# "Book of Zechariah"

Acts 26:19-23 (NKJV)

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## PREPARATION FOR THE KINGOM OF GOD

**ACTS 26:22-23** 

#### Themes of Prophecy – Acts 26:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— 23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

#### What Jesus Said in Luke 24:44-47

44 Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and Prophets and Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Prophecies in 521-518 B.C. to encourage the construction of the temple Ezra 6:14-15

So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

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Galatians 4:4

Christ is the end of the law to everyone who believes

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law

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Zechariah's prophecies are about God's preparation of the world for the arrival of Christ and His impact on the world

#### **Zechariah Outline**

Call to repentance and Judah's response 1:1-6

**Eight Visions & Their Meanings 1:7-6:8** 

**Zechariah's Task & Its Meaning 6:9-15** 

Fasting Question & God's Answer: Repent 7-8

**Burden Against Hadrach (nations) 9:1-11:3** 

**Zechariah's Task & Its Meaning 11:4-17** 

Burden Against Israel (Israel's King will come but Israel will reject Him) 12-14

Yeshua the High Priest 3:1-10; 6:1-15

**Zerubabbel the Governor 4:1-14** 

**Zechariah the Prophet 11:4-17** 

### Three Persons Typify Christ in Zechariah Joshua (YESHUA) the High Priest 3:1-10 Restoration of the Aaronic priesthood v.1-5 Shadow of Jesus' (YESHUA's) priesthood 6-10 v.6 does not apply to Joshua's offspring (John 11:47-53) but to Jesus (Matt. 21:33-44; Psalm 118:22-25; Matt.22:41-45; Psalm 110:1-4) Companions, sign, stone, seven-eye stone, I will remove iniquity in one day, under vine & fig tree v.8-10 (John 1:29-2:11; Revelation 5:5-7)

- Joshua (YESHUA) the High Priest 6:9-15
- Take silver and gold from 3 captives that returned from Babylon v.10
- Make a crown with the silver and gold v.11
- Put the crown on Yeshua (salvation) son of Jehozadak (righteous LORD)
- Meaning in v.12-13: The BRANCH will build the temple of the LORD; will bear the glory
- The BRANCH will be king and priest
- His counsel is peace

- Zerubbabel the Governor 4:1-14; Matt. 1:12-16
- Vision of lampstand and two olive trees v.1-5
- Message for Zerubbabel v.6-7
- By God's Spirit not human power v.6
- Zerubbabel will complete temple with "Grace" v.7 (had started 15 years earlier Ezra 1-6)
- Meaning of the vision v.8-14
- Zerubbabel's success a sign that the LORD sent
- Christ v.8-9 (LORD of hosts sent the LORD)
- Seven eyes again 3:9 + 4:10 = 6:13 = 4:14

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Zechariah the Prophet 11:4-17; John 9:35-10:39
Feed the flock for slaughter v.4
Bad shepherds selfishly destroy sheep v.5-6
Zechariah focused on the poor v.7 (Matt. 11:5)
Two staves: Beauty and Bonds (Grace and Unity)
Three worthless shepherds hired and fired v.8;
Matt. 21:33-46; John 8:37-58
Wages for Zechariah: 30 pieces of silver v.12
Went to the potter via the temple v.13; Matt.
27:1-10
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God's prophecy of the blind hirelings v.15-17

#### Zechariah

- **Encouraged building the temple 8:9,13**
- Typified Jesus as a faithful servant 11:4-17
- Foresaw hand of the LORD in preparing the world for the King of Zion 1-8; 9:9
- Foresaw Zerubbabel is proof that God sent Christ 4:8-9; 2:10-11; 6:14-15
- **Foresaw Christ as King and Priest 6:9-15**
- Foresaw the blessings that Christ would bring the world through His suffering 9-14