

### The Prophecy of Zechariah

**Zechariah** the prophet was probably born in Babylon. He was contemporary with **Haggai**. His mission was to encourage a disheartened people by prophesying of the future glory to come to Israel

**Note:-** God takes our eyes of present difficulties and encourages us with future glories

**Note:-** The difference in the name of his father as recorded in Ezra 5 v1 Ezra 6 v14 and Zech 1 v1 can be explained. Probably his father died in his infancy and his grandfather Iddo ( Neh 12 v4 v16) raised him

**Ezra Ch5 v1** *Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied.....*

**Ezra Ch6 v14** *Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo.....*

**Zechariah Ch1 v1** *Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, Zechariah* was therefore a priest as well as a prophet. The three family names are very suggestive when put together and form a key to the subject of the prophecy  
**Zechariah** :-Jehovah remembers. **Berechiah**;-Jehovah blesses.**Iddo**;-The appointed time

**Keywords:- Jealous. Jealousy.**

Zechariah 1:14 (KJV). *I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.*

Zechariah 8:2 (KJV) *I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.*

#### Overview

Ch 1-6 Visions of future blessing on Judah and Jerusalem and judgement on Gentile oppressors

Ch 7-14 Messianic prophecies Destruction of Gentiles. Future glory promised.

#### Links with Haggai and Zechariah

##### Sixth month

- 1) Hag Ch 1 v2-11. Feasting when they ought to have been fasting
- Hag Ch 1 v12-15. Relaxing when they ought to have been building

##### Seventh month

- 2) Hag Ch 2 v1-9. The glories of the past present and future temples. v7. I will fill this house with glory

##### Eighth month

- 3) Zechariah Ch 1 v1-6. Discipline and judgement through failure to obey. Admonition to return (Rom Ch14 v4 *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*)

##### Ninth month

- 4) Hag Ch 2 v10-23. Discipline and judgement through failure to obey. Assurance of blessing

##### Eleventh month

- 5) Zechariah Ch 1 v7-17. Glories of Gods purpose for His house. Ch 2 v5. "I will be the glory in the midst of her".

#### Silence for two years

#### BC 2018. Ninth month

- 6) Zechariah Ch's 7-8. Fasting but they will be feasting.  
Remorse but they will be rejoicing

John Stubbs. Chiastic link. Ch1-Ch6. Ch2-Ch5. Ch3-Ch4

#### Five Messages

- First Message Ch1 v1-6. Call to repentance  
Second Message. Ch1 v7 - Ch6. Eight visions

Third Message Ch7 - Ch8. Questions about fasting

Fourth Message Ch9 - Ch11. Burden concerning the nations: the advent and rejection of Messiah

Fifth Message Ch12 - Ch14. Burden concerning Israel: the advent and acceptance of Messiah

### **The Lord is described as (x12)**

The **angel of Jehovah** Ch 1.11 The **Stone** ( ch 3:9) who will crush Gentile nations, The **headstone**. Ch 4.7 The **corner**. Ch 10.4. The **Priest-King** (ch 6:13), will sit upon the throne. The Man who name is the **branch**. (Ch 6.12). who will restore the Davidic line, My **Servant** the **branch** who will do God's will (ch 3:8), The **Shepherd** (ch 13: 7-9) smitten The **nail** Ch 10.4. Displayed Glory. The **battle bow**. Ch 10.4. Mighty Power. The **Exactor**. Ch 10.4 Homage. Submission. The **King, the LORD of Hosts** ( ch 14:6-21) whose power is unchallengeable.

### **Message No 1**

#### **Ch 1 v1-6. Call to repentance. Sowing and Reaping**

Reminder of the sin of their Fathers and of the resulting judgement. (Captivity)

Exhortation to flee from those sins.

Note:- "take hold" in v6 is translation of "overtake"

Warning that judgements as well as blessings follow and overtake us

v2 Displeased God. v4. Disobeyed God. v6 Disciplined by God

### **Message No 2.**

#### **Ch 1 v7- Ch 6 v8 The Eight Visions of Zechariah**

- 1) Rider on red horse among the myrtle trees. Israel in dispersion but not forgotten (1:7-11).
- 2) Four horns, Representing Gentile nations that have scattered Israel (1:18,19). And Four carpenters, which represent the destruction of Gentile supremacy (1:20,21).
- 3) A man with a measuring line, Showing Israel's future prosperity (2:1-3).
- 4) Joshua before the Lord, Satan accusing, Picture of Israel cleansed and restored (ch. 3).
- 5) The candlestick, A picture of Israel as God's light bearer (4:1-7).
- 6) The flying roll, Illustrating the rule of Divine law on the earth (5:1-4).
- 7) The Ephah. Removal of National sin against God.  
(Commerce and materialism). Ch 5 vv5-11
- 8) Four chariots, Speaking of judgment upon the earth (6:1-8).

### **Message No. 3**

#### **Ch's 7-8 Questions about fasting and the response from the Lord of Hosts**

Zechariah's answer to the Bethel deputation concerning fasting; delivered on the 4th day of the 9th month of the 4th year of Darius (518 BC). The Jews had been accustomed to fast on the anniversaries of four great outstanding events in their history. (4th. 5th. 7th. 10th month)

### **Message No 4**

#### **First Burden (Oracle)**

#### **Ch's 9-11. The burden concerning the nations: the advent and rejection of Messiah**

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| Ch 9.  | The coming of the true king        |
| Ch 10. | The restoration of the true people |
| Ch 11. | The rejection of the true king     |

### **Message No 5**

#### **Second Burden (Oracle)**

#### **Ch's 12-14. The burden concerning Israel: the advent and acceptance of Messiah**

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| Ch 12 | The repentance of Judah  |
| Ch 13 | The restoration of Judah |
| Ch 14 | The reign of Messiah     |