

A quill pen with a white shaft and a dark, pointed nib lies horizontally across a piece of aged, yellowed parchment paper. The paper has a textured, fibrous appearance and some darker spots. The quill's feathers are dark and fan out to the right.

THE MAJOR
MESSAGE

OF THE MINOR
PROPHETS

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Zechariah: Vision

MAJOR
STUDIES

FROM THE

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Zechariah

Vision

Author & Background

- ✦ Zechariah was a prophet for Judah around **520 BC** when the **Temple of the Lord** was being rebuilt by **Zerubbabal**.
- ✦ Zechariah's name means "**God Remembers!**" which refers to God remembering his people after exile and restoring them in the Promise Land.
- ✦ The book describes Zechariah sharing eight visions (**Chapters 1-6**), four sermons or oracles (**Chapters 7-8**) and two judgements (**Chapters 9-14**).

Messianic Prophecies

(1) "The Angel of the Lord" Zechariah 3:1-2; (2) "The Righteous Branch" Zechariah 3:8, 6:12-13; (3) "The Stone with Seven Eyes" Zechariah 3:9; (4) "The King-Priest" Zechariah 6:13; (5) "The Humble King" Zechariah 9:9-10; (6) "The Cornerstone/Tent Peg/Bow of Battle" Zechariah 10:4; (7) "The Good Shepherd" Zechariah 11:4-13; (8) "The Pierced One" Zechariah 12:10; (9) "The Cleansing Fountain" Zechariah 13:1; (10) "The Smitten Shepherd" Zechariah 13:7; (11) "The Coming Judge and Righteous King" Zechariah 14:9, 16-

ZECHARIAH

Eight Night Visions

1. The Horse Patrol
2. 4 Homs & 4 Craftsmen
3. Man & Measuring Line
4. Joshua Clothed
5. Lamps and Olive Trees
6. Flying Scroll
7. Woman and Ephah
8. The Chariot Patrol

Apocalyptic

Chapters 1-6

Four Messages

1. Rebuke
2. Reminder
3. Restoration
4. Return

Ethical Prophecy

Chapters 7-8

Two Oracles

1. Burden against the Nations
2. Burden for Israel

Predictive Prophecy

Chapters 9-14

The Book of Zechariah

Focus	Corrections				Directions					
Divisions	Visions of Horses & Horns		Visions of Scrolls & Chariots		To Fast or Not to Fast		Israel's Coming King & Shepherd		Israel's Coming Consolation	
	1	2	3	6	7	8	9	11	12	14
Topics	Eight Visions				Four Sermons		Two Burdens			
	Present Problems						Future Promises			
Place	Jerusalem									
Time	While Rebuilding the Temple (520-518 B.C.)						After Rebuilding the Temple (480-410 B.C.)			
Author	The Prophet Zechariah									

Key Verses

Zechariah 8:3 *“Thus says the Lord, I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.*

*Jerusalem shall be called the **City of Truth, the Mountain of the Lord of Hosts, the Holy Mountain.**”*

Zechariah 9:9 *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your king is coming to you: He is just and having salvation, gentle and riding on a **donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.**”*

Key Verses

Zechariah 7:9-10 *“This is what the Lord Almighty says; Administer **true justice**; **Show mercy and compassion** to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.”*

Zechariah 4:6 *“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: **Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.**”*

Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi in context

Jeremiah was in Jerusalem when it fell, Ezekiel was a captive and Daniel was in Babylon in 586 B.C.



First Temple
960-586 B.C.

539 B.C. Babylon is defeated by *Cyrus the Great* (555-530 B.C.) He allows the Jews to return and gives permission for the Temple to be rebuilt. (Ezra 1, Daniel 5) About 50,000 return from Babylon.

Some Jews return, but the Temple rebuilding is stalled by the enemies of Jews for 18 years.

70 years

The Temple rebuilding was on hold as Persian rule was in flux. In 522 B.C. *Darius Hystaspes* (522-486 B.C.) came to power after the death of Cyrus son *Cambyses* (530-522 B.C.) in 522 B.C.

During this period, the LORD sent two prophets to encourage a discouraged nation. Haggai and Zechariah, proclaiming the future of the nation and the city Jerusalem.

Haggai was sent months before *Zechariah* in 520 B.C., both encouraged the Jews to begin construction of the LORD's Temple, proclaiming it will be completed.



The Second Temple 516 B.C.-A.D.70

Ezra and Nehemiah followed Haggai and Zechariah by almost 70 years.

In 444 B.C., Nehemiah was given charge by the king of Persia, *Artaxerxes Longimanus* (464-424 B.C.) of rebuilding Jerusalem, its walls and gates. The Temple was completed in 516 B.C., following the prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah.

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586 B.C. The armies of Babylon destroy the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. Earlier, in 605 and 597 the Babylonians conquered the city, but after the rebellion in 589 B.C. against Babylonian authority, the *Nebuchadnezzar* (605-562 B.C.) destroyed the city and the Temple. Jeremiah wrote about the destruction which took place in the book called Lamentations.

The remaining Jews were taken captive, most killed and some escaped into Egypt.

Ester would later marry the son of Darius Hystaspes, *Xerxes* or *Ahasuerus*. Xerxes succeeded his father in 486 B.C. (486-465 B.C.)

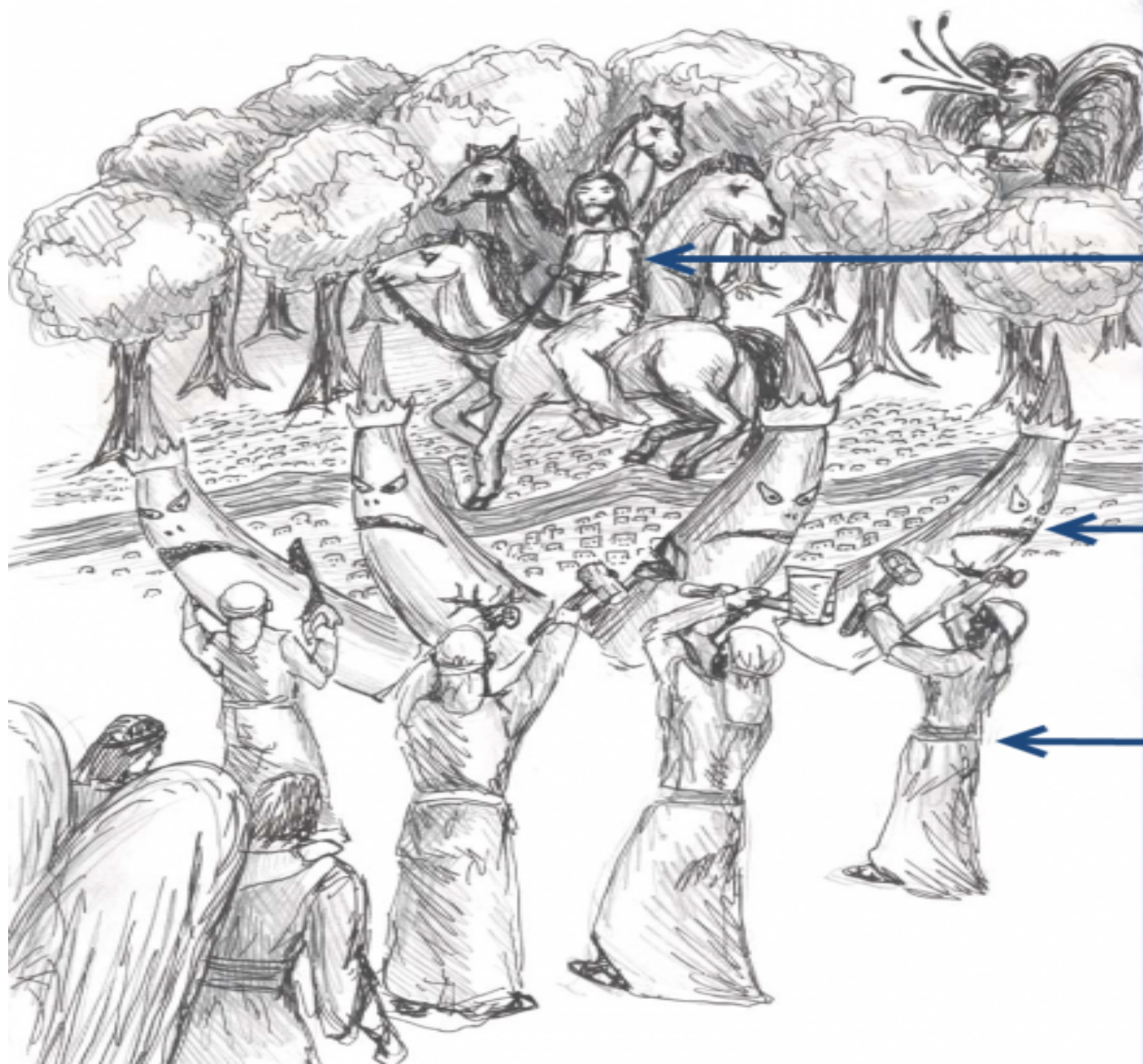
During his reign there was a conspiracy to destroy all the Jews in the Persian Empire.

Ezra (458 B.C.) precedes Nehemiah and leads a group of returnees to Jerusalem from Babylon

Malachi was the last prophet of the Hebrew Bible, (Old Testament). His ministry is dated about 420 B.C.. He proclaimed the glory of the 2nd Temple, when the Messenger of the Covenant would one day come to the Temple. *Malachi* 3:1

Zephaniah Outline

- ✦ Zechariah 1:1-21 **Visions #1 & #2:** Man in Myrtle Trees, Four Horns with Four Craftsmen
- ✦ Zechariah 2:1-13 **Vision #3:** Man with a Measuring Line
- ✦ Zechariah 3:1-14 **Vision #4:** Priest in White Robes
- ✦ Zechariah 4:1-14 **Vision #5:** The Golden Lampstand
- ✦ Zechariah 5:1-11 **Visions #6 & #7:** The Flying Scroll, Wicked Woman in Basket
- ✦ Zechariah 6:1-15 **Vision #8:** Four Chariots and Crown
- ✦ Zechariah 7:1-14 True Fasting
- ✦ Zechariah 8:1-23 Restoration of Jerusalem
- ✦ Zechariah 9:1-17 The Coming of the Messiah
- ✦ Zechariah 10:1-12 The Second Coming of the Messiah
- ✦ Zechariah 11:1-17 Rejection of the Messiah
- ✦ Zechariah 12- Zechariah 14 Reign of the Messiah



*The Angel
of the Lord*

*The Four
Horns*

*The Four
Craftsmen*

Zephaniah's Call

**Zechariah 1:1-4 Call to
repentance- *"Return to me and
I will return to you!"* (Vs. 2)**

*Vision #1: Man on Red Horse Standing among
the Myrtle Trees*

Interpretation of the Man in the Myrtle Forest- Prophecy

God will rebuild Zion and restore his people.

(Vs. 14-16) *“Then the angel who was speaking to me said,
“Proclaim this word: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘I
am **very jealous** for Jerusalem and Zion, but I am **very angry**
with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but
they added to the calamity. Therefore, this is what the LORD
says: **‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy**, and there my
house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched
out over Jerusalem,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”*

Vision #2: Four Horns and Four Craftsmen

Interpretation of the Four Horns and Four Craftsmen-
Israel's oppressors will be judged for oppressing God's people.

(Vs. 21) "These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise his head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people."

Zechariah 2:1-13

Vision #3: Man with a

Measuring Line

Interpretation of the Man Measuring- God will rebuild, protect, and glorify Jerusalem. The City of God will be rebuilt so Yahweh can be worshipped.

(Vs. 13) “Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

*Zechariah 3:1-20 Vision #4: Clean Garments
for the High Priest*

Interpretation of the Clean Garments- The cleansing of Joshua the High Priest- Israel will be cleansed and restored by the coming Branch.

(Vs. 2) *“The LORD said to Satan, The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?”* This is one of the few times Satan is mentioned in the Old Testament.

*Zechariah 3:1-20 Vision #4: Clean Garments
for the High Priest*

(Vs. 3-4) *“Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. The angel said to those who were standing before him, ‘Take off his filthy clothes.’ Then he said to Joshua, ‘See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you.’”*

(Vs 8) *“Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.”* **The High Priest was a symbol for God cleansing his people from their sins.”**

*Zechariah 4:1-14 Vision #5: The Golden
Lampstand*

Interpretation of the Golden Lampstand- God's Spirit was empowering Jerubbabel and Joshua to rebuild the temple and the people spiritually.

(Vs 9) "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you."



“Not by might nor by power,
but by my Spirit,”
says the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

*Zechariah 5:1-11 Visions #6 & #7: The Flying
Scroll, The Wicked Woman in Basket*

Interpretation of the Flying Scroll- Individuals' sins will be judged and punished fairly.

(Vs 2) "He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide." **The scroll represented the standard of judgment.**

Interpretation of the Woman in the Basket- The woman represents wickedness.

Zechariah 6:1-15 Vision #8: Four Chariots and Crown

Interpretation of the Four Chariots and Crown-
God's judgment will descend upon the nations. The crowning of Joshua represents the coming of the Messiah.

(Vs 5) "The angel answered me, 'These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world.'"



Zechariah 7:1-14 True Fasting

The prophet was questioned about continuing to practice fasting and the Lord's response was a call to practice love towards one another.

(Vs 9) "This is what the LORD Almighty says: Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another."

Not by might nor by power,
but by my Spirit
says the LORD Almighty.

Zech. 4:6

Zechariah 8:1-23 Restoration of Jerusalem

God promises to bless the people and restore Jerusalem.

(Vs 23) *“This is what the LORD Almighty says: In those days ten men from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.”*

Zechariah 9:1-17 The Coming of the Messiah

The Messiah will come and Alexander the Great (Vs. 13) will destroy Israel's enemies.

(Vs 16) *“The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.”*

*Zechariah 10:1-12 The Second Coming of the
Messiah*

(Vs. 2) *“The idols speak deceit, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd.”*

(Vs 4) *“From Judah will come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler.”*



Zechariah 11:1-17 Rejection of the Messiah

Two shepherds that are rejected by the people.

(Vs 7) “So I pastured the flock marked for slaughter, particularly the oppressed of the flock. Then I took two staves and called one Favor and the other Union, and I pastured the flock.”

*Zechariah 12 - Zechariah 14 Reign of the
Messiah*

(Vs 13:1) *“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”*

(Vs 14:9) *“The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.”*

Zechariah

the returning King

