

An Old Testament Glance

The Minor Prophets Books – Zechariah

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chap	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"God Remembers"	520-518 BC	Don't know	14	Darius	Returned Jews	Dedicate Temple
Prophets Ministering at the same time:			Haggai			
Scripture References:			Ezra 5-6; Zechariah 1-14			

BRIEF OUTLINE OF ZECHARIAH

Zechariah 1-6	Get Busy and Rebuild the Temple
Zechariah 7-8	Our Worship of God must be Real in the Heart
Zechariah 9-14	The Future Includes Restoration, blessings, & the Coming Messiah

It looks like Haggai & Zechariah were preaching the same message when they first began their ministry. Remember what Ezra said in Ezra 5:1.

1. Write out the verse by filling in the missing words. (Ezra 5:1-2)

_____ and _____, prophets, prophesied to the _____ who were in _____ and _____. So Zerubbabel rose up and _____ to _____ the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were _____ them, _____ them.

These two prophets were not preachers walking around in their suits & ties. They were in the middle of it all, helping.

Zechariah was interested in the building of the temple. He used the word "build" 5 times (5:11; 6:12,13,15; 9:3), so we know he cared about it too.

2. Zechariah wanted the leaders & the people to know that the words he shared were from Almighty God. What two names did he use for God?

"The word came to me from"

- a. _____ (1:7; 4:6; 6:9; 7:8; 9:1; 11:11; 12:1) – **Personal name for God**
- b. _____ (1:1; 4:8; 7:4; 8:1) – **A powerful God with angelic armies**

Check out a subtle difference between Haggai & Zechariah's concerns:

- a. Their neglect of the House of God shows weak devotion to God. (H)***
- b. Their neglect of showing justice & obedience shows weakness. (Z)***

One involves worshipping God by following through on life's task, & the other involves worshipping God by having a sincere & clean life.

Reading about the visions and predictions from Zechariah are confusing. It is written in Hebrew poetry using object lessons that the people would understand; it would certainly get their attention.

3. Match Zechariah's vision with the verses. (Words of encouragement to the Jews in Judah)

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| a. Vision of the Horse | This is a good, peaceful time to rebuild the temple | ___ 6:1-8 |
| b. Vision of the 4 Horns | Future enemy nations will be defeated & removed | ___ 2:1-5 |
| c. Vision of the Measuring Line | The measuring for the temple has begun | ___ 4:1-14 |
| d. Vision of the High Priest | You have stood before Me dirty; I will make you clean | ___ 1:7-11 |
| e. Vision of Lamp & Olive Trees | The current leadership are doing a good job | ___ 3:1-5 |
| f. Vision of the Flying Scroll | Obey My Word & life will be blessed for you | ___ 5:5-11 |
| g. Vision of Woman in Basket | I will take care of your sin; I will send it away. | ___ 1:18-21 |
| h. Vision of 4 Chariots | Your future will be one of peace & rest (the whole world) | ___ 5:1-4 |

4. Do you think this is a good time in your life to start rebuilding? You can rely on God's Word; enjoy the times of peace that you have; begin to rebuild; God can make you clean again; surround yourself with good leadership; your sins and failures are forgiven; God has a peaceful future for you when He comes back at the end of this age as King. Where does your personal work start?

Finally, God shared with Zechariah incredible prophecies about Jesus' day.

Match the event with the verses.

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| a. Jesus rides on a donkey | ___ 14:4 | ___ Mk. 11:15-16 |
| b. Thirty Pieces of Silver | ___ 11:12-13 | ___ Mt. 27:9-10 |
| c. Jesus struck | ___ 9:9 | ___ Mt. 21:5 |
| d. Disciples scatter | ___ 14:21 | ___ Mt. 26:31 |
| e. Jesus on the Mount of Olives | ___ 13:7 | ___ John 16:32 |
| f. Merchants selling in the temple | ___ 13:7 | ___ Mk. 11:1-12 |

The devil has driven nations through the centuries to oppose God & torment His people. Zechariah encourages us that the Messiah (Jesus) will win.

Jesus said, "And behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his works. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." (Rev. 22:12)