

Outline of Zechariah

The book of Zechariah is written to Israel after the Babylonian exile. Zechariah prophesied at the same time as Haggai (compare Haggai 1:1 with Zechariah 1:1, and see also Ezra 5:1 and 6:14). The dates given in 1:1, 1:7, and 7:1 correspond to Oct/Nov 520 B.C., Feb 519, and Dec 518. Zechariah's name means "Jehovah remembers." Since his grandfather was Iddo, a priest (Neh. 12:4, 16), Zechariah was both a prophet and a priest.

- I. Call to Repentance 1:1-6
 - A. Disobedience of the Fathers to the Prophets 1:1-6a
 - B. Acceptance of Post-exilic Generation of God's Dealings..... 1:6b
- II. Zechariah's Eight Night Visions 1:7-6:15
 - A. The Horsemen Among the Myrtle Trees..... 1:7-17
 - B. The Four Horns and Four Craftsmen 1:18-21
 - C. The Man with a Measuring Line 2:1-13
 - D. The Cleansing of Joshua the High Priest 3:1-10
 - E. The Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees 4:1-14
 - F. The Flying Scroll..... 5:1-4
 - G. The Woman in the Basket 5:5-11
 - H. Four Chariots..... 6:1-8
 - I. The Oracle Concerning Joshua 6:9-15
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 - A. Question About Fasting..... 7:1-3
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 - 1. Destruction of the Nations..... 9:1-8
 - 2. Arrival and Victory of the King 9:9-17
 - 3. Scattering and Gathering of Israel..... 10:1-12
 - 4. Rejection of the Messiah 11:1-17
 - B. Burden Concerning Deliverance, Cleansing, Triumph 12:1-14:21
 - 1. Deliverance from the Nations 12:1-9
 - 2. Repentance and Cleansing from Sin 12:10-13:9
 - 3. Inauguration of the Millennial Kingdom 14:1-21

Notes

- Note the parallel between Zech. 1:3 and Mal. 3:7. James 4:8 is very similar, though it may not emphasize the repentance so much as the drawing near in close fellowship or communion with God. However, the remainder of James 4:8 does deal with sin.
- Zech. 1:6 has the word "they" twice. The first one refers to the words of God. The second refers to the Jews who returned from the exile.

- Note the parallel between Zech. 8:16b and Eph. 4:25.
- Prophecies concerning Christ (see Old Testament Prophets, Dr. R. Bruce Compton).
 - His humanity and His coming in lowliness, 6:12
 - His Rejection and betrayal for thirty pieces of silver, 11:12-13
 - His being struck by the sword of the Lord, 13:7
 - His coming in glory, 14:4
 - His kingship and priesthood, 6:13; 9:9; 14:9, 16
 - His reign, 9:10; 14:9-11, 16-21
 - His building the Lord's temple, 6:12-13
 - His establishing peace and prosperity, 3:10; 9:9-10
- Prophecies concerning the end-times (see above)
 - Final siege of Jerusalem, 12:1-3; 14:1-2
 - Initial victory of Judah's enemies, 14:2
 - The Lord's defense of Jerusalem, 14:3-4 (Armageddon)
 - The judgment of the nations, 12:9; 14:3
 - Topographical changes in Judah, 14:4-5 (Lord's return and kingdom)
 - The celebration of the feast of tabernacles in the kingdom, 14:16-19
 - Holiness of Jerusalem and the people, 14:20-21