

Historical & Scriptural Placement:

The prophet Zechariah ministered in Judah after the Jews had been allowed to return from exile by the Persian King Darius in 536 B.C. Zerubbabel returned to Judah in 535 B.C to rebuild the temple; but after one year the building stalled. February 15, 519 B.C. Zechariah received eight visions for Judah. He was a contemporary of Haggai. The Scriptural account is recorded in Ezra 5:1-2; 6:14.

Main Point: Zechariah is the second of the three post-exile prophets. In addition to the tough task of rebuilding the nation that had been ravaged by the Babylonian invasion, the people also set out to rebuild the temple and restore their broken relationship with God. Under the leadership of Zerubbabel and the practical instructions of the prophet Haggai the rebuilding of the temple restarted in 520 B.C. Because of limited resources, constant opposition, and continual complaining it didn't take long for the people to become discouraged in the work. Knowing this would happen, God gave Zechariah a series of eight visions describing the future plan of God. These visions of a future Jerusalem, a coming kingdom, and the King who'd occupy the throne were intended to provide encouragement and motivation to finish the work. The people needed to "keep a heavenly vision," "maintain a pure heart," and "hold fast the heavenly promise."

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

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KEEP A HEAVENLY VISION

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MAINTAIN A PURE HEART

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HOLD FAST THE HEAVENLY PROMISE

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 (CORNERSTONE, TENT PEG, BATTLE BOW, EVERY RULER TOGETHER)
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Day 1: Lampstand.....

Zechariah 4:1-7 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What does the lampstand and the two oil trees represent? (2). In the temple the lampstand had to be manually given oil. In what way is it significant that the oil (fuel for the lamp) is fed automatically into the lamp? (3). With the understanding that the lamp represents the believer and the oil the Holy Spirit, what role should the Spirit of God play in the life of the believer?

Day 2: Small Things.....

Zechariah 4:8-14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What was the general opinion of Zerubbabel and the temple he built? (2). Though the world might conclude your work for God to be insignificant, what insight does this passage give concerning God's perspective? (3). Concerning your life, what would you consider to be the "day of small things?"

Day 3: Resulting Captivity.....

Zechariah 7:8-14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). According to this passage, why had God's people been sent into captivity? (2). How do we "refuse to hear the law and the words of the Lord?" How do we make our "hearts like flint?" Why is it so dangerous if we don't heed the Word of the Lord? (3). What has God been saying to you that you've been choosing to ignore?

Day 4: Donkey Rider.....

Zechariah 9:9-10 // THINKING POINTS: (1). When was this prophecy fulfilled by Jesus Christ? (2). Develop a character sketch of Jesus from the description in this passage of the coming King. (3). In what way should the understanding that your King is coming affect your life?

Day 5: Rejected Shepherd.....

Zechariah 11:4-17 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In what way was the prophecy of the rejected Shepherd fulfilled in the Gospel record? (2). Because the people rejected the true Shepherd, what does God promise will rise to take His place? (3). What practical applications can we reach concerning our acceptance or rejection of Jesus?

Day 6: Piercing.....

Zechariah 12:10-14 // THINKING POINT: (1). According to this passage, who will be pierced? (2). Why would there be great mourning in Jerusalem when they look upon their coming King? (3). Why was Jesus pierced? Why did He have to die? Who was and is responsible for His death on the cross?

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