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- A call to repentance
- A call to finish the temple
- A vision of restoration and hope

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- Zechariah begins his message in 520 B.C. At this time the remnant has returned from Babylonian exile (Nebuchadnezzar had been used by God; Daniel I:Iff). in 536 B.C.
- Political unrest and a lack of faithfulness had caused the rebuilding effort to stop for 12 years.
- Haggai and Zechariah are called upon by the Lord to re-energize the people to work.

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While many prophets were contemporaries with each other, only Zechariah and Haggai are mentioned as co-laborers (Ezra 5:1; 6:14).

Zechariah seems to have been a young preacher while Haggai an elderly one. (Haggai suggests he saw the former temple [Hag. 2:3]; while Zechariah's grandfather returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel in 536 BC [Neh. 12:4,16]).

Same basic message, but very different styles!

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Haggai's message was unveiled and very direct, while Zechariah's message is filled with apocalyptic signs and symbols after the style of Daniel and Revelation.

Zechariah, (the Lord remembers), sees a series of 8 visions from God in one night that dealt mostly with that day and the need to rebuild the temple (1-6).

The second half of the book (7-14) is more difficult and speaks more to the establishment of the spiritual Kingdom of the Messiah (14).

Zechariah is a prophet of hope in the midst of desperation.



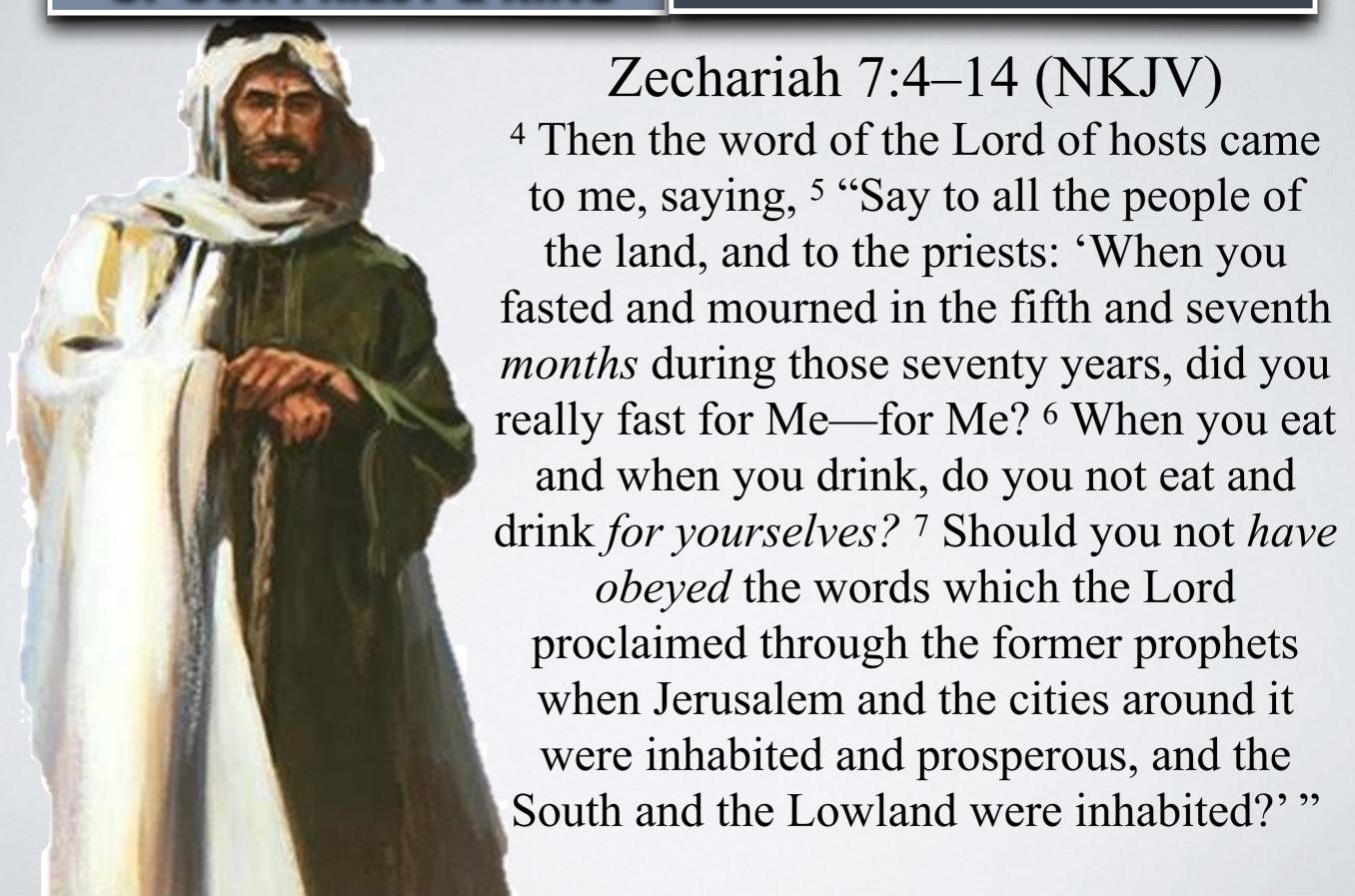
- EIGHT VISIONS IN ONE NIGHT (1-6)
 - The four horsemen (1:7-17)
 - The four horns and four smiths (1:18-21)
 - Man with a measuring line (2:1-13)
 - In Joshua, the high priest acquitted (3:1-10)
 - Golden lamp stand and two olive trees [Law & Prophets] (4:I-14)
 - The flying scroll (5:1-4)
 - The woman in the basket (5:5-11)
 - The four chariots (6:1-8)
 - The Command to Crown Joshua (6:9-15)



- JUDAH'S REQUEST (7:1-3):

 people want to know if they
 should continue fasting in the
 customary fashion and mourning
 during the fifth month.
- GOD'S RESPONSE (7:4-14).

 - God's challenge / The reason God scattered them (7:8-10; 8:9-19).

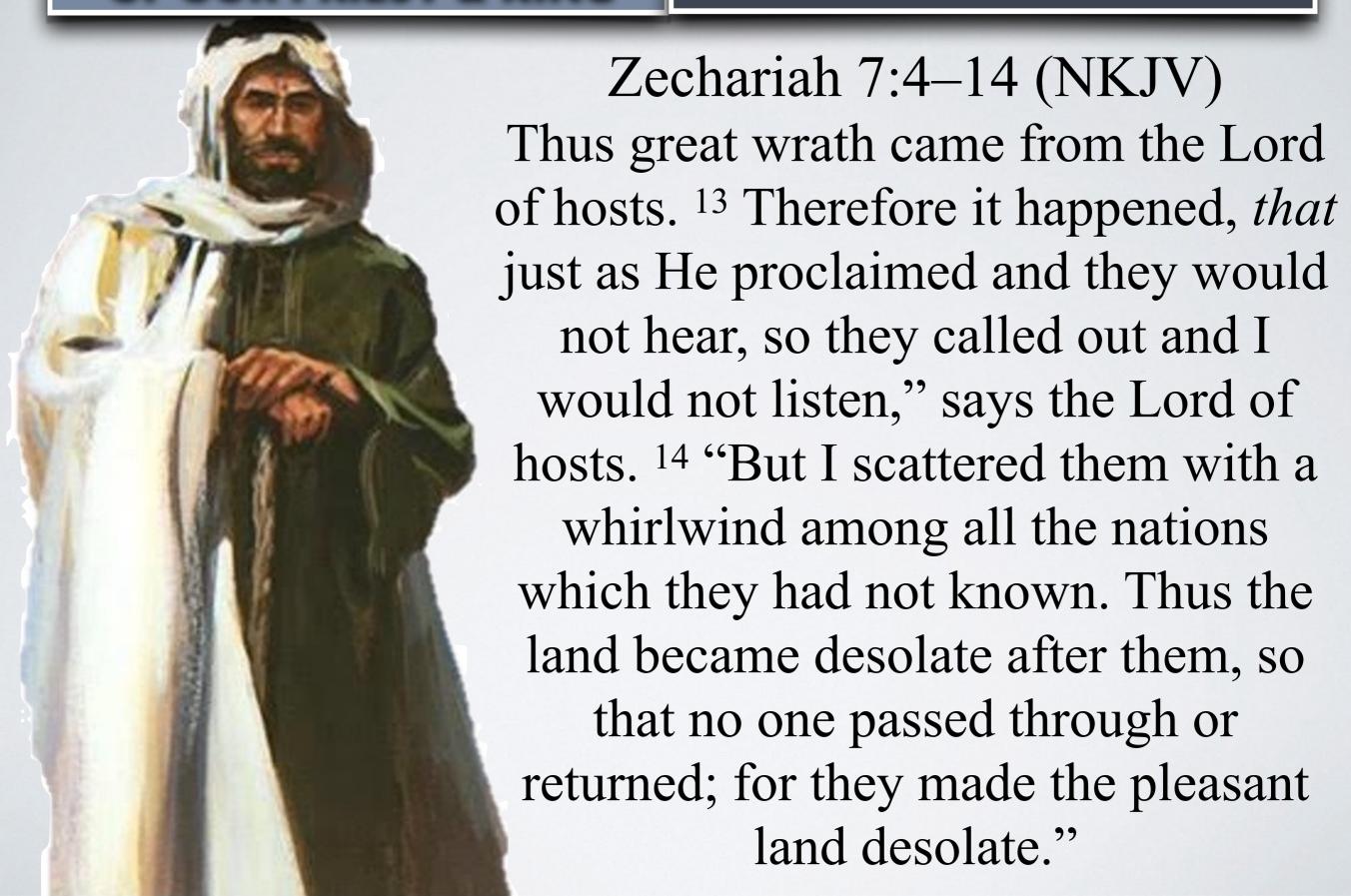


THE CONTEXT



Zechariah 7:4–14 (NKJV)

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.' 11 But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. 12 Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.





- THE LORD WILL BE WITH HIS PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE (8:1-19).
 - The Lord will fully restore His people to the land and protect them (points to their immediate future and prefigures the peace that will come through the Messiah (8:1-8)
 - Complete the temple building and receive blessings from God (8:9-15).
 - Speak the truth always (8:16-18).
 - Become sincere in their fasting and mourning on the fifth month, it is to be a holy celebration (8:19)



- 2ND SET OF THE PROPHECIES (9-14)
 - As book progresses the visions become more apocalyptical in nature and Messianic as well.
- The conquests (9:1-8, 11-13): predictions of successful warfare of some pagans (carrying out God's will) and Jewish patriots.
 - ▶ Gentile pagans (9:9,10): Conquests of Alexander the Great in 333 b.C. (Phoenicia, Syria and Philistia [9:1-7]; Jerusalem is spared by A. G. (9:8).



- THE ARRIVAL OF THE CONQUERING KING (9:9-17)
- COMING RULER (10).
 - The Lord's provision "In the time of the latter rain" (10:1)
 - Comparison between the false priests and the true Messiah: (10:2-7).
 - Messiah would bring redemption and cause His people to bear fruit and be prosperous (spread) throughout the nations (10:8-12)
 - ""'So I will strengthen them in the Lord, And they shall walk up and down in His name, Says the Lord." (10:12)



- THE COMING SHEPHERD (11)
 - Destruction of the false shepherds and their flock (Jewish leadership in the days of Christ) (11:1-6)
 - The rejection of the Messiah leads to merciless wrath for the false shepherd and those who are fattened for the slaughter by their unbelief (11:7-12).
 - The cost of their destruction, (the cost of the Messiah's betrayal) was 30 pieces of silver (11:12,13; Mat. 26:15; 27:3-8)
 - Warning against false shepherds to come (11:15-17).



- ENEMIES CANNOT STAND
 AGAINST JERUSALEM (12:1-9)
 - Notice the time stamp markers "in that day" (3, 6, 4, 9). (Acts 2:17; Heb. 1:1-2)
- BEREAVEMENT FOR THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH (12:10-14)
 - Verse I0 pouring out of the Spirit on the house of David (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16-17).
 - ...look upon me whom they have pierced... (John 19; Rev. 1:7).



- THINGS THAT WILL OCCUR IN THE DAYS OF THE MESSIAH (13)
 - "A fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness" (13:1)
 - "The prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land (13:2-6).
 - "The Shepherd cut off and the sheep scattered" (13:7)
 - "I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined" ...they will call upon My name and I will answer... (13:8,9).



- REIGN AND KINGDOM OFTHE MESSIAH (14)
 - Judgment against Jerusalem but the remnant spared literal fulfillment in 70 A.D. (14:1,2; Mat. 24:15-18; Lk 21)
 - Judgment on the nations (Rome) (14:3-8; Rev. 7-21).
 - Lord will fight (14:3; Da. 2:34, 35, 44, 45; Re. 6:4–17; 8:7–13.).
 - The coming of the Messiah in judgment / not literal/physical (4-8; Luke 21:20;, 25-28; Mat. 24:29-30)
 - Two passages that tie each other together: (Zechariah 14:7; Mat. 24:26).



- THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD (14:9-21)
 - Lord over earth (14:9-11; Mat. 28:18-20; 1 Cor. 15:25; Eph. 1:22; Revelation 21-22)
 - Punishment of the enemies of God's people (14:12-15).
 - Divinely given two choices, repent or suffer (14:16-19).
 - Holiness to the Lord (14:20-21).

IN THE N.T.



Zechariah 9:9 (NKJV) ⁹ "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Matthew 21:4–5 (NKJV) ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

John 12:14–16 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

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Zechariah 11:12–13 (NKJV)

12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. 13 And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.

Matthew 26:14–16 (NKJV)

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Matthew 27:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced, ¹⁰ and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

IN THE N.T.



Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

John 19:36–37 (NKJV) ³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Revelation 1:7 (NKJV) ⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

IN THE N.T.



Zechariah 13:7 (NKJV)

⁷ "Awake, O sword,
against My Shepherd,
Against the Man who is
My Companion," Says
the Lord of hosts. "Strike
the Shepherd, And the
sheep will be scattered;
Then I will turn My hand
against the little ones.

Matthew 26:31 (NKJV)

31 Then Jesus said to
them, "All of you will
be made to stumble
because of Me this
night, for it is written: 'I
will strike the Shepherd,
And the sheep of the
flock will be scattered.'
(cf. Mark 14:27;)

Matthew 26:55–56
(NKJV)

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.



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JESUS is the Priest who brings the counsel of peace between the priesthood and kingship — the Priest on His throne (Zech 3:8; 6:12-13; cf. 2 Sam 7:12-13; Eph 2:19-22; Ps. 10:4; Heb. 3:1; 5:6, 10; 7:1-17).

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JESUS CHRIST

JESUS is the King who comes in humility, demonstrated by His entrance into lerusalem on the colt of a donkey (Zech 9:9; Matt 21:1-5; cf. Phil 2:5-9).

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JESUS is the betrayed Messiah who was sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zech 11:12-13; Matt 27).



JESUS CHRIST

JESUS is also the pierced One who pours out grace, blessing those who mourn their sins (Zech 12:10; John 19:37;

Rev 1:7; Matt 5:4).

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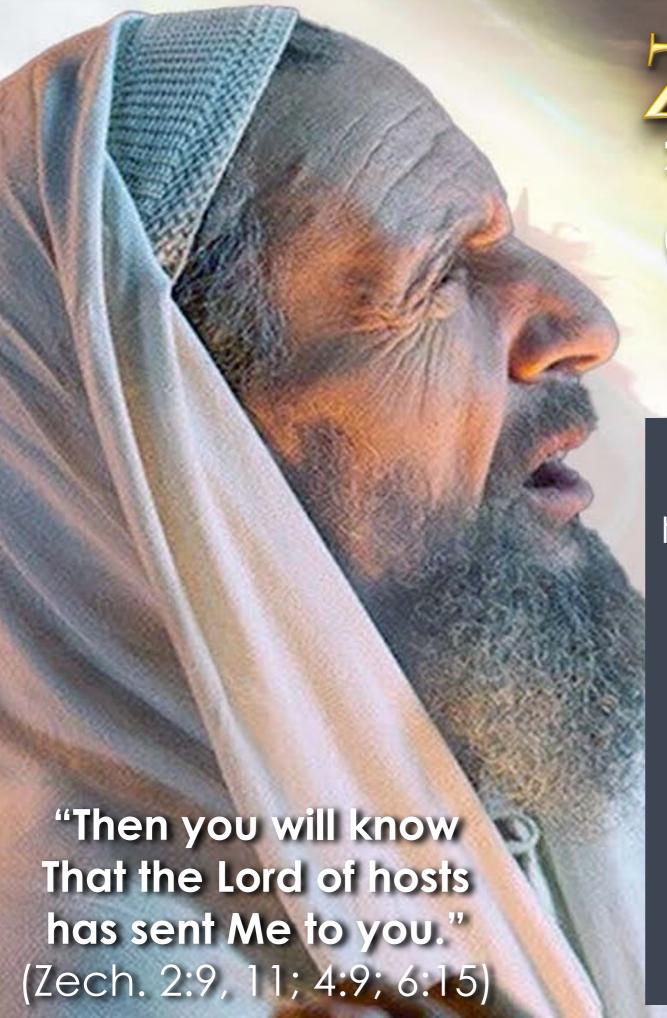


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JESUS is the slain Shepherd whose sheep scattered when He was struck down

Zech 13:7; Matt 26:31-32).

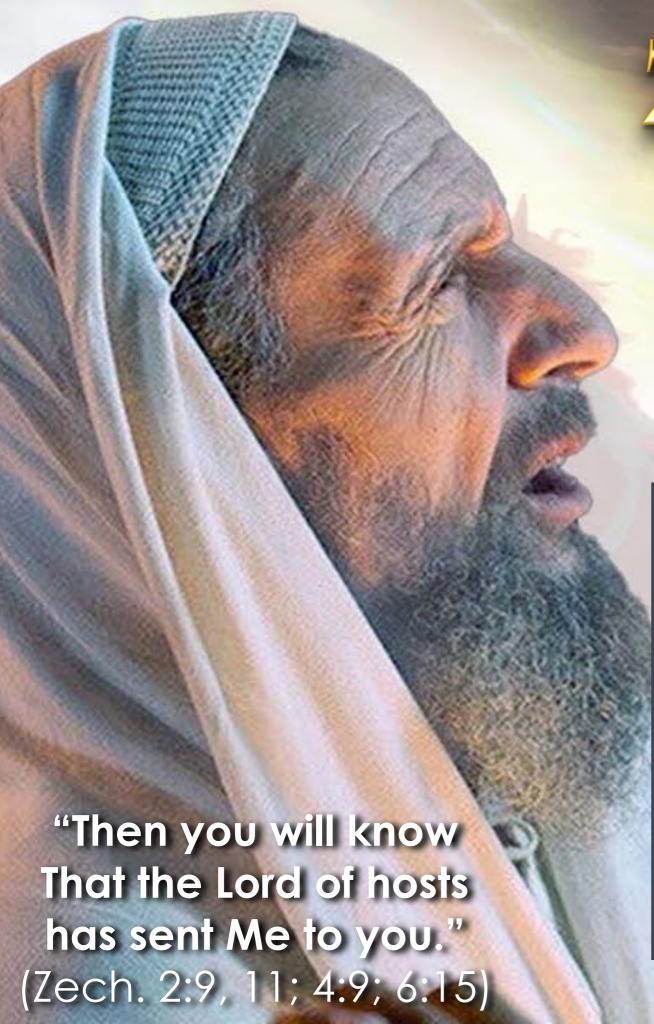
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Zechariah shows that returning to the Lord means dedication to a life and faith that are genuine and filled with kindness and mercy.

JESUS DEMANDS OUR ALL!

Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23;



As Paul said, through the patience and comfort of scriptures" we have hope!

BELEVETHE SCRIPTURES!

OBEY JESUS!

ACTS 2:38; 10:47,48



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Nehemiah 2:17-20 (NKJV)

17 Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" 20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."