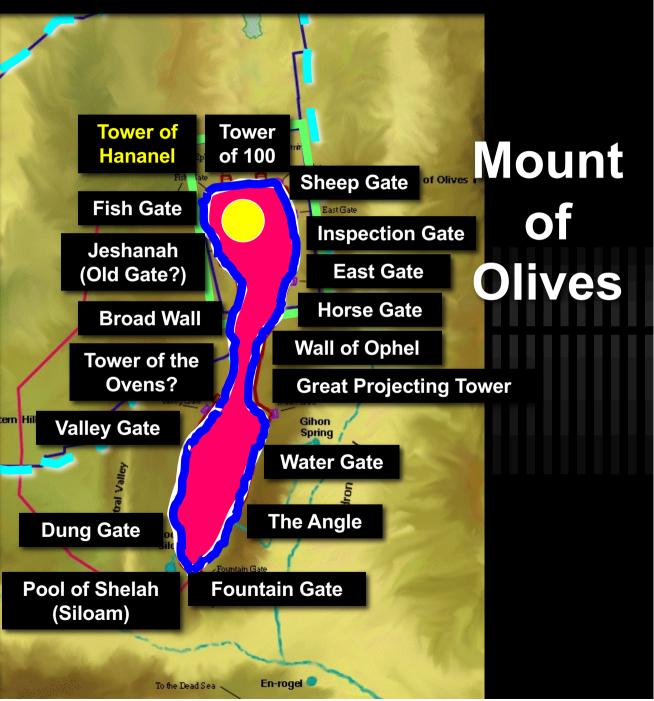
"And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD his name alone will be worshiped" (Zech. 14:9 NLT).

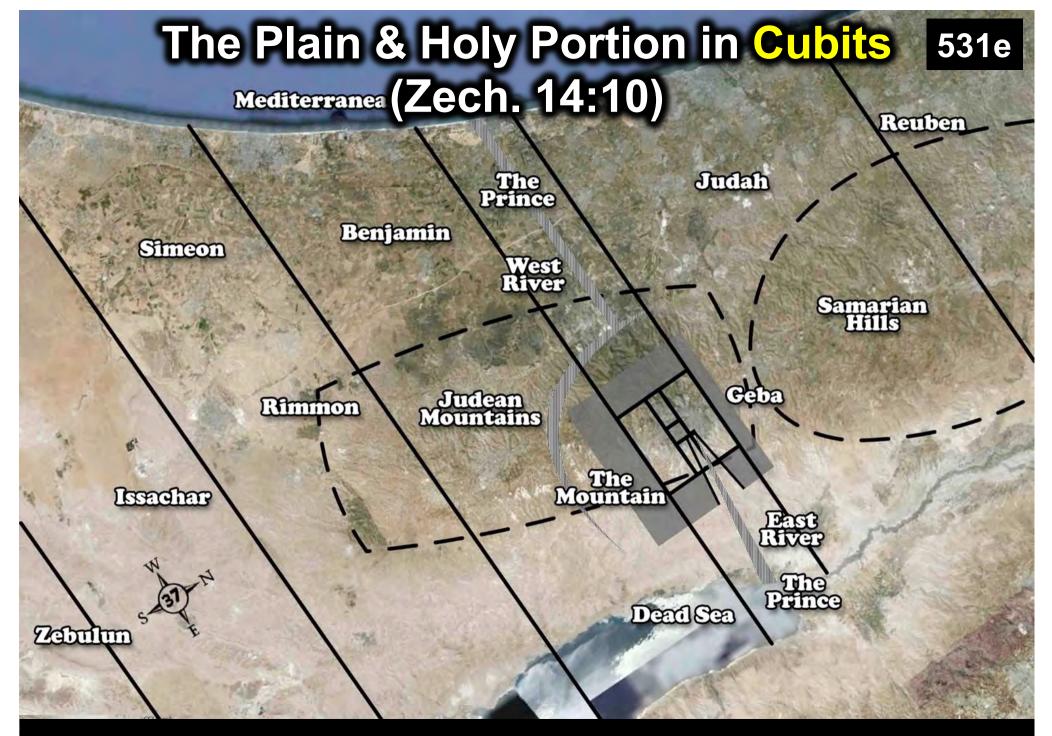
All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. And people will live in it, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

Zechariah 14:10-11

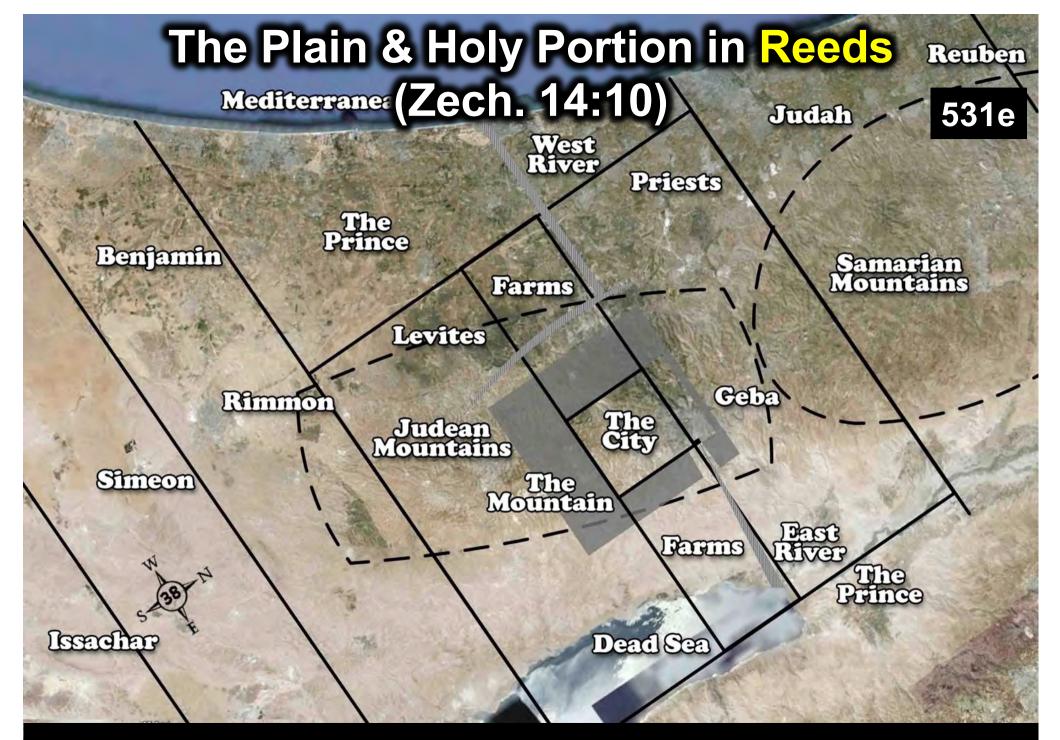
#### **Jerusalem Repopulated**

<sup>10</sup> All the land from Geba, north of Judah, to **Rimmon, south of** Jerusalem, will become one vast plain. But Jerusalem will be raised up in its original place and will be inhabited all the way from the **Benjamin Gate over to** the site of the old gate, then to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. <sup>11</sup> And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed" (Zech. 14:10-11 NLT).





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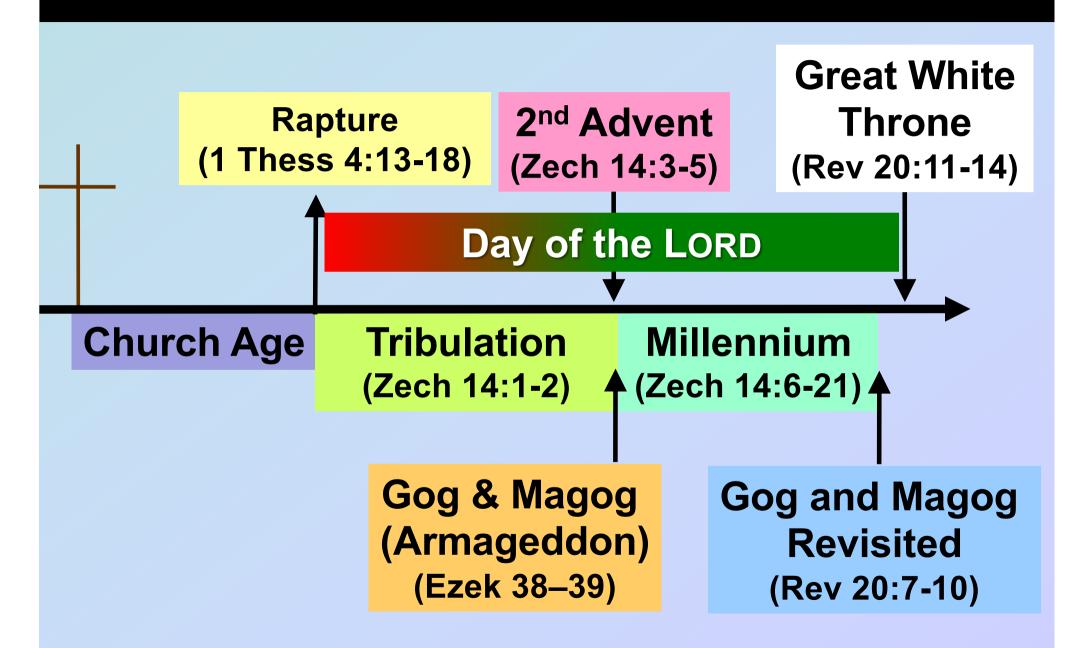
"And the LORD will send a plague on all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their people will become like walking corpses, their flesh rotting away. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths" (Zech. 14:12 NLT).



"On that day they will be terrified, stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will fight their neighbors hand to hand. <sup>14</sup>Judah, too, will be fighting at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the neighboring nations will be captured—great quantities of gold and silver and fine clothing" (Zech. 14:13-14 NLT).

"This same plague will strike the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the enemy camps" (Zech. 14:15 NLT).

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## **Millennial Worship**

"In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King... and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters. <sup>17</sup>Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King... will have no rain. <sup>18</sup>If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the LORD will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go. <sup>19</sup>Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters" (Zechariah 14:16-19 NLT).

## **Millennial Holiness**





<sup>20</sup> "On that day even the harness bells of the horses will be inscribed with these words: Holy to the LORD. And the cooking pots in the Temple of the LORD will be as sacred as the basins used beside the altar.

<sup>21</sup> In fact, every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD... All who come to worship will be free to use any of these pots to boil their sacrifices. And on that day there will no longer be traders [Heb. Canaanites] in the Temple of the LORD of Heaven's Armies."

(Zech. 14:20-21 NLT)

## **Problems Either Way!**

## Premillennial: Sacrifices for Sin (Ezek. 40:39) in Light of Christ's Death

## Amillennial: Abandon Normal Hermeneutic for Ezekiel 40–48

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## Why Millennial Sacrifices?



## Pre-Cross: Looked toward Christ's Death

Post-Cross: Look back on Christ's Death

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- Theocratic: like confession of sin (1 John 1:9)
- Memorial: like Lord's Supper that looks back
- <u>Paul</u> offered a temple sacrifice in AD 57 (Acts 21:26) without seeing a "digression problem"

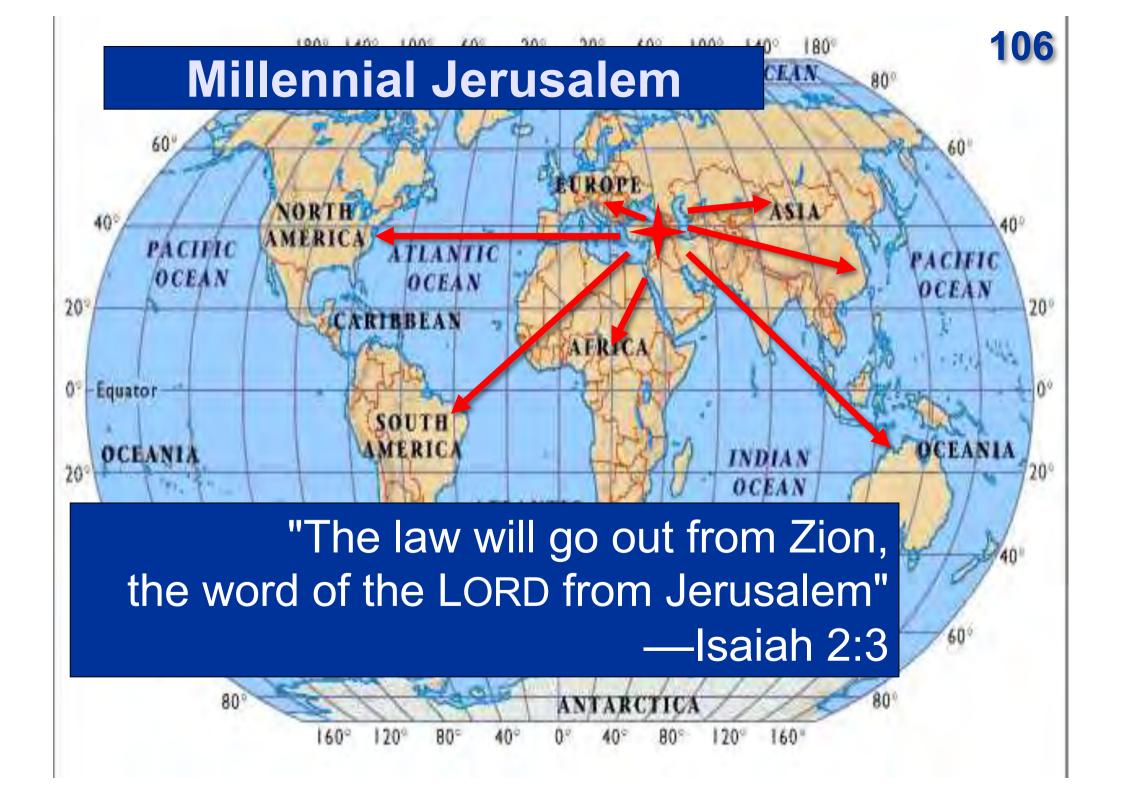


## Zechariah Summary Statement

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Zechariah prepares Judah for the Messiah by encouraging the nation to respond to its privileged covenant position among the nations by rebuilding the temple in light of future blessings when the Messiah rules in the kingdom.



## **Theology of Zechariah**

The Faithfulness of God (God keeps His covenant with Israel) The Wrath of God (God will punish the enemies of Israel) **\* The Holiness of God** (God does not compromise with sin) The Compassion of God (God calls His people to repent)

## Key Word: Messiah

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#### Key Verse:

"This is what the LORD says, 'I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called The Holy Mountain'" (Zech. 8:3).



Summary Statement: Zechariah prepares Judah for the Messiah by encouraging the nation to respond to its privileged covenant position among the nations by rebuilding the temple in light of future blessings when the Messiah rules in the kingdom.

Application: How does your future reign with Christ affect the way you make decisions today?

**Summary & Application** 

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# We also will rule with Israel after Christ's return.



The Hebrews readers were in danger of losing their kingdom rule (Hebrews 3:7–4:13).

## Hebrews 3:7-9 (NLT)

That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup>don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested me in the wilderness. <sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested and tried my patience, even though they saw my miracles for forty years.



### Hebrews 3:10-11 (NLT)

So I was angry with them, and I said, 'Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.' <sup>11</sup>So in my anger I took an oath: 'They will never enter my place of rest.'"



## Hebrews 3:12-14 (NLT)

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. <sup>14</sup>For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

# Do you need encouragement

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## How can you be encouraged in your service for Christ?



## Main Idea

The way to fight discouragement is to... see who you are and where you are going.

## Zechariah

## I. See your privileged position.

## Zechariah 1–6

## II. See your glorious future.

## Zechariah 7–14

## **Questions to Ponder**

# How can you better understand your exalted position in Christ?

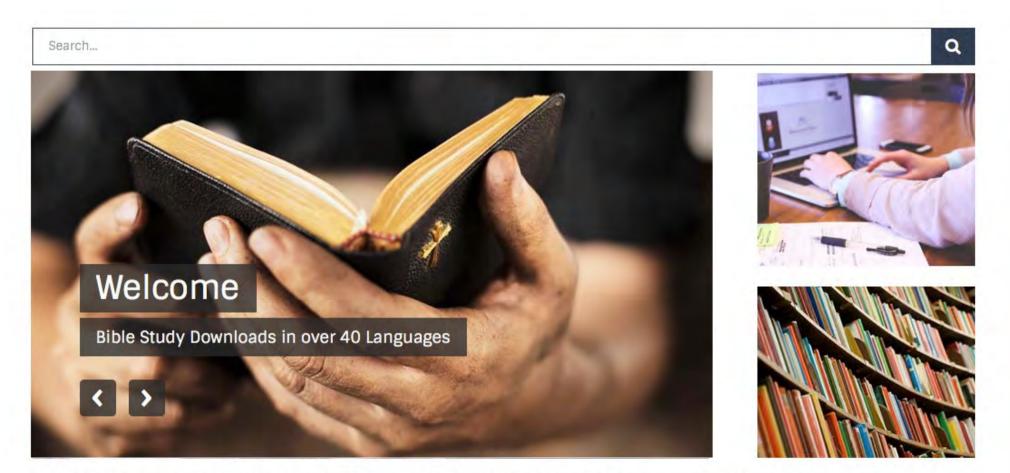
# How can you better serve Christ now in light of your rule with him at his return?



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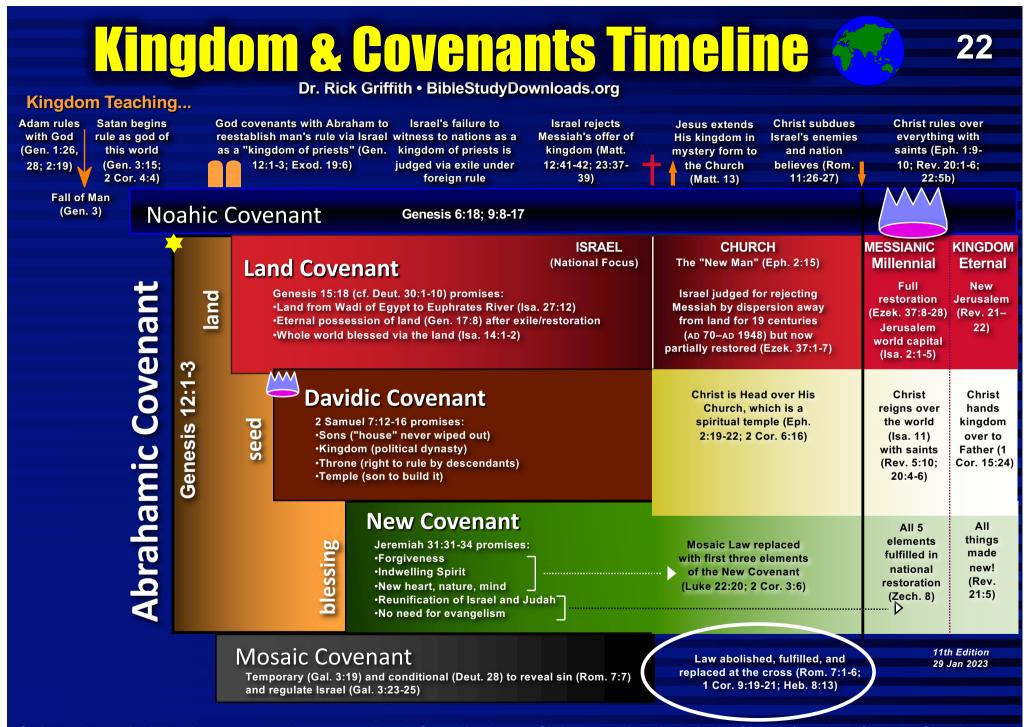


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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

Responding to The Supposed Lack of Unity in Zechariah

## **The Unity Debate**

#### AGAINST:

Joseph Mede (Cambridge scholar) View: Chapters 9–11 written by Jeremiah Argument: Matt. 27:9 attributes Zech. 11:3 to Jeremiah

H. Corrodi (German scholar) View: Chapters 9–14 written long after Zechariah's time

#### FOR:

L. Berthold: Isaiah 8:2 prophesies of Zechariah W. E. Barnes notes prominence of David and Jerusalem, and sympathy towards Ephraim in both sections

## **Support for Unity**

The Greek Manuscript found at Qumran includes chapters 8–9 with no gap between the two sections of the book

Unity is supported by: C. H. H. Wright, E. B. Pusey, W. H. Cowe, A. Van Hoonacher, W. F. Albright, E. J. Young, J. Ridderbos, R. K. Harrison

## Zechariah (Sistine Chapel)



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Taking the arguments of both parties (those against and for the unity of the book), the better evidence supports the traditional view that the book of Zechariah was written by Zechariah, son of Berekiah, son of Iddo.

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