

Outline of
Zechariah



Introduction

Writer

Zechariah, whose name means whom Jehovah remembers, is identified (1:1) as the son of Berechiah, which means Jehovah blesses, and his father was the son of Iddo, which means the appointed time. Certainly this cluster of names with such rich meanings is suggestive of the encouragement given to the remnant — God remembers and blesses in the appointed time. The Jewish Targum states that Zechariah was slain in the sanctuary and that this Zechariah was both prophet and priest. In Nehemiah 12:4 Iddo is mentioned as one of the heads of a priestly family. Josephus states that Zechariah, the son of Baruchus, was slain at the temple. There are those who identify Zechariah as the one mentioned by our Lord as having been martyred (Matthew 23:35).

Date

About 520 B.C. Zechariah was contemporary with Haggai (Ezra 5:1, 6:14), although he was younger (Zechariah 2:4).

Characteristics

This book has the characteristics of an apocalypse. The visions resemble those in the Books of Daniel and Revelation. Daniel was born in the land of Israel but wrote his apocalypse outside of it. Zechariah was born outside of the land but wrote his within the land. Daniel, Ezekiel, and John all wrote outside the land. Only Zechariah was in Israel when he wrote his apocalypse. In the dark day of discouragement which blanketed the remnant, he saw the glory in all of the rapture and vision of hope. He has more messianic prophecies than any of the other minor prophets.

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A PRESENT PROBLEMS (1-8)

- ① REBUKE & REBELLION (1¹⁻⁶) ?/8/2
 - a. ERRING PREDECESSORS b. EARLIER PROPHETS
- ② ENCOURAGEMENT & ENTHRONEMENT (1^{7-6¹⁵}) 24/11/2
 - a. CRYPTIC PICTURES (1^{7-6⁸})

TEMPLE	{	i	FOUR HORSES AMONG MYRTLE TREES
		ii	FOUR HORNS AND 'SMITHS'
CITY	{	iii	MAN WITH MEASURING LINE
		iv	JOSHUA'S CHANGE OF CLOTHES
LEADERS	{	v	GOLDEN LAMPSTAND & TWO OLIVE TREES
		vi	FLYING SCROLL
PEOPLE	{	vii	WOMAN IN MEASURING BASKET
		viii	FOUR CHARIOTS
 - b. CROWNED PRIEST (6⁹⁻¹⁵)
- ③ FASTING & FEASTING (7^{1-8²³}) 4/9/4
 - a. SAD REMEMBRANCE (7¹⁻¹⁴)
 - b. GLAD REJOICING (8¹⁻²³)

B FUTURE PREDICTIONS (9-14)

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A PRESENT PROBLEMS (1-8) B FUTURE PREDICTIONS (9-14)

- ① NATIONAL RESTORATION (9-11) (sooner rather than later)
 - a. VANQUISHED ENEMIES (9¹⁻⁸)
 - b. PEACEFUL KING (9⁹⁻¹⁰)
 - c. MIGHTY GOD (9^{11-10⁷})
 - d. GATHERED PEOPLE (10⁸⁻¹²)
 - e. DEFORESTED NEIGHBOURS (11¹⁻³)
 - f. WORTHLESS SHEPHERDS (11⁴⁻¹⁷)
- ② INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSION (12-14) (later rather than soon)
 - a. INVADING ARMY (12¹⁻⁹)
 - b. GRIEVING INHABITANTS (12¹⁰⁻¹⁴)
 - c. BANISHED PROPHETS (13¹⁻⁶)
 - d. REDUCED POPULATION (13⁷⁻⁹)
 - e. PLAGUED ATTACKERS (14¹⁻¹⁵)
 - f. UNIVERSAL WORSHIP (14¹⁶⁻²⁵)

I. Apocalyptic visions (messianic and millennial)

Chapters 1 – 6

A. Introduction and message of warning, Chapter 1:1-6

B. Ten visions (all in one night), Chapters 1:7 – 6:15

1. Riders under myrtle trees, 1:7-17
2. Four horns, 1:18, 19
3. Four smiths, 1:20, 21
4. Man with measuring line, 2
5. Joshua and Satan, 3:1-7
6. The Branch, 3:8-10
7. Lampstand and two olive trees, 4
8. Flying scroll, 5:1-4
9. Woman in the ephah, 5:5-11
10. Four chariots, 6



II. Historic interlude

Chapters 7, 8

A. Question concerning a religious ritual (fasting), Chapter 7:1-3

B. Threefold answer, Chapters 7:4 – 8:23

1. When the heart is right, the ritual is right, 7:4-7
2. When the heart is wrong, the ritual is wrong, 7:8-14
3. God's purpose concerning Jerusalem unchanged by any ritual, 8

III. Prophetic burdens

Chapters 9 – 14

A. First burden: Prophetic aspects connected with first coming of Christ,
Chapters 9 – 11

B. Second burden: Prophetic aspects connected with second coming of Christ,
Chapters 12 – 14



Quiz on Zechariah

1. During the reign of what king did Zechariah prophesy?

2. In the prophet Zechariah's vision, God promises to be a wall of what to Jerusalem?

3. In a prophecy pointing to Christ in Chapter 10, Zechariah predicted what would come from Judah?

4. Who completed the rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple after the Babylonian exile, as described in Chapter 4?

5. In Chapter 5, what did the flying scroll in the prophet Zechariah's vision symbolize?

6. In Chapter 8, God said He would dwell again with a reformed people and Jerusalem would be called the city of what?

7. In Chapter 2, what do those who touch Zion touch also?

8. What did the Lord say to Satan in Chapter 3?

9. In Chapter 4, what is not to be despised?

10. Upon whom were the crowns set, in Chapter 6?

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