

Zechariah 1

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(This Book covers 7 years – can also mean 7 visions or the 7 seals)

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 = remembered of Yahoveh**)

²The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers. (**God took care of them, even out of Egypt, into the Promised Land. And then, they turned their backs on Him with idolatry and perversion**)

NOTE: (The same thing is happening in the Christian nations today. God established us and protected us, and now the younger generations and many of the older generations don't even believe that there is a God. They turn to a life of hedonism, selfishness, greed and atheism)

³Therefore 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. (**Return ye unto Me – better translation**)

(God makes it easy for us to receive salvation. If we repent and return to God, HE will forgive us and take us back. That is His promise to us)

John-8:12 (Jesus said - I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life)

John-14:6 (Jesus said - I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me)

⁴Be 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. (**God sent prophet after prophet to the people over the centuries, but they refused to listen**)

(Smarten up. Receive God and be saved. Don't worry about following man; follow God)

⁵Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? (**not in the flesh; people die. But God's Word is forever. It never changes; it never dies**)

⁶But 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.

(When they disobeyed God, they were dealt with fairly, according to what they had done. Good deeds receive reward; bad deeds receive chastisement)

(Love God; live by His Word, and you will be blessed) Isaiah-43:26

⁷Upon 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, (This is approximately our February)

⁸I 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's 1st vision)

(The first seal in Revelation was the antichrist, arriving on a white horse. He had a fake, cheap imitation rainbow above his head – trying to mimic God)

⁹Then 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.

¹⁰And 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. (These 3 riders are God's scouts. They are sent to see what is going on in the Earth)

¹¹And 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. (At peace)

¹²Then 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? (These last 70 years of the captivity by Babylon)

(In the Book of Daniel, there is a gap between the 69th and 70th week. This gap is the time that antichrist will appear to deceive the world)

¹³ And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. (God's plan will proceed as predicted. There is no need to worry. God is in charge. HE protects those who love Him)

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. (Because they have abandoned God and turned back to idolatry)

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 used the heathen to correct Israel, but they took it way past the point of correction. They enjoyed persecuting Israel, against God's command)

NOTES: (In the end times, the heathen and the perverted ones will turn morality on its head in favor of political correctness. Those who will object will be called bigots. They will be shamed and hated by the governments and by the masses)

(The peace that antichrist will bring will be a false peace of political correctness and acceptance of perversion, selfishness and greed. They will cry peace, peace, but there will be no peace) Jeremiah-6:11-16

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. (a straight line; a plumb bob; this is symbolic for judgment and for re-building)

(God's house is the many member body of Christ. It is the Christians of the world. As more people join us, the house gets larger)

See Matthew-24:8-14 (The tribulation of antichrist)

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. (This will happen during the Millennium Period)

¹⁸ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. (Zechariah's 2nd vision) (Horns are symbolic of powers. The 4 horns are to surround. They are the external enemies. Antichrist will use them to overpower the world)

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. (These 4 horns are the enemy – education, financial, political and religion – the 4 dynasties antichrist will use to deceive the whole world)

NOTE: (In the manuscripts, the words Judah, Israel and Jerusalem are prefixed with the word "eth" <Hebrew> for emphasis. It means "the"; it is meant to point out the specific entities – The Judah, The Israel, The city Jerusalem. It means – the house of Judah, Israel and Jerusalem – the people of the 12 tribes)

²⁰ And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. (These 4 go against the enemies of God. They are God's Elect. Carpenters build, and also fix things. They make things right)

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. (The 4 carpenters will destroy the 4 horns of the antichrist. They are the Elect; through whom the Holy Spirit will speak truth to the world)

(Those who lifted up their 4 horns over Judah, to scatter it, are the Kenites. They are the progeny of Satan, through Cain)