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# Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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# Chapter 1

**Zechariah 1:1:** "In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,"

- Zechariah was a prophet.
- Zechariah was the descendant of Berechiah.
- Zechariah was a male.
- Zechariah was the descendant of Iddo.
- Iddo was a prophet.
- The word of the Lord came to Zechariah in the eighth month of the year.
- The word of the Lord came to Zechariah during the second year of the reign of Darius. (That means this prophecy was given after the fall of Jerusalem, while the Jews were still captives in Babylon).
- The words in this book are the words of the Lord. These prophecies came from God.

**Zechariah 1:2:** "The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers."

- God was very displeased with the Jews.
- There are times when God is displeased with nations.

**Zechariah 1:3:** "Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts."

- God commanded the Jews to turn back to Him.
- God is the God of armies.
- If the Jews turned back to God then God would turn to them.
- Even though Jerusalem had been destroyed and the Jews were captives in Babylon, they still hadn't turned back to God. God was commanding them to repent because they hadn't repented even after all that had happened to them.
- God wants us to turn to Him.

**Zechariah 1:4:** "Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD."

- The ancestors of the current generation of Jews were commanded to repent.
- The ancestors of the current generation of Jews refused to repent.
- The ancestors of the current generation of Jews refused to listen to God.
- The ancestors of the current generation of Jews were evil.
- God commanded the current generation of Jews to not be like their ancestors, who sinned and refused to repent.
- We must turn away from our evil ways.
- We must listen to God.
- We must do as God says.



- The prophets prophesied to the ancestors of the current generation of Jews. They commanded them to repent, but the Jews refused to repent.
- God used the prophets to command the Jews to repent. They preached repentance.

**Zechariah 1:5:** "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?"

- The ancestors of the current generation of Jews were dead.
- The prophets who prophesied to the ancestors of the Jews were dead.

**Zechariah 1:6:** "But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us."

- The ancestors of the Jews were no longer around, and the prophets who prophesied to them were no longer around. However, the words of God were still around. They endured, and what God said would happen is exactly what happened.
- People come and go, but the word of God endures forever.
- The prophets were the servants of God.
- God did exactly what He said He would do. His words came to pass.
- The ancestors of the Jews admitted that God did exactly

what He said He was going to do.

- God treated the ancestors of the Jews in accordance with their wickedness.
- God has given us His words.
- God has given us His statutes.
- We must listen to the words of God, because they will surely come to pass.
- We must obey the commandments of God, because God will hold us accountable.

**Zechariah 1:7:** "Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,"

- The word of God came to Zechariah on the 24th day.
- The word of God came to Zechariah in the 11th month.
- The 11th month is the month Sebat.
- The word of God came to Zechariah in the second year of the reign of Darius.

**Zechariah 1:8:** "I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white."

- Zechariah received this vision at night.
- Zechariah saw a man riding on a red horse.
- Zechariah saw a man stand among myrtle trees.

- Zechariah saw red horses.
- Zechariah saw speckled horses.
- Zechariah saw white horses.

**Zechariah 1:9:** "Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be."

- Zechariah asked the meaning of what he was seeing.
- Zechariah saw the vision but he didn't understand it.
- When Zechariah saw these things, there was an angel standing by.
- Zechariah talked to the angel.
- The angel responded to Zechariah.
- The angel told Zechariah that he would explain the meaning of the vision.
- Some angels understand the meaning of visions.
- The prophets had to be told the meaning of the visions that God gave them. They couldn't interpret them until they were given the interpretation.
- The proper interpretation of prophecy is something that comes from God. We can't discover it on our own.

**Zechariah 1:10:** "And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth."

- The angel stood among the myrtle trees.
- The man and the horses were sent from God.

- God sent the man and the horses to walk throughout the earth.
- There are some beings whose job is to wander throughout this world.

**Zechariah 1:11:** "And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest."

- The horses talked to the angel. (There was only one man and multiple horses, so the "they" must be a reference to the horses.)
- The horses said they had walked through the earth.
- The horses said that the earth was at rest, and all was still.
- There are times when the earth is at rest.

**Zechariah 1:12:** "Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?"

- The angel asked God how long it would be until He had mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.
- At this point (in the second year of Darius) it had been 70 years since God poured out His indignation upon Jerusalem.
- The angel wanted God to have mercy on Judah.
- Up to this point God had not had mercy on Jerusalem or

the cities of Judah.

- The destruction of Jerusalem was the judgment of God. Those things happened because God was pouring out His wrath upon Judah as punishment for the sins of the people.
- Angels don't know everything. There are some things that they don't know.

**Zechariah 1:13:** "And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words."

- God answered the angel.
- God answered the angel with good and comfortable words. (However, we aren't told what those words were).
- There are times when angels ask God questions, and God gives them answers.

**Zechariah 1:14:** "So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy."

- The angel told Zechariah to cry out and speak.
- God was jealous over Jerusalem and Zion.
- God is a jealous God.
- God cares about Jerusalem. That city is very important to Him.

**Zechariah 1:15:** "And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction."

- God was very angry with the pagan nations.
- At this time the pagan nations were at ease, but God was angry with them.
- There are times when God is angry with a nation, but the nation is at ease and things are going well for that nation.
- God was a little angry with Judah, but the pagan nations made things even worse. They afflicted Judah above that which God wanted.
- The pagan nations afflicted Judah.
- God was angry with the pagan nations for afflicting Judah.
- It angers God when nations afflict the Jews, because He is jealous over the Jews.
- Nations shouldn't afflict the Jews.

**Zechariah 1:16:** "Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem."

- God returned to Jerusalem with mercies. He was going to be merciful to Jerusalem.
- The temple in Jerusalem would be rebuilt.
- The city of Jerusalem would be rebuilt.

**Zechariah 1:17:** "Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem."

- God would bring the Jews back to Judah.

- The cities of Judah would once again be prosperous.
- There would once again be cities throughout Judah.
- God was going to comfort Zion.
- God was going to choose Jerusalem.

**Zechariah 1:18:** "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns."

- Zechariah saw four horns.

**Zechariah 1:19:** "And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

- Zechariah didn't understand the vision of the four horns.
- Zechariah asked the angel what the vision meant.
- The angel understood the vision.
- The angel explained the vision to Zechariah.
- The horns represented the nations that had scattered Israel and Judah.
- The horns represented the nations that had destroyed Jerusalem.

**Zechariah 1:20:** "And the LORD shewed me four carpenters."

- God showed Zechariah four carpenters.

**Zechariah 1:21:** "Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered

Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it."

- Zechariah didn't understand the vision of the four carpenters.
- Zechariah asked the angel what the vision meant.
- The angel understood the vision.
- The angel explained the vision to Zechariah.
- The four horns had scattered the Jews and oppressed them.
- God was going to use the four carpenters to cast out the horns.
- The four horns were four Gentile nations.

## Chapter 2

**Zechariah 2:1:** "I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand."

- Zechariah saw a man.
- The man that Zechariah saw had a measuring line in his hand.

**Zechariah 2:2:** "Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof."

- Zechariah asked the man where he was going.
- The man said that he was going to measure Jerusalem.



- The man wanted to know how wide Jerusalem was.
- The man wanted to know how long Jerusalem was.
- In ancient times things were measured with a line.

**Zechariah 2:3:** "And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,"

- The angel that Zechariah talked to in his previous vision was present for this vision as well.
- The angel that Zechariah had previously talked with was approached by a different angel.
- Zechariah saw multiple angels at the same time.
- There were angels present in Zechariah's visions.
- There were times when angels were involved in delivering prophetic information to the prophets.

**Zechariah 2:4:** "And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:"

- It seems that the man who was going to measure Jerusalem with a line was just a man, and not an angel.
- In the future, Jerusalem was going to have so many people that it would be inhabited as a city that didn't have walls. (This prophecy was given at a time when Jerusalem had been destroyed and was a ruin).
- In the future, Jerusalem would be filled with people.
- In the future, Jerusalem would be home to many cattle.
- The angel explained the meaning of this vision to

Zechariah by telling one angel to relay a message to the man who had the line. The message explained the meaning of the vision.

**Zechariah 2:5:** "For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her."

- God said that He would be a wall of fire around Jerusalem. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)
- God said that He would be the glory in the midst of Jerusalem. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)
- One day Jerusalem will be surrounded by a wall of fire.
- One day Jerusalem will be filled with the glory of God.

**Zechariah 2:6:** "Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD."

- In the context of prophecies regarding the end-times, God commanded the Jews to flee from the land of the north.
- In the end-times, the Jews will be in the land of the north.
- In the end-times, the Jews will be scattered all over the world.
- This prophecy speaks of the four winds of the heaven.
- God is the one who spread the Jews all over the world.

**Zechariah 2:7:** "Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon."

- In the context of end-times prophecy, God commanded the Jews to deliver themselves. They were to deliver themselves from danger by fleeing from the land of the north.
- In the context of end-times prophecy, God said the Jews were dwelling with the daughter of Babylon. It seems that the city of Babylon that will exist in the end-times, and which will rule over the world, is the daughter of the Babylon that existed in the days of Zechariah. It also seems that in the end-times there will be Jews dwelling in that Babylon – but they're commanded to flee out of her in order to save themselves.

**Zechariah 2:8:** "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye."

- In the context of end-times prophecy, God said He would move against the nations that looted the Jews.
- Those who touch the Jews are touching "the apple of their eye". They're touching something that's very precious to God, and something that God defends with great fierceness.
- It's very bad to harm the Jews.
- We shouldn't harm the Jews, because God loves them and is jealous for them.
- In the end-times, multiple nations will move against the Jews and spoil them, greatly angering God.

**Zechariah 2:9:** "For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me."

- In the end-times, God is going to shake His hand upon the nations that oppressed the Jews.
- In the end-times, God is going to spoil the nations that spoiled the Jews.
- In the end-times, God is going to move against the nations that spoiled the Jews. He will turn those nations over to their servants, who will spoil them.
- When these things come to pass, people will know that the Messiah was sent by God.
- God was the one who called Zechariah to be a prophet.
- God was the one who sent Zechariah.

**Zechariah 2:10:** "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD."

- God commanded the Jews to sing.
- God commanded the Jews to rejoice.
- It's good to sing about the great things that God will do for us in the future, even though they haven't happened yet.
- It's good to rejoice in the great things that God will do for us in the future, even though they haven't happened yet.
- God is going to come to the Jews.
- God is going to dwell in the midst of the Jews. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)

**Zechariah 2:11:** "And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee."

- In the end-times, many nations will be joined to the Lord.
- In the end-times, many nations will become the people of God. In those days the people of God will consist of more than just the Jews.
- In the end-times, God will dwell in the midst of the Jews.
- When these things come to pass, people will know that the Messiah was sent by God.

**Zechariah 2:12:** "And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again."

- In the end-times, God will inherit Judah as His portion.
- In the end-times, the land of Israel will once again be the holy land.
- In the end-times, God will choose Jerusalem.
- Jerusalem and Judah have a bright future, because God has made many promises that He will bring to pass.

**Zechariah 2:13:** "Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation."

- All flesh should be silent before the Lord when He raises up.
- The day is coming when God will raise up out of His holy habitation. When that day comes we must be silent before Him.

- The place where God dwells is holy.

## Chapter 3

**Zechariah 3:1:** "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him."

- The Lord showed another vision to Zechariah.
- Zechariah saw Joshua the high priest. (The Hebrew name Joshua is apparently identical to the Greek name Jesus).
- Joshua was standing before the angel of the Lord.
- Satan was standing at the right hand of Joshua, in order to resist him.
- In the days of Zechariah, the devil still had access to Heaven and was using that access to oppress the people of God.
- The devil is actively resisting the people of God.
- In the past, the devil fought against the high priest.
- The devil is our enemy.

**Zechariah 3:2:** "And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

- The Lord rebuked the devil twice for resisting the high priest.
- God has chosen Jerusalem.

- God called Jerusalem a brand that was plucked out of the fire.

**Zechariah 3:3:** "Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel."

- Joshua was clothed with filthy garments. (In the Bible, clothing is symbolic of righteousness. Filthy garments are symbolic of unrighteousness.)
- Joshua stood before the angel.

**Zechariah 3:4:** "And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."

- God commanded that Joshua's filthy garments be taken away from him.
- Joshua's filthy garments were symbolic of iniquity.
- God took away Joshua's iniquity.
- God said that He would give Joshua new clothing.
- Our righteousness comes from God and is a gift from God. It doesn't come from ourselves, and it's not something that we earn.
- The only way we can ever obtain righteousness is for God to give it to us.

**Zechariah 3:5:** "And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him

with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by."

- Zechariah said that a mitre (the headdress of the high priest) should be put upon Joshua's head.
- A mitre was put upon the head of Joshua.
- Joshua was clothed with new garments.
- The angel of the Lord stood near Joshua.

**Zechariah 3:6:** "And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,"

- The angel of the Lord spoke to Joshua.

**Zechariah 3:7:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

- The Lord told Joshua that if he walked in God's ways then he would judge the Lord's house.
- The Lord told Joshua that if he walked in God's ways then he would walk among the angels.
- The high priest must walk in the ways of God.
- The Lord has a house.
- The Lord has courts.
- The one who judges the house of the Lord must be righteous.
- The one who judges the house of the Lord must obey the Lord and walk in His ways.
- The one who keeps the courts of the Lord must be



righteous.

- The one who keeps the courts of the Lord must obey the Lord and walk in His ways.
- Those who walk among the angels must be righteous.
- Those who walk among the angels must obey the Lord and walk in His ways.

**Zechariah 3:8:** "Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH."

- God had a message for Joshua.
- God had a message for those who were with Joshua.
- God said that He would bring forth His servant.
- The servant that God would bring forth was named the BRANCH. (This seems to be a reference to the Messiah.)

**Zechariah 3:9:** "For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day."

- God laid a stone before Joshua.
- The stone would have seven eyes.
- God was going to engrave something upon the stone.
- God was going to remove the iniquity of the land.
- The iniquity would be removed in a single day.
- There was sin in the land that needed to be removed.

- The only one who can remove iniquity is God.

**Zechariah 3:10:** "In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree."

- The day in which God will remove iniquity from the land is the millennium.
- God is the God of armies.
- In the millennium, people will have their own vine.
- In the millennium, people will have their own fig tree.
- In the millennium, there will be peace.
- In the millennium, there will be neighbors.
- In the millennium, neighbors will call out to one another.
- In the millennium, there will be the private ownership of property.
- In the millennium, people will enjoy the fruits of their labor.

## Chapter 4

**Zechariah 4:1:** "And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep."

- Zechariah received another vision from the Lord.
- God used an angel to help give this vision to Zechariah.
- The angel woke up Zechariah.

- Zechariah had to be woken up before he could see this vision.
- God used an angel to wake up Zechariah.

**Zechariah 4:2:** "And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:"

- The angel asked Zechariah what he saw.
- Zechariah saw a candlestick made of gold.
- The candlestick had a bowl on top of it.
- The candlestick had seven lamps.
- Each one of the lamps had its own pipe, for a total of seven pipes.
- The lamps were on top of the pipes.
- The candlestick has seven lamps, which were fed by a central bowl that carried oil to the lamps through pipes. This means the seven lamps were all fed from the same source, and were all part of the same candlestick.

**Zechariah 4:3:** "And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof."

- There were two olive trees beside the bowl.
- There was one olive tree on the right.
- There was one olive tree on the left.
- The bowl was supplied with olive oil, which supplied the

lamps so they could give light.

**Zechariah 4:4:** "So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?"

- Zechariah spoke to the angel.
- Zechariah asked the angel to explain the vision to him.

**Zechariah 4:5:** "Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord."

- The angel spoke to Zechariah.
- The angel asked Zechariah if he understood the vision.
- Zechariah said that he didn't understand the vision.
- Zechariah needed someone to explain the vision to him before he could understand it. He was unable to understand it without an explanation from God.

**Zechariah 4:6:** "Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."

- The vision that Zechariah saw was a message to Zerubbabel (who God had tasked with rebuilding the temple).
- The vision was a message that the work God had given Zerubbabel to do wouldn't be done by might.
- The vision was a message that the work God had given Zerubbabel to do wouldn't be done by power.

- The vision was a message that the work God had given Zerubbabel to do would be done by the spirit of God. (In the Bible, oil is symbolic of the Spirit. A candlestick with seven lamps that were all fed from the same oil-filled bowl symbolized light shining by the power of the Holy Spirit).
- We can't accomplish the work of God by our own might, or by our own power. Instead the work of God can only be accomplished by the Spirit of God.

**Zechariah 4:7:** "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it."

- The vision was a message that the work God had given Zerubbabel wouldn't be stopped. The mountains that stood in his way would become a plain.
- The vision was a message that Zerubbabel would succeed in rebuilding the temple. He would bring forth its headstone with shouting while crying "Grace, grace unto it".
- God would give Zerubbabel His Spirit, which would enable him to accomplish the rebuilding of the temple. It wouldn't be done by Zerubbabel's power or might.
- God would be with Zerubbabel as he rebuilt the temple. This was an act of grace.

**Zechariah 4:8:** "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,"

- Zechariah was given another word from the Lord.

**Zechariah 4:9:** "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you."

- Zerubbabel laid the foundation of the temple of God.
- Zerubbabel would also finish the temple of God.
- When Zerubbabel finished rebuilding the temple, the people would know that the message had come from the Lord (because it came to pass).

**Zechariah 4:10:** "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth."

- The seven eyes that were mentioned previously were the seven eyes of the Lord.
- The seven eyes of the Lord are looking around the entire world. God is watching this world and the things that are done in it.
- It's not good to despise the day of small things. Small things shouldn't be despised simply because they're small.
- The people would rejoice when the temple was rebuilt.
- There are times when God uses small things to accomplish His will.
- There are times when small things lead to bigger and more important things. Sometimes big things have small beginnings.

**Zechariah 4:11:** "Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?"

- Zechariah asked the angel for the meaning of the two olive trees that were on the left and right of the candlestick.
- Zechariah didn't understand the meaning of the two olive trees.
- When Zechariah didn't understand the meaning of what he saw, he asked for its interpretation.
- Zechariah was only given the interpretation when he asked for an explanation.

**Zechariah 4:12:** "And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?"

- It seems the angel didn't answer Zechariah's question the first time he asked it, so he asked his question a second time.
- Zechariah was persistent. When he didn't receive an answer the first time, he asked again. He kept persisting to find the answer.
- The olive trees were supplying the oil that went through the pipes (which was the fuel for the lamps).
- The pipes were made of gold.
- The oil was the color of gold.

**Zechariah 4:13:** "And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord."

- The angel asked Zechariah if he understood what the two olive trees were.
- Zechariah said that he didn't know what the two olive trees were.
- Zechariah didn't understand the meaning of what he saw.
- Zechariah didn't hide his lack of understanding. Instead he asked what was going on so he could understand what it meant.

**Zechariah 4:14:** "Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth."

- The two olive trees were the two anointed ones.
- The two anointed ones stand by the Lord.
- God is the Lord of the whole earth.

## Chapter 5

**Zechariah 5:1:** "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll."

- Zechariah saw a flying roll.

**Zechariah 5:2:** "And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits."

- The angel asked Zechariah what he saw.



- Zechariah said that he saw a flying scroll that was 20 cubits long and 10 cubits high. (This is 30 feet by 15 feet.)
- Instead of simply telling Zechariah what was going on, God showed him strange things and then explained the meaning of what he saw.

**Zechariah 5:3:** "Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it."

- There's a curse that goes over the whole world.
- God has placed a curse on this world.
- The curse will cut off everyone who steals.
- The curse will cut off everyone that swears.
- One side of the roll was a message against those who stole things.
- One side of the roll was a message against those who swore.
- God hates stealing.
- God hates swearing.
- We must not steal.
- We must not swear.
- Those who steal are cursed.
- Those who swear are cursed.

**Zechariah 5:4:** "I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts,

and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof."

- God is the one who sent the curse into the world.
- God is the God of armies. God has a mighty army.
- God will send the curse into the house of the thief.
- God will send the curse into the house of those who swear falsely by His name.
- The curse will remain in the house of the thief.
- The curse will remain in the house of those who swear falsely by His name.
- The curse will consume whatever house it is in, and will utterly destroy that house.
- God is against those who steal.
- God is against those who swear falsely by His name.
- God will destroy the house of those who steal.
- God will destroy the house of those who swear falsely by His name.
- We must not steal.
- We must not swear falsely by God's name.

**Zechariah 5:5:** "Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth."

- The angel told Zechariah to lift up his eyes and see a new vision.

**Zechariah 5:6:** "And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth."

- Zechariah didn't understand what he saw.
- Zechariah asked the angel what he was looking at.
- The angel told Zechariah that he was looking at an ephah (a unit of measure that was roughly a bushel, or 35 liters).

**Zechariah 5:7:** "And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah."

- A talent of lead was lifted up. (A talent was about 75 pounds.)
- A woman was sitting in the midst of the ephah.

**Zechariah 5:8:** "And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof."

- The angel said that the vision symbolized wickedness.
- The ephah was some sort of container.
- The angel cast the lead into the mouth of the ephah (the container).
- It seems that the woman was sitting inside the container. This means the angel cast the lead inside the container, along with the woman.

**Zechariah 5:9:** "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven."

- Zechariah lifted up his eyes and saw two women.
- The two women had wings like a stork.
- The two women lifted up the ephah into the air.

**Zechariah 5:10:** "Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?"

- Zechariah asked the angel where they were taking the ephah (the container that contained both the woman and the lead).
- Zechariah wanted to know where the wickedness was being taken to.

**Zechariah 5:11:** "And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base."

- The ephah was being taken to the land of Shinar. This means the wickedness was being taken to Babylon.
- Once the ephah was brought there it would be established. This means that wickedness would be established in Babylon.
- A house was going to be built in Babylon for this wickedness. (This indicates some sort of pagan temple, with possibly an idol made out of lead).

# Chapter 6

**Zechariah 6:1:** "And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass."

- God gave another vision to Zechariah.
- Zechariah saw four chariots.
- The four chariots came out from between two mountains.
- The mountains were made of brass.

**Zechariah 6:2:** "In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;"

- The first chariot was pulled by red horses.
- The second chariot was pulled by black horses.

**Zechariah 6:3:** "And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses."

- The third chariot was pulled by white horses.
- The fourth chariot was pulled by "bay" (brown) horses.

**Zechariah 6:4:** "Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?"

- Zechariah didn't understand the vision.
- Zechariah needed someone to interpret the vision for him

so that he could understand it.

- There was an angel standing nearby when Zechariah saw this vision.
- Zechariah asked the angel for the meaning of the vision.

**Zechariah 6:5:** "And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the LORD of all the earth."

- The four chariots were the four spirits of the heavens.
- The four spirits once stood before the Lord.
- The four spirits were sent to this world.
- God is the God of all the earth.
- God is still the Lord of all the world, even if people don't acknowledge Him or serve Him.
- There are four spirits of the heavens.

**Zechariah 6:6:** "The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country."

- The black horses went into the north country.
- The white horses followed the black horses into the north country.
- The bay (brown) horses went toward the south country.

**Zechariah 6:7:** "And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked

to and fro through the earth."

- The brown horses sought permission to walk throughout the world.
- God gave His permission for the brown horses to walk throughout the world.
- There are times when the four spirits of the heavens walk throughout the world.
- After God gave His permission, the brown horses walked throughout the world.
- The devil isn't the only one who walks throughout the world. The spirits of God do as well.
- God has spirits that serve Him.
- The spirits of God obtain God's permission before taking action.

**Zechariah 6:8:** "Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."

- When the brown horses went into the north country, they quieted God's spirit in the north country. (This seems to have been a good thing.)
- It seems that these horses bring peace (whereas the four horses of the apocalypse, found in Revelation, take away peace).

**Zechariah 6:9:** "And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,"

- God sent His word to Zechariah.

**Zechariah 6:10:** "Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;"

- God commanded Zechariah to take Heldai to the house of Josiah.
- Heldai had journeyed to Zechariah from Babylon.
- Zechariah wasn't in Babylon when this was written.
- God commanded Zechariah to take Tobijah to the house of Josiah.
- Tobijah had journeyed to Zechariah from Babylon.
- God commanded Zechariah to take Jedaiah to the house of Josiah.
- Jedaiah had journeyed to Zechariah from Babylon.
- Zechariah was to take three people with him to the house of Josiah.
- Josiah was the son of Zephaniah.

**Zechariah 6:11:** "Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;"

- God commanded Zechariah to take silver and gold, and make crowns.
- Zechariah was to set the crowns upon the head of Joshua.
- Joshua was the son of Josedech.
- Josedech was the high priest.



- There was a high priest in those days.
- Zechariah had access to silver and gold.
- Zechariah had access to someone who knew how to turn silver and gold into crowns.
- Josedech the high priest was in the house of Josiah.

**Zechariah 6:12:** "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:"

- God commanded Zechariah to give a message to Joshua.
- The message was about the BRANCH (the coming Messiah).
- The Messiah would grow up out of his place.
- The Messiah would build the temple of the Lord. (This may be a reference to the millennial temple.)

**Zechariah 6:13:** "Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

- God repeated that the Messiah would build the temple of the Lord.
- The Messiah would bear the glory. He would be glorified.
- The Messiah would sit on the throne.
- The Messiah would rule from His throne.
- The Messiah would be a priest.

- The Messiah would be both a king and a priest.
- The counsel of the Messiah would be the counsel of peace.

**Zechariah 6:14:** "And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD."

- One crown would be given to Helem.
- One crown would be given to Tobijah.
- One crown would be given to Jedaiah.
- One crown would be given to Hen.
- Zechariah was to make five crowns.
- The crowns would be for a memorial in the temple of the Lord.

**Zechariah 6:15:** "And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

- Those who were far away from Israel would come and build the temple of the Lord.
- Although the Messiah will build the temple, it seems that one of the ways He will build it is by working through people who were far away.
- When the Messiah comes and builds the temple of God, the people would know that this prophecy came from the Lord, and God had sent Zechariah.

- All of these things would come to pass if the people diligently obeyed the voice of God.
- The Lord was the God of Israel.

## Chapter 7

**Zechariah 7:1:** "And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu;"

- God sent His word to Zechariah in the fourth year of Darius.
- Darius was king.
- God sent His word to Zechariah in the ninth month.
- God sent His word to Zechariah in the fourth day of the month.

**Zechariah 7:2:** "When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,"

- God sent His word to Zechariah after Sherezer was sent to pray before the Lord.
- God sent His word to Zechariah after Regemmelech was sent to pray before the Lord.
- God sent His word to Zechariah after the men of Sherezer and Regemmelech were sent to pray before the Lord.

**Zechariah 7:3:** "And to speak unto the priests which were in

the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?"

- Sherezzer and Regemmelech asked the priests if they should weep in the fifth month.
- Sherezzer and Regemmelech asked the prophets if they should weep in the fifth month.
- The people had been weeping in the fifth month for many years.
- The people had been separating themselves in the fifth month for many years.

**Zechariah 7:4:** "Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,"

- After Sherezzer and Regemmelech asked the priest and the prophets if they should weep in the fifth month, God sent His word to Zechariah.

**Zechariah 7:5:** "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me?"

- The message that God gave Zechariah was for all the people of the land.
- The message that God gave Zechariah was also for the priests.
- The people had been fasting in the fifth month.
- The people had been mourning in the fifth month.

- The people had been fasting in the seventh month.
- The people had been fasting mourning in the seventh month.
- The people had been fasting and mourning in the fifth and seventh month for seventy years.
- Although the people had been fasting and mourning for seventy years, they hadn't been doing that for God. God wasn't impressed by what they had been doing because they hadn't been doing it for Him.
- Our motive for fasting and mourning matters to God. If we're not doing it for God then there's no point in doing it at all.

**Zechariah 7:6:** "And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?"

- When the people ate, they ate for themselves.
- When the people drank, they drank for themselves.
- God doesn't want us to live for ourselves. Instead He wants us to live for Him. This includes our eating, drinking, and the activities of our life.

**Zechariah 7:7:** "Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?"

- In the past, Jerusalem was inhabited.
- In the past, Jerusalem was prosperous.
- In the past, the cities around Jerusalem were inhabited.

- In the past, people lived south of Jerusalem.
- In the past, people lived in the plains near Jerusalem.
- Things were better and more prosperous in the past than they were in the days of Zechariah.
- In the past, when Jerusalem was prosperous, God sent prophets to cry out to the people.
- God didn't want people to fast for themselves. Instead He wanted them to hear the words of the prophets He had sent back in the days when Jerusalem was prosperous.
- God wants us to hear the words of the prophets.
- We should listen to what the prophets have to say.
- The things that the prophets said were the words of God. God cried out to the people through them.
- As long as the people ignored the words of the prophets, their fasting and mourning wouldn't do any good.

**Zechariah 7:8:** "And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,"

- God sent His word to Zechariah.

**Zechariah 7:9:** "Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:"

- God is the God of armies. (He has an angelic army of great power).
- God commanded the people to execute true judgment.
- God commanded the people to show mercy.

- God commanded the people to show compassion on one another.
- God didn't want the people to fast and mourn for themselves. Instead He wanted them to listen to the prophets, to do what was right, and to be merciful and compassionate to one another.
- Fasting and mourning doesn't do any good if it's accompanied by a life of cruelty and wickedness.
- We must execute true judgment.
- We must show mercy.
- We must show compassion on one another.

**Zechariah 7:10:** "And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart."

- God commanded the people to not oppress widows.
- God commanded the people to not oppress those who don't have a father.
- Those who don't have a father are at a great disadvantage in life.
- Children need a father.
- God commanded the people to not oppress the poor.
- God commanded the people to not imagine evil things against others. Even the act of imagining evil is wrong.
- Our thoughts can be sinful even if we never act on them.
- We must learn to control our thoughts so that they honor God.

- We must not oppress widows.
- We must not oppress those who don't have a father.
- We must not oppress the poor.
- We must not imagine evil against other people.
- God commanded the people to not oppress strangers.
- We must not oppress strangers.

**Zechariah 7:11:** "But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear."

- God sent His prophets to cry out to the people in the days when Jerusalem was prosperous, but the people wouldn't listen to Him.
- The people refused to execute true judgment.
- The people refused to show mercy.
- The people refused to show compassion.
- The people refused to stop oppressing widows.
- The people refused to stop oppressing the fatherless.
- The people refused to stop oppressing strangers.
- The people refused to stop oppressing the poor.
- The people refused to stop imagining evil against others.
- The people, who were living in a time of prosperity, refused to repent of their sins and refused to listen to God. Instead they continued to live exceedingly wicked lives.



**Zechariah 7:12:** "Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts."

- The people hardened their own hearts.
- The people had a heart of stone.
- The people refused to listen to the law of God.
- The people refused to listen to the words of God, which He sent by His spirit through the prophets.
- Since the people hardened their hearts, and refused to obey the law of God, and refused to hear the words of the prophets, God sent His great wrath upon the people.
- There are times when God sends His wrath upon nations that are very wicked, and who harden their hearts against Him and refuse to listen.

**Zechariah 7:13:** "Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:"

- God cried out to the people and commanded them to hear, but the people hardened their hearts and refused to listen to Him.
- Since the people refused to listen to God when He cried out to them, God refused to listen to them when they cried out to Him.
- When the people refused to listen to God, He punished them by refusing to listen to them.
- There are times when God refuses to listen to the cries of a nation, but instead deliberately ignores them.

**Zechariah 7:14:** "But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate."

- God scattered the Jews throughout all nations.
- God scattered the Jews through nations that they didn't know.
- God made the land of Israel desolate.
- God emptied the land of Israel of people.
- The reason that God scattered the Jews throughout all nations was because they hardened their heart and wouldn't listen to Him.
- The reason that God made the land of Israel desolate was because the Jews hardened their heart and wouldn't listen to God.
- It's a terrible thing for a nation to refuse to listen to God.
- The land of Israel had been a pleasant land before God made it desolate.
- For a long time no one returned to the land of Israel, because God had made the land empty and desolate.

## Chapter 8

**Zechariah 8:1:** "Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,"

- God once again sent His word to Zechariah.

- God is the God of armies.
- There were specific times and instances when God spoke to Zechariah.
- The prophecies in this book come from the Lord. They are the word of God, which was given to Zechariah.
- This book was written by Zechariah. It's a firsthand account of the word that he received from God.

**Zechariah 8:2:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury."

- God is called the "LORD of hosts" twice in two verses.
- God was very jealous over Zion.
- The reason that God was filled with wrath over Zion is because He was very jealous for her. (The Jews had left Him and worshiped other gods.)
- There are times when God is jealous.
- There are times when God is full of fury.
- God can be jealous over nations.
- God can be furious with nations.

**Zechariah 8:3:** "Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain."

- God had returned to Zion.
- God said that He would dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

- In the future, Jerusalem would be called a city of truth. (This is most likely a reference to the millennium.)
- In the future, the mountain of the Lord would be a holy mountain.

**Zechariah 8:4:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age."

- In the future, the city of Jerusalem would have old men.
- In the future, the city of Jerusalem would have old women.
- It's a blessing when a city has old people in it. (If a city contains no old people then something is very wrong).
- In the future, people would dwell in Jerusalem.
- In the future, the city of Jerusalem would be a safe place to live.
- In ancient times, old people had staffs to help them walk and get around.

**Zechariah 8:5:** "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof."

- In the future, boys would play in the streets of Jerusalem.
- In the future, girls would play in the streets of Jerusalem.
- In ancient times, children played in the streets of cities.
- In the future, Jerusalem would be a safe place for children to run around and play.
- It's a blessing when a city has children in it. (If a city

contains no children then something is very wrong).

**Zechariah 8:6:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts."

- The people of Zechariah's time found it hard to believe that Jerusalem would one day be a safe place to live. They didn't think there would ever be old people living in it again, or that one day children would play in its streets. The Jews doubted this promise from God and lacked faith.
- God keeps His promises and does what He says He will do. Even promises that seem impossible or unlikely aren't difficult for God to keep.
- This section of Zechariah repeatedly calls God "the LORD of hosts", to remind people of God's immense power and might.
- God isn't limited by our circumstances. He is able to keep His promises no matter what the situation is, and He *always* keeps His promises.

**Zechariah 8:7:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;"

- God will rescue His people from the east country.
- God will rescue His people from the west country.
- God's people were captive in the east country.
- God's people were captive in the west country.

**Zechariah 8:8:** "And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness."

- God would free His captive people and bring them back to the promised land.
- God's people would once again dwell in Jerusalem.
- The people of Israel would be God's people.
- God would be the God of Israel.
- There would be truth in Israel.
- There would be righteousness in Israel.
- Israel wouldn't always be rebellious and wicked. One day the land would be filled with truth and righteousness.

**Zechariah 8:9:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built."

- This prophecy was given the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.
- God commanded His people to be strong as they rebuilt the temple. He wanted them to continue working on the temple and finish it.

**Zechariah 8:10:** "For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set

all men every one against his neighbour."

- Before the Jews started rebuilding the temple, there were no jobs available for anyone (man or animal).
- Before the Jews started rebuilding the temple, there was no peace for those who left their home or went back to their home. There was no peace in the land.
- Before the Jews started rebuilding the temple, the people were greatly afflicted.
- The reason the people were greatly afflicted was because God afflicted them. God stirred up people and set everyone against everyone else, so that they would fight and be hostile to one another.
- There are times when God afflicts people.
- There are times when God removes peace from a city.
- There are times when God stirs up a city so that it's at war with itself.
- God has the ability to send peace, and to remove peace.
- Peace is a gift from God.
- Jobs are a gift from God.
- The Jews started laying the foundation of the temple at a time when there was no peace and the people were greatly afflicted.
- The Jews had to step out on faith and lay the foundation of the temple in spite of their terrible circumstances. They didn't lay the foundation of the temple in good and prosperous times.

**Zechariah 8:11:** "But now I will not be unto the residue of

this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts."

- Only a remnant of the Jews were left. (This seems to be talking about the remnant that lived in Judah.)
- Since the people had laid the foundation of the temple, God was going to treat them differently.
- God afflicted the Jews until they started rebuilding His temple.
- The Jews had to start rebuilding the temple before their circumstances would change. They first had to obey the Lord.

**Zechariah 8:12:** "For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things."

- In the future, seeds would prosper and grow.
- In the future, vines would yield fruit.
- In the future, plants would grow.
- In the future, there would be dew on the ground.
- In the future, God would bless the remnant that remained.
- God has the power to cause plants to grow and yield their fruit.
- God has the power to water the ground.
- There are times when God causes plants to grow, and there are times when God prevents plants from growing.
- There are times when God waters the ground, and there



are times when God withholds water.

- One of the ways that God curses nations is by withholding His blessings from crops.
- One of the ways that God blesses nations is by blessing their crops.
- God has control over a nation's food supply.

**Zechariah 8:13:** "And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong."

- In the past, the nations cursed the Jews.
- In the past, the house of Judah was cursed.
- In the past, the house of Israel was cursed.
- In the future, God would save the Jews. He would save the house of Judah and the house of Israel.
- In the future, the Jews would be a blessing to the nations.
- God commanded the Jews to not be afraid, but to be strong and to continue working on the temple.
- God blessed the Jews when they were obedient, and cursed them when they were disobedient (just as He said He would in the Mosaic law).

**Zechariah 8:14:** "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:"

- In the past, the Jews provoked God.

- When the Jews provoked God with their wickedness and their hardness of heart, God became angry.
- In the past, God punished the Jews for their wickedness.
- God didn't change His mind and decide to not punish the Jews. Instead He punished them for their evil, just as He said He would.

**Zechariah 8:15:** "So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not."

- In the future, God would bless the city of Jerusalem.
- In the future, God would bless the house of Judah.
- God commanded the Jews to not be afraid.

**Zechariah 8:16:** "These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:"

- God commanded the Jews to speak the truth to one another.
- God commanded the Jews to execute true judgment.
- God commanded the Jews to be at peace.
- We must speak the truth to one another.
- We must execute true judgment.
- We must be at peace with one another.
- It's wrong to lie to one another.
- It's wrong to wage war with one another without cause.
- It's wrong to corrupt justice and be unjust.

**Zechariah 8:17:** "And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD."

- God commanded the Jews to not plot evil against one another.
- It's wrong for us to imagine evil against others, or to plot evil.
- God commanded the Jews to not love false oaths.
- It's wrong for us to swear falsely, and to make an oath of lies.
- God hates lies.
- God hates injustice.
- God hates those who wage unjust wars.
- God hates those who imagine evil plans against others.
- God hates those who make lying oaths.
- We must not do things that God hates.
- We must learn what things God hates so that we don't do them.

**Zechariah 8:18:** "And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,"

- God once again sent His word to Zechariah.

**Zechariah 8:19:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of

Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace."

- The Jews fasted in the fourth month.
- The Jews fasted in the fifth month.
- The Jews fasted in the seventh month.
- The Jews fasted in the tenth month.
- In the future, the fast in the fourth month was to be an occasion of joy, gladness, and cheerfulness. It would become a cheerful feast instead of a fast.
- In the future, the fast in the fifth month was to be an occasion of joy, gladness, and cheerfulness. It would become a cheerful feast instead of a fast.
- In the future, the fast in the seventh month was to be an occasion of joy, gladness, and cheerfulness. It would become a cheerful feast instead of a fast.
- In the future, the fast in the tenth month was to be an occasion of joy, gladness, and cheerfulness. It would become a cheerful feast instead of a fast.
- The Jews held a national fast four times a year.
- God commanded the Jews to love truth.
- God commanded the Jews to love peace.
- We must love truth.
- We must love peace.
- God was going to turn their times of fasting into times of feasting and joy.

**Zechariah 8:20:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet

come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:"

- In the future, people would return to the land of Judah.
- In the future, people would inhabit many cities in the land of Judah.

**Zechariah 8:21:** "And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also."

- In the future, people would go before the Lord and pray.
- In the future, people would seek the Lord.
- In the future, the inhabitants of one city would go to another city and ask that city to join them so that together they could go before the Lord, pray, and seek Him.
- In the future, the cities of Judah would seek the Lord.

**Zechariah 8:22:** "Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD."

- In the future, there would be strong nations.
- In the future, many people from outside of Israel would go to Jerusalem to seek the Lord and to pray before Him.
- In the future, many strong nations would go to Jerusalem to seek the Lord and to pray before Him.
- In the future, both people and nations would travel to Jerusalem to seek the Lord and to pray before Him.

- In the future, both Jews and Gentiles would seek the Lord.

**Zechariah 8:23:** "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you."

- In the future, different nations would still speak different languages.
- In the future, people would grab the Jews so that they could go with them to Jerusalem, because they knew that God was with the Jews.
- In the future, the Gentile nations would seek God.
- In the future, the Gentile nations would know that God was with the Jews.

## Chapter 9

**Zechariah 9:1:** "The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the LORD."

- The prophecy in this chapter is called a burden.
- The prophecy in this chapter came from the Lord. It was the word of the Lord.
- The prophecy in this chapter is about Hadrach and Damascus. (Hadrach was the king of Damascus).

- There are times when God gives prophecies regarding Gentile nations.
- This will take place when the eyes of man are toward the Lord.
- This will take place when the eyes of all of the tribes of Israel are toward the Lord.

**Zechariah 9:2:** "And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise."

- When this prophecy takes place, Hamath will be nearby. (Hamath was a city north of Damascus in Syria.)
- When this prophecy takes place, Tyrus will have a reputation for wisdom.
- When this prophecy takes place, Zidon will have a reputation for wisdom.
- This prophecy involves Damascus, Hamath, Tyrus, and Zidon.

**Zechariah 9:3:** "And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets."

- When this prophecy takes place, the city of Tyrus will have turned itself into a stronghold.
- When this prophecy takes place, the city of Tyrus will have an abundance of silver.
- When this prophecy takes place, the city of Tyrus will have an abundance of gold.
- When this prophecy takes place, the city of Tyrus will be

exceedingly wealthy.

**Zechariah 9:4:** "Behold, the LORD will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire."

- The Lord is going to destroy the city of Tyrus.
- The wealth of Tyrus won't save the city from the wrath of God. Its riches, silver, and gold will be unable to deliver it.
- Riches can't save you from the wrath of God.
- Silver and gold can't save you from the wrath of God.
- The Lord was going to smite the power of Tyrus in the sea.
- The city of Tyrus will be by the sea.
- The city of Tyrus will be devoured with fire.
- The prosperity of Tyrus didn't mean that God approved of the city or was favorable toward it. Instead God was angry with the city and was going to devour it with fire.
- Just because a city is prosperous doesn't mean God is favorable toward that city.
- There are times when God pours out His wrath upon cities and destroys them.
- The wrath of God may come during a time of great prosperity.

**Zechariah 9:5:** "Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited."



- Ashkelon will see the destruction of Tyrus and become afraid. (Ashkelon was a Philistine city.)
- Gaza will see the destruction of Tyrus and become sad. (Gaza was a Philistine city.)
- Ekron will see the destruction of Tyrus and be ashamed. (Ekron was a Philistine city.)
- When Tyrus is destroyed, the Philistine government will be destroyed as well. The king of Gaza will perish.
- When Tyrus is destroyed, the Philistine city of Ashkelon will be destroyed as well. It will no longer be inhabited.
- There are times when cities see the wrath that God has poured out on someone else, and become afraid.
- There are times when cities see the wrath that God has poured out on someone else, and become sorrowful.
- There are times when cities see the wrath that God has poured out on someone else, and become ashamed.
- When this prophecy takes place, the cities of the Philistines will have a relationship with the city of Tyrus.

**Zechariah 9:6:** "And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines."

- When this prophecy takes place, a bastard will live in Ashdod.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
- This judgment will impact both Tyrus and the cities of the Philistines.
- There are times when God pours out His wrath upon the

Gentiles.

- There are times when God pours out His wrath upon nations that don't have a covenant relationship with him.

**Zechariah 9:7:** "And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite."

- When this prophecy takes place, the Philistines will be a bloody people.
- When this prophecy takes place, the Philistines will be guilty of abominations.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will put an end to the wicked behavior of the Philistines.
- When this prophecy takes place, those who remain will worship the Lord and serve Him.
- God compares those who survive this judgment to the governor of Judah.
- God compares those in Ekron who survive this judgment to Jebusites.
- There are some people who will survive this judgment.

**Zechariah 9:8:** "And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes."

- When this prophecy takes place, God will encamp around His house (the temple).

- When this prophecy takes place, there will be a temple in Jerusalem.
- The reason God will encamp around His temple is because of an approaching army.
- The reason God will encamp around His temple is because of people who are passing by.
- The reason God will encamp around His temple is because of people who are returning.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will no longer allow any oppressors to pass through Judah any longer. (This indicates that this prophecy has to do with the millennium.)
- This prophecy takes place when God is dwelling in the midst of His people.

**Zechariah 9:9:** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

- God commanded the daughter of Zion to shout.
- God commanded the daughters of Jerusalem to shout.
- The reason God commanded people to shout is because the King of the Jews was coming.
- It's good to rejoice over the things that God is going to do in the future.
- God wanted His people to rejoice over the fact that their King was coming.
- God told His people in advance that their King was

coming.

- The King of the Jews (the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ) was just.
- The King of the Jews brought salvation with Him.
- We are saved by the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of our salvation.
- The King of the Jews is lowly (humble).
- The King of the Jews would enter Jerusalem while riding on a donkey.
- The King of the Jews would enter Jerusalem while riding on a young foal.
- God gave the prophecy of the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem hundreds of years before it took place.

**Zechariah 9:10:** "And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

- God was going to cut off the chariot from Ephraim. He was going to destroy their military might.
- God was going to cut off the horse from Jerusalem. He was going to destroy their military might.
- God was going to destroy the battle bow. He was going to destroy all military might.
- Jesus was going to speak peace unto the heathen (the Gentiles).
- The dominion of Jesus was going to be from sea to sea.

- The dominion of Jesus was going to be from the river (Jordan) to the ends of the earth.
- One day Jesus will rule over this world.
- One day Jesus will put an end to war and bring peace to this world.

**Zechariah 9:11:** "As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water."

- God is going to free the prisoners from the pit that contains no water. This was going to be done by the blood of their covenant (the covenant of Moses). This seems to point to the redemptive work of Christ.

**Zechariah 9:12:** "Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;"

- God commanded the prisoners to turn to the stronghold.
- The prisoners were to have hope, for God was going to free them.
- God said that He would give double to the prisoners that He was going to free. (This seems to be a good thing.)

**Zechariah 9:13:** "When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man."

- God was going to rule over Judah.
- God was going to rule over Ephraim.

- God was going to raise up the sons of the Jews.
- God was going to use Judah as a weapon against the sons of the Greeks.
- God was going to use Ephraim as a weapon against the sons of the Greeks.
- In the future there would be a conflict between the Jews and the Greeks. In that time God was going to wield the Jews against the Greeks.
- God was going to turn Judah and Ephraim into weapons. He compares them to the sword of a mighty man.
- There are times when God uses the Jews as mightily weapons against Gentile nations.
- There are times when God uses nations as weapons, and as instruments of His wrath.

**Zechariah 9:14:** "And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south."

- The Lord will be seen over Judah and Ephraim.
- The arrow of the Lord will go forth. God compares it to lightning.
- The Lord will blow the trumpet.
- The Lord will go with the whirlwinds of the south.
- The day is coming when the Lord will go out to battle against the Greeks.
- The Lord is mighty and powerful.

**Zechariah 9:15:** "The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar."

- The Lord of hosts will defend the Jews.
- Because God will defend the Jews, they will devour the Greeks.
- Because God will defend the Jews, they will overcome their enemy with stones thrown from a sling.
- It seems that this battle will take place in a world that doesn't have modern technology. The Jews will fight against the Greeks using stones, which are primitive weapons.
- The army of the Jews will drink, and will make a noise that will sound like people enraged by drinking wine.
- The army of the Jews will be filled.

**Zechariah 9:16:** "And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land."

- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews will worship the Lord. He will be their God.
- In that day God will save the Jews.
- In that day the Jews will be the flock of God.
- God compares the Jews of that time to stones in a crown.
- In that day God will lift up the Jews.
- The land of Israel belongs to the Lord. God said that it was His land.

- God compares the Jews of that tie to an ensign (a military banner).

**Zechariah 9:17:** "For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids."

- The goodness of God is great.
- The beauty of God is great.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will give corn to the young men.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will give new wine to the maids.
- Corn makes young men cheerful.
- New wine makes maids cheerful.
- Corn is a blessing from God.
- New wine is a blessing from God.
- It's good to eat corn.
- It's good to drink wine.
- Drinking wine isn't a sin. Instead it's a blessing from God, and it make the heart cheerful.

## Chapter 10

**Zechariah 10:1:** "Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."



- In the day when God saves Israel, He commands the people to ask Him for rain in the time of latter rain. If they ask then He will make bright clouds and give them showers of rain, so that grass will grow in the field.
- If we need something, and it's the right time for that thing to come to pass, then we should ask for it.
- It's important to ask God for the things we need.
- God controls the rain. He has the power to give us rain.
- There are times when God answers people's prayers for rain, and gives them the rain they seek.

**Zechariah 10:2:** "For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd."

- The things that idols said were empty and worthless. Idols can't be trusted.
- The things that diviners said were lies. Diviners can't be trusted.
- The diviners had spoken of dreams that they had, but those dreams were false.
- Some dreams are lies and can't be trusted. Not all dreams are true.
- The comfort that idols give is empty and worthless.
- The comfort that diviners give is empty and worthless.
- The comfort that comes from false dreams is empty and worthless.
- Since idols and diviners were worthless, the people went

away and were troubled.

- Since there was no shepherd to guide the people, the people went away and were troubled.
- People need a shepherd.
- People need comfort.
- People need guidance.

**Zechariah 10:3:** "Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle."

- When this prophecy takes place, there were shepherds. However, they were worthless shepherds that didn't take care of the people.
- God was angry with the worthless shepherds who didn't take care of His people.
- God holds the shepherds of His people accountable.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will punish the goats. (The goats are those who aren't God's people. They're different from the sheep who hear God's voice.)
- When this prophecy takes place, God will visit His flock.
- The flock that God will visit is the house of Judah.
- God compares the house of Judah to a quality horse that's ready for battle.

**Zechariah 10:4:** "Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together."

- The cornerstone comes from God.
- The nail that holds everything together comes from God.
- The battle bow comes from God. God is the one who stirs up nations and calls them to battle.
- Oppressors come from God. God is the one who sends trouble upon nations.

**Zechariah 10:5:** "And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded."

- When this prophecy takes place, the people of Judah will become mighty men.
- When this prophecy takes place, the people of Judah will tread down their enemies.
- The reason the people of Judah will tread down their enemies is because God will be with them.
- When this prophecy takes place, those who ride upon horses against the Jews will be confounded.
- When this prophecy takes place, modern technology won't exist. This war will be fought with riders upon horses, instead of with modern weapons. The streets will also be made of dirt, and will be full of mire.
- God has the power to give victory in battle. If He's with an army then they will triumph.

**Zechariah 10:6:** "And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again

to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them."

- When this prophecy takes place, God will strengthen the house of Judah.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will save the house of Joseph.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bring the Jews back to the promised land.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will have mercy upon the Jews.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bless the Jews. It will be as if He had never cast them off.
- God cast off the Jews for a time, but not forever. One day He will have mercy on them and will greatly bless them.
- God is the God of the Jews. This is true even in times when they're in rebellion against Him, because they're His people.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will hear the Jews.

**Zechariah 10:7:** "And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD."

- When this prophecy takes place, the people of Ephraim will become mighty men in battle.
- When this prophecy takes place, the people of Ephraim will rejoice as people who have been drinking wine.

- Drinking wine makes the heart rejoice.
- When this prophecy takes place, the children of the people of Ephraim will see all these things and will be glad.
- When this prophecy takes place, the children of the people of Ephraim will see all these things and will rejoice in the Lord.

**Zechariah 10:8:** "I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased."

- When this prophecy takes place, God will hiss against the enemies of the Jews for their sake.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will gather the Jews back to the promised land.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will redeem the Jews.
- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews will be increased. They will multiply.
- God has a great and blessed future in store for His people. They won't always be cast off.

**Zechariah 10:9:** "And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again."

- When this prophecy takes place, God will sow the Jews among the nations.
- When this prophecy takes place, there will be Jews in

distant nations.

- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews who live in distant nations will remember God.
- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews will live with their children.
- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews will return to God.

**Zechariah 10:10:** "I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them."

- When this prophecy takes place, there will be Jews in Egypt.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bring the Jews out of the land of Egypt.
- When this prophecy takes place, there will be Jews in Assyria.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bring the Jews out of the land of Assyria.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bring the Jews to Gilead.
- When this prophecy takes place, Gilead will be part of Israel.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bring the Jews to Lebanon.
- When this prophecy takes place, Lebanon will be part of Israel.

- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews will reside in Israel. They will no longer have a place among the Gentile nations.

**Zechariah 10:11:** "And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away."

- When this prophecy takes place, the enemies of God will pass through the sea with affliction (because God will afflict them).
- When this prophecy takes place, God will smite the waves of the sea.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will dry up the river.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will bring down the pride of Assyria.
- When this prophecy takes place, God will destroy the Egyptian government.
- There are times when God destroys governments.
- There are times when God destroys the pride of nations.
- There are times when God dries up rivers.
- There are times when God smites the sea.
- God has the power to destroy governments.
- God has the power to destroy the pride of nations.
- God has the power to dry up rivers.
- God has the power to smite the sea.

**Zechariah 10:12:** "And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD."

- When this prophecy takes place, God will strengthen the Jews. They will be strong in the Lord.
- When this prophecy takes place, the Jews will walk up and down in His name. They will worship Him and serve Him.

## Chapter 11

**Zechariah 11:1:** "Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars."

- God gave Zechariah a prophecy about Lebanon.
- Lebanon was home to many cedar trees.
- God was going to set a fire in Lebanon that would burn down that country's cedar trees.
- There are times when God judges nations with fire.

**Zechariah 11:2:** "Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down."

- The cedar trees of Lebanon were going to fall.
- The might and power of Lebanon was going to be spoiled.
- The oaks of Bashan were going to be destroyed.
- The old forest was going to come down.
- God was going to target the pride and wealth of Lebanon for destruction.



- There are times when God destroys trees as an act of judgment.

**Zechariah 11:3:** "There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled."

- When this judgment comes to pass, the shepherds will howl.
- The reason the shepherds will howl is because their glory has been spoiled.
- There are times when God humbles nations.
- There are times when God humbles individuals.
- There are times when God spoils the glory of nations.
- When this judgment comes to pass, the pride of Jordan will be spoiled.
- In this judgment, young lions will roar.

**Zechariah 11:4:** "Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;"

- The flocks of Lebanon were going to be slaughtered.
- The flocks of Lebanon were being fed (fattened) in preparation for slaughter.
- The flocks of Lebanon seem to be a reference to people, who were going to be slaughtered.

**Zechariah 11:5:** "Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be

the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not."

- In Lebanon there were oppressors who were killing innocent people.
- The oppressors who were killing innocent people didn't feel guilty about it. They killed people without shame.
- In Lebanon there were oppressors who were selling people into slavery.
- The oppressors who were selling people into slavery didn't feel guilty about it. They felt no shame.
- It's wrong to kill innocent people.
- It's wrong to sell people into slavery.
- We must not kill innocent people.
- We must not sell people into slavery.
- The wicked people of Lebanon were saying "Bless the Lord" as they murdered innocent people.
- The wicked people of Lebanon were saying "Bless the Lord" as they sold people into slavery.
- The wicked people of Lebanon were praising God as they did utterly vile things that God hated.
- The shepherds of the people didn't pity their flocks, but instead oppressed and killed them.
- The wicked people of Lebanon became very rich from the evil things they were doing.
- There are times when people become rich by doing evil things.
- Just because a person is rich doesn't mean God is with

them, or that God approves of what they're doing.

**Zechariah 11:6:** "For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them."

- Because the people of Lebanon were wicked, God wasn't going to pity the inhabitants of that country.
- There are times when God takes pity on a nation.
- There are times when God no longer takes pity on a nation.
- God was going to punish Lebanon for its wickedness by delivering each person into the hands of their neighbor.
- God was going to punish Lebanon for its wickedness by delivering each person into the hands of their king.
- The people of Lebanon would smite the land and destroy it.
- The king would smite the land and destroy it.
- God wasn't going to deliver Lebanon from its enemies.
- God wasn't going to deliver Lebanon from destruction.
- There are times when God punishes nations for their sins.

**Zechariah 11:7:** "And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock."

- God was going to feed the flock, which was about to be

slaughtered.

- Zechariah took two staves.
- One staff was named Beauty.
- One staff was named Bands.
- Zechariah fed the flock (as a symbolic representation of what God was going to do to Lebanon).

**Zechariah 11:8:** "Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me."

- As a part of this prophecy, God was going to kill three shepherds in one month.
- God loathed the soul of those three wicked shepherds.
- The three wicked shepherds that God was going to kill abhorred God.

**Zechariah 11:9:** "Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another."

- God was going to punish Lebanon by not feeding them.
- God was going to let the people of Lebanon die. He wasn't going to save them.
- When this judgment comes against Lebanon, people will eat one another.
- God is the one who gives food to the nations.
- There are times when God punishes nations by withholding food from them.

**Zechariah 11:10:** "And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people."

- Zechariah took the staff which was named Beauty and destroyed it.
- The breaking of the staff was symbolic of God breaking the covenant He had made with the people. Since the people were wicked and didn't keep the covenant, God ended it.
- The staff which was named Beauty symbolized the covenant God had with His people.

**Zechariah 11:11:** "And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD."

- When Zechariah broke the staff, the people who were around him knew that this was a word from God.

**Zechariah 11:12:** "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."

- Zechariah told the people to give him whatever price they thought was fair.
- The people gave Zechariah thirty pieces of silver.

**Zechariah 11:13:** "And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD."

- God mocked the price that the people had paid Zechariah. (Under the Mosaic Law, 30 of silver was the fine that had to be paid for a slave that was killed.)
- God commanded Zechariah to cast the thirty pieces of silver to the potter.
- Zechariah cast the thirty pieces of silver to the potter in the house of the Lord.

**Zechariah 11:14:** "Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel."

- Zechariah took the staff which was named Bands and destroyed it.
- The breaking of the staff was symbolic of God destroying the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. Since the people were exceedingly wicked, God destroyed that relationship.
- The staff which was named Bands symbolized the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
- There are times when God punishes nations by destroying their relationship with other nations.

**Zechariah 11:15:** "And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd."

- God commanded Zechariah to take up the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

**Zechariah 11:16:** "For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the

land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces."

- God said that He was going to raise up a wicked shepherd. (This seems to be a reference to the antichrist).
- This wicked shepherd won't visit those that are cut off.
- It's good to visit those that have been cut off.
- We should visit those that have been cut off.
- This wicked shepherd won't seek out the young.
- It's good to seek out those who are young.
- We should seek out those who are young.
- This wicked shepherd won't seek to heal that which is broken.
- It's good to heal that which is broken.
- We should heal that which is broken.
- This wicked shepherd won't feed the flock.
- It's good to feed the flock.
- Shepherds should feed their flock and care for them.
- This wicked shepherd would eat the flesh and the fat. (Under the Mosaic Law it was forbidden to eat the fat of the sacrifice).
- This wicked shepherd would tear people into pieces.

**Zechariah 11:17:** "Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be

utterly darkened."

- God pronounces woe upon shepherds who leave their flock.
- Shepherds must not leave their flock. Instead shepherds need to take care of them.
- The wicked shepherd (the antichrist) will have a sword injury on his right arm.
- The wicked shepherd (the antichrist) will have a sword injury on his right eye.
- The right arm of the wicked shepherd (the antichrist) will be dried up.
- The right eye of the wicked shepherd (the antichrist) will be blind.

## Chapter 12

**Zechariah 12:1:** "The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him."

- God gave Zechariah another prophecy.
- This prophecy has to do with Israel.
- This prophecy is the word of the Lord. It came from God.
- God is the one who stretched out the heavens. (This is a recurring theme in the Bible).
- God is the one who laid the foundation of the earth.
- God is the one who formed the spirit of man within him.



- The heavens have been stretched out.
- The earth has a foundation.
- People have a spirit within them.
- The power of God is unimaginable.

**Zechariah 12:2:** "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem."

- God was going to make Jerusalem a cup of trembling for the surrounding nations.
- The day was coming when the nations would besiege Judah.
- The day was coming when the nations would besiege Jerusalem.

**Zechariah 12:3:** "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God would make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all nations.
- All nations that burdened themselves with Jerusalem would be cut into pieces.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, all of the nations in the world would gather together against Jerusalem.
- Although all nations would gather against Jerusalem, they wouldn't be victorious. Instead God would cut them into pieces.

**Zechariah 12:4:** "In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will smite every horse with madness.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will smite every rider with madness.
- God has the power to smite animals with madness.
- God has the power to smite people with madness.
- When this prophecy is fulfilled, wars will be fought with ancient weapons (horses). It seems that modern technology won't exist at that time.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will smite every horse with blindness.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will open the eyes of the Jews.
- There are times when God intervenes in battle.

**Zechariah 12:5:** "And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, there will be multiple governors in Judah.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the strength of the Jews will rest in the Lord.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the Lord will be the

God of the Jews.

- When this prophecy comes to pass, the governors of Judah will rely on the strength of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

**Zechariah 12:6:** "In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will make the governors of Judah like fire among wood.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will empower the governors of Judah to devour the surrounding nations.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, Jerusalem will once again be inhabited.

**Zechariah 12:7:** "The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, the first people that God will save are the inhabitants of Judah.
- The reason God will save the inhabitants of Judah first is so that other people don't magnify themselves against Judah. Specifically, God doesn't want the house of David or the inhabitants of Jerusalem to magnify themselves above Judah.

**Zechariah 12:8:** "In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, Jerusalem will exist.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, all the nations of the world will come against Jerusalem.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, people will live in Jerusalem.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the feeble people of Jerusalem will fight as David did.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the people of the house of David will fight as angels.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will mightily empower the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They will act with superhuman strength, far beyond their normal capabilities.
- One of the ways that God can fight for a nation is by enabling its people to do things that are beyond their normal capabilities.

**Zechariah 12:9:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

- It's very bad to wage war against Jerusalem. There are serious consequences for waging war against the people of God.

**Zechariah 12:10:** "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will pour out His grace upon the house of David.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will pour out His grace upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will pour out a spirit of supplication upon the house of David.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will pour out a spirit of supplication upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- The day is coming when God will bestow His grace upon the Jews.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the Jews will finally repent and believe in Jesus. They will bitterly mourn over the death of Jesus and will realize what they had done.
- The reason the Jews will finally repent and believe on Jesus is because God will bestow His grace upon them.
- The day is coming when the Jews will believe in Jesus.
- The day is coming when the Jews will bitterly mourn over Jesus.

**Zechariah 12:11:** "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, there will be tremendous mourning in Jerusalem. The people will mourn over the Messiah (the Lord Jesus Christ).
- God compares this mourning to the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
- When the Jews finally repent, they will mourn over what they had done. It will be a very great and a very bitter mourning.

**Zechariah 12:12:** "And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;"

- When this prophecy comes to pass, the land will mourn.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, every family will separate themselves and mourn.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of David will mourn by themselves.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the men will mourn separately from the women.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of Nathan will mourn by themselves.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of David will still exist.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of Nathan will still exist.

- When this prophecy comes to pass, people will have wives.

**Zechariah 12:13:** "The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;"

- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of Levi will mourn by themselves.
- The wives of the house of Levi will mourn separately from the men.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of Shimei will mourn by themselves.
- The wives of the house of Shimei will mourn separately from the men.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of Levi will still exist.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, the house of Shimei will still exist.

**Zechariah 12:14:** "All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, all of the families will mourn for the Messiah.
- This prophecy repeatedly emphasizes the fact that the wives will mourn separately from their husbands.
- This prophecy repeatedly emphasizes the fact that each family will mourn separately.

## Chapter 13

**Zechariah 13:1:** "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, a fountain will be opened to the house of David.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, a fountain will be opened to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- This fountain will cleanse people of sin.
- This fountain will cleanse people of uncleanness.
- In the end-times, God will cleanse the house of David from sin.
- In the end-times, God will cleanse the inhabitants of Jerusalem from sin.
- The house of David will still exist in the end-times.
- The Jews will still inhabit Jerusalem in the end-times.
- In the end, God is going to save the Jews. He will forgive their sins and wash away their uncleanness.

**Zechariah 13:2:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land."

- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will destroy the names of the idols that are in Israel. The idols will be forgotten.



- In the end-times there will be idols in Israel.
- In the end-times God will destroy the idols that are in Israel.
- In the end-times God will cause the Jews to forget about the idols that once existed in the land.
- God isn't only going to destroy idols. He's also going to destroy the very memory of those idols.
- There are times when God destroys something by not only destroying it, but by going further and destroying the very memory of that thing.
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will put an end to prophets. He will remove all prophets from the land of Israel. (Based on verse 4 this seems to be a reference to false prophets).
- When this prophecy comes to pass, God will remove all unclean spirits from the land of Israel.
- God hates idols.
- God hates idolatry.
- Before this prophecy came to pass there were unclean spirits in Israel.
- Unclean spirits exist. They are real things.

**Zechariah 13:3:** "And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth."

- After this prophecy comes to pass, there will be no more prophets. (Based on verse 4 this seems to be a reference to false prophets.)
- After this prophecy comes to pass, if anyone prophesies lies their own parents will kill him on the spot for being a false prophet.
- After this prophecy comes to pass, false prophets who lie in the name of the Lord will be killed.
- The punishment for being a false prophet is death.
- False prophets are lying in the name of the Lord.
- Telling lies in the name of the Lord is a very serious sin.
- After this prophecy comes to pass, people won't tolerate those who lie in the name of the Lord.
- After this prophecy comes to pass, parents won't tolerate their own children telling lies in the name of the Lord.

**Zechariah 13:4:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:"

- Before this prophecy came to pass there were false prophets in Israel.
- The false prophets wore rough garments in order to deceive people.
- False prophets deliberately try to deceive people.
- After this prophecy comes to pass, false prophets will be ashamed of what they had done.
- After this prophecy comes to pass, false prophets will no

longer try to deceive people. They will stop being false prophets.

- It's very bad to be a false prophet.
- We must not be a false prophet.
- We must not tell lies in the name of the Lord.
- God is angry with those who tell lies in His name.

**Zechariah 13:5:** "But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth."

- After this prophecy comes to pass, the false prophets will admit that they aren't prophets at all.
- After this prophecy comes to pass, the false prophets will admit that instead of being a prophet they actually raise livestock, and had done so from their childhood.
- In the end-times, people will raise livestock.

**Zechariah 13:6:** "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

- When this prophecy comes to pass and people ask false prophets where their scars came from, the false prophets will admit that they got the wounds from the house of their friends. Their wounds didn't come from persecution and had no special meaning.
- It seems that in the end-times, false prophets will use their scars to claim that they're genuine prophets. However, that evidence will be a lie.

**Zechariah 13:7:** "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones."

- God commanded the sword to wake up against His shepherd (the Messiah).
- God calls the Messiah "my fellow". The Messiah is equal to God.
- God commanded the sword to smite His shepherd (the Messiah). The Messiah would die.
- God said that when the Messiah was smitten, the sheep would be scattered. (This is a reference to the disciples fleeing, which came to pass.)
- God said that after the Messiah died, He would turn His hand against children.

**Zechariah 13:8:** "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein."

- In the end-times, two thirds of the Jews would be cut off and die.
- In the end-times, one third of the Jews would be saved.
- Not all of the Jews will die in the end-times. Some of them will be saved and enter into the millennium.
- The devil will be unable to kill all of the Jews.

**Zechariah 13:9:** "And I will bring the third part through the

fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God."

- In the end-times, the one third of Jews who survive will pass through the fire (the tribulation period).
- In the end-times, the one third of Jews who survive will be refined as silver is refined.
- In the end-times, the one third of Jews who survive will be tried as gold is tried.
- In the end-times, the one third of Jews who survive will call upon the name of the Lord.
- When the Jews call upon the name of the Lord, He will hear them. They will be His people and He will be their God.
- In the end-times, God will save the Jews. Two thirds of them will be killed, but one third will call upon the name of the Lord and be saved.

## Chapter 14

**Zechariah 14:1:** "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee."

- The Day of the Lord is coming. (This is a reference to the tribulation.)
- When the Day of the Lord comes, the Jews will spoil those who come against them.

**Zechariah 14:2:** "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."

- In the tribulation, all nations will gather against Jerusalem to wage war against the city.
- The reason all nations will gather against Jerusalem is because God will gather them.
- In the tribulation, all nations will be involved in fighting against Jerusalem.
- In the tribulation, the city of Jerusalem will be conquered. The Jews will be unable to overcome the combined armies of the entire world.
- When the city of Jerusalem is conquered, the houses of the city will be looted.
- When the city of Jerusalem is conquered, the women of the city will be raped.
- When the city of Jerusalem is conquered, half of the city will be taken as slaves.
- When the city of Jerusalem is conquered, the rest of the Jews will remain in the city.

**Zechariah 14:3:** "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

- After the city of Jerusalem is conquered, God will go forth and fight against the nations.
- There will be consequences for the nations that fought against Jerusalem and conquered the city. God Himself

will fight against those nations.

**Zechariah 14:4:** "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

- In the day that God goes to battle against the nations, His feet will stand upon the mount of Olives. (This is a reference to the return of Jesus at the end of the tribulation).
- The mount of Olives is located to the east of Jerusalem.
- When the Messiah (Jesus) returns and stands upon the mount of Olives, the mountain will split into two.
- When the Messiah returns and stands upon the mount of Olives, half of the mountain will move toward the north.
- When the Messiah returns and stands upon the mount of Olives, half of the mountain will move toward the south.
- When the Messiah returns and stands upon the mount of Olives, a great valley will form where the mount of Olives once stood.
- The valley will go from the east to the west. The mountain will be split, with part on the north and part on the south.

**Zechariah 14:5:** "And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the

earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."

- When the Messiah returns, the Jews will flee to the valley of the mountains.
- The valley of the mountains will reach to Azal.
- There was a mighty earthquake in the days of Uzziah.
- Uzziah was a king.
- Uzziah was the king of Judah.
- The Messiah is the Lord. He is God.
- The Messiah is going to return.
- When the Messiah returns, He will bring all of the saints with Him.
- When the Messiah returns, the Jews will flee as they fled in the days of the earthquake that happened during the reign of Uzziah.

**Zechariah 14:6:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:"

- When the Messiah returns, the light won't be clear.
- When the Messiah returns, it won't be dark.

**Zechariah 14:7:** "But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light."

- When the Messiah returns, it will be neither day nor night.
- The day when the Messiah returns will be a special day



that's unlike other days that came before it. It will be a day that's known to the Lord.

- On the evening of the day when the Messiah returns, it will be light.

**Zechariah 14:8:** "And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be."

- When the Messiah returns, living waters will go forth out of Jerusalem.
- Half of the living waters will go toward the former sea.
- Half of the living waters will go toward the hider sea.
- The living waters will flow in summer.
- The living waters will flow in winter.

**Zechariah 14:9:** "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one."

- In the end-times, God will be king over all the world. (This is looking forward to the earthly reign of Jesus.)
- There's only one God, and His name is one.

**Zechariah 14:10:** "All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses."

- When the Messiah returns, all of the land between Geba

and Rimmon will be turned into a plain.

- When the Messiah returns, the topography of Israel will be dramatically altered.
- Jerusalem is going to be lifted up.
- Jerusalem will be inhabited. People will live there.
- People will live from Benjamin's gate to the first gate.
- People will live all the way out to the corner gate.
- People will live from the tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses.

**Zechariah 14:11:** "And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited."

- People will live in Jerusalem again.
- Jerusalem will never be destroyed again.
- Jerusalem will be a safe place to live. It will be safely inhabited.
- In the future Jerusalem will be a place of safety.

**Zechariah 14:12:** "And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

- God will smite all those who fought against Jerusalem with a plague.
- The punishment for fighting against Jerusalem will be

death.

- Those who fought against Jerusalem will have their flesh consumed from them as they stand on their feet.
- Those who fought against Jerusalem will have their eyes consumed out of their heads.
- Those who fought against Jerusalem will have their tongue consume out of their mouth.
- Those who fought against Jerusalem will die a horrible death.

**Zechariah 14:13:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour."

- When the Messiah returns, God will send a great disturbance among those who fought against Jerusalem.
- When the Messiah returns, those who fought against Jerusalem will fight against one another. God will turn the nations against one another.

**Zechariah 14:14:** "And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance."

- When the Messiah returns, Judah will join the fight in Jerusalem.
- When the Messiah returns, the Jews will gain the wealth of the surrounding nations.

- The Jews will gain gold in great abundance.
- The Jews will gain silver in great abundance.
- The Jews will gain apparel in great abundance.

**Zechariah 14:15:** "And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague."

- The plague that God will send upon those who came against Jerusalem will also be sent upon their horses.
- The plague that God will send upon those who came against Jerusalem will also be sent upon their mules.
- The plague that God will send upon those who came against Jerusalem will also be sent upon their camels.
- The plague that God will send upon those who came against Jerusalem will also be sent upon their donkeys.
- The plague that God will send upon those who came against Jerusalem will also be sent upon all the animals they brought with them.
- The nations that come against Jerusalem will bring horses.
- The nations that come against Jerusalem will bring mules.
- The nations that come against Jerusalem will bring camels.
- The nations that come against Jerusalem will bring donkeys.
- The nations that come against Jerusalem will bring animals.

- The nations that come against Jerusalem will be in tents.
- It seems that when the nations come against Jerusalem, they will be fighting with ancient weapons and riding animals. They will apparently not have access to modern weapons or modern technology.
- It seems that in the tribulation era, modern technology won't exist.

**Zechariah 14:16:** "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."

- God is going to kill the soldiers who fought against Jerusalem, but He's not going to kill all of the people of those nations. There will be some people of those nations who will enter into the millennium.
- All of the nations that fought against Jerusalem will be required to go to Jerusalem each year to worship the King.
- The King of Jerusalem will be the Lord. (This is a reference to the earthly reign of Jesus during the millennium.)
- All of the nations that fought against Jerusalem will be required to go to Jerusalem each year to keep the feast of tabernacles.
- In the millennium, the Gentile nations will be required to go to Jerusalem and keep the feast of tabernacles.
- The feast of tabernacles will be kept in the millennium.

**Zechariah 14:17:** "And it shall be, that whoso will not come

up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain."

- Every year all the families of the world will be required to travel to Jerusalem to worship the King (the Lord Jesus Christ).
- Any family that doesn't travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus will be punished. (In this context, "family" seems to refer to nations, as opposed to individuals.)
- The punishment that will fall upon families that refuse to travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus is that no rain will fall upon their land.
- There are times when God punishes nations by withholding rain.
- God has the power to send rain, and to withhold it.
- In the millennium, the entire world will be required to worship Jesus.
- In the millennium, any nation that doesn't worship Jesus will be punished.

**Zechariah 14:18:** "And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

- If Egypt doesn't travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus then God will withhold rain from that nation.
- If Egypt doesn't travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus then God will smite the nation with a plague.
- All of the nations that refuse to travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus will be smitten with a plague.

- The nations will be required to travel to Jerusalem to keep the feast of tabernacles. Those who refuse to travel to Jerusalem and keep it will be severely punished.
- In the millennium Jesus will reign with a rod of iron.

**Zechariah 14:19:** "This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles."

- It seems that in the millennium, Egypt is not going to travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus. Therefore God will punish Egypt.
- All nations that refuse to travel to Jerusalem to worship Jesus and keep the feast of tabernacles will be punished. God repeated this several times in this chapter.

**Zechariah 14:20:** "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar:"

- In the millennium, people will still use horses for transportation.
- In the millennium, it seems that modern technology won't exist.
- In the millennium, the horses in Jerusalem will have bells.
- In the millennium, the bells on the horses in Jerusalem will have an inscription that says HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.
- In the millennium, even the bells upon the horses will be holy.

- In the millennium, there will be a temple for the Lord.
- In the millennium, the pots in the house of the Lord will be as holy as the bowls before the altar.
- In the millennium, holiness will abound.

**Zechariah 14:21:** "Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts."

- In the millennium, the land of Israel will be saturated with holiness.
- In the millennium, every pot in Jerusalem will be holy.
- In the millennium, every pot in Judah will be holy.
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- In the millennium, Judah will be holy.
- In the millennium, sacrifices will be offered in the temple. There will be a millennial sacrificial system.
- In the millennium, no Canaanite will enter the temple of the Lord.