

Study Notes

*'Despise not the day of small things'*

Z E C H A R I A H

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# THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH

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HAGGAI 1:15	24th DAY OF 6th MONTH
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ZECH. 1:1-8	EIGHTH MONTH Time of rejoicing
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## THE CHALLENGE OF HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH

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See Ezra 3:12-13

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Yahweh Himself 1:7 the LORD  
 1:10 the man  
 1:11 the angel of the LORD  
 1:12 the angel of the LORD  
 1:13 the LORD  
 1:20 the LORD  
 1:21 he  
 2:3 another angel  
 2:5 I, the LORD  
 3:1 the angel of the LORD  
 3:2 the LORD (1<sup>st</sup> one)  
 3:3 the angel  
 3:4 he (2x), him (1<sup>st</sup> one), I (2x)  
 3:5 the angel of the LORD  
 3:5 the angel of the LORD  
 3:8 I, my  
 3:9 I (3x), the LORD of Hosts  
 3:10 the LORD of Hosts  
 4:6 my, the LORD of Hosts  
 4:9 me  
 4:10 the LORD  
 5:4 I, the LORD of Hosts, my  
 6:12 the LORD of Hosts, the LORD  
 6:13 the LORD  
 6:14 the LORD  
 6:15 the LORD (2x), the LORD of Hosts

Christ Jesus (in prophetic passages) 2:6 The LORD, I, the LORD  
 2:8 me  
 2:9 I, mine, me  
 2:10 I (2x), The LORD  
 2:11 my, I, me  
 4:14 The LORD of the whole earth  
 6:5 The Lord of all the earth  
 6:7 he  
 6:8 he  
 6:12 The BRANCH, he, his, he,  
 6:13 he (3x), his (2x)

The Communicating Angel (Gabriel) 1:9 the angel that talked with me, I  
 1:13 the angel that talked with me  
 1:14 the angel that communed with me  
 1:19 the angel that talked with me, he  
 2:3 the angel that talked with me, him  
 2:4 him  
 3:1 he  
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**HISTORICAL BASIS**

- DECREE OF CYRUS - PREDICTING JEWISH REVIVAL - PROPHESIED 250 YRS - ISA 44:24 - 45:8
- JEREMIAH PROPHECIES A 70 YEAR CAPTIVITY - JER 25:8-12
- JUDAH GOES INTO CAPTIVITY - EZEK 21:27, II KING 25
- JEREMIAH REPORTS 70 YR PROPERTY TO THE EXILES - JER 29:1-14
- DANIEL UNDERSTANDS 70 YEARS BOWER - DAN 9:3
- EZRA 1:1-11 - DECREE OF CYRUS, PREPARATIONS 2, 3, 4-6 - ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM
- 3:7-9 - ENTHUSIASTIC START ON TEMPLE
- 3:10-13 - MIXED REACTIONS OF THE PEOPLE
- 4:1-3 - ENEMIES ATTEMPT SABOTAGE
- 4:4-6 - LETTER OF SCANDAL SENT
- 4:17, 24 - KING ORDERS WORK TO STOP
- 5:1-2 HAGAIAI + ZECCHARIAH REVIVE WORKS
- 5:3-17 - LETTER OF CHALLENGE
- 6:1-7 DARIUS RE-ENFORCES DECREE OF CYRUS
- 6:8-14 ENEMIES FORCED TO CONTRIBUTE
- 6:14-15 TEMPLE FINISHED

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Why did God allow the work to be stopped? In fact, God never told them to stop, he had done all to ensure they built. Sometimes God places obstacles in the path of His servants to test their resolve and their faith. We must always obey God rather than men who oppose the clearly revealed will of God (Acts 4:18-20 & 5:29). The trials experienced in the process fit us for glory. (I Cor 4:17)

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"BUT MY WORDS... DID THEY NOT TAKE HOLD OF YOUR FATHERS"

"THE BROUGHT AGAINST THEM... THE CHALDEANS" II CHRONICLES 36:17

V1-6 TRUE REPENTANCE REWARDED.

CHAPTER 1.

1 Zechariah exhorted to repentance. 7 Vision of the horses. 12 Comfortable promises to Jerusalem. 18 Vision of the four horns, and the four carpenters.  
IN the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,  
2 The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers.  
3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I turn ye into me, saith the Lord of hosts; I turn ye into me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.  
4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; "I turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord.  
5 Your fathers, wherefore say they? and the prophets, wherefore live they for ever?  
6 But my words, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of you fathers? and they returned and say, Like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.  
7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

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MYRTLE TREES

• Native to Israel.

• USED IN FEAST OF TABERNACLES

• Rejoicing in Deliverance

• Foreshadowed the Kingdom of God

• THE OPPOSITE TO BRIERS AND THORNS

• Briers and Thorns: Indicate

• Myrtles: Indicate

• Used in context of

• AN EVERGREEN TREE

• Symbolic of God's everlasting

• Blessing Isa. 61:3; Psa. 1:3

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bottom; and behind him were

there red horses, speckled,

and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what

are these? And the angel that

talked with me said unto me,

I will shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood

among the myrtle trees an-

swered and said, These are

they whom the Lord hath

sent to walk to and fro

through the earth.

11 And they answered the

angel of the Lord that stood

among the myrtle trees, and

said, We have walked to and

fro through the earth, and be-

hold, all the earth siteth still.

12 Then the angel of the

Lord answered and said, O

Lord of hosts, how long will

thou not have mercy on Jeru-

salem and on the cities of Ju-

dah, against which thou hast

had indignation these three-

score and ten years? 13 And

the Lord answered me, saying,

with good words and com-

fortable words.

14 So the angel that com-

muned with me said unto me,

the LORD of hosts, I am here.

15 And I am very sore

pleased with the heathen that

are at ease: for I was but

helped forward the affliction,

a little displeased, and they

did not forsaken Israel.

16 Therefore thus saith the

LORD: I am returned to Je-

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house shall be built in it, saith

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Zech 1, 8-17



1st VISION



18 ¶ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. ¶ And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which shall stand up against the land of Judah, and Jerusalem.

19 And the Lord shewed me four carpenters. ¶ And he said unto me, These are the builders of the Age to Come. They are the brethren of the Carpenter of Nazareth, a beautifully fitting connection. He knew how to build wisely, whether houses or characters (Matt. 7:24). His fellows also have graduated in his school-wise builders upon the foundation of Jesus Christ. By their own regeneration they are now being trained and prepared for the work of regeneration when the Son of Man returns to sit upon the throne of his glory:

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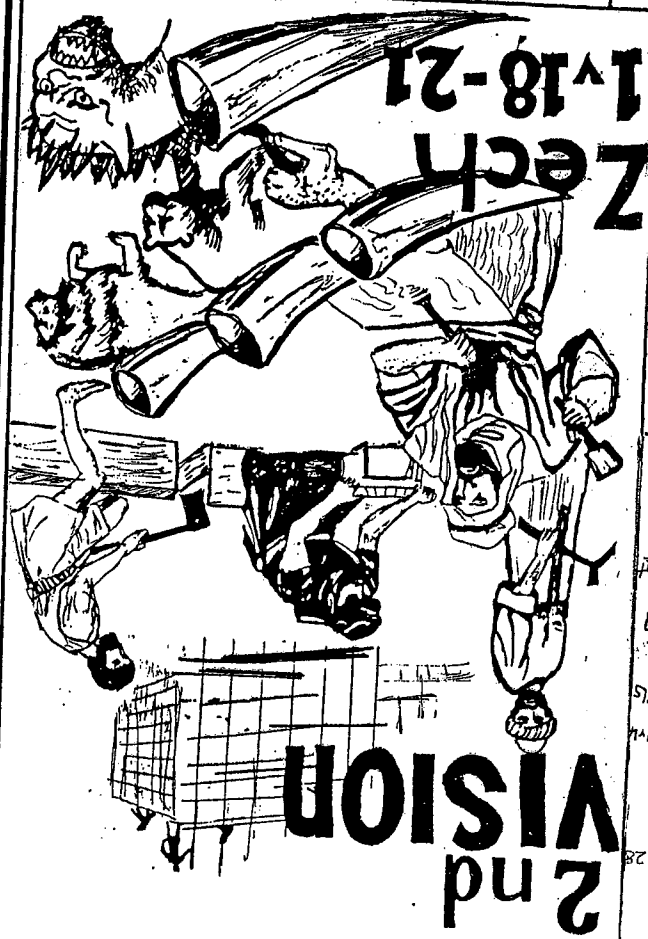
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**FOUR LIVING ONES**  
**The Heraldry of the Perfected Saints**

EZEK. 1:24 "VOICE — LIKE THE NOISE OF AN HOST" —Multitudinous representation of the Saints

EZEK. 1:20 "IN WHOM WAS THE SPIRIT OF LIFE" —Perfected and glorified beings.

REV. 4:6 "FULL OF EYES — BEFORE AND BEHIND" —Complete perception and knowledge.

REV. 5:8 "HAVING GOLDEN VIALS FULL OF ODOURS" —A Prayerful and faithful community.

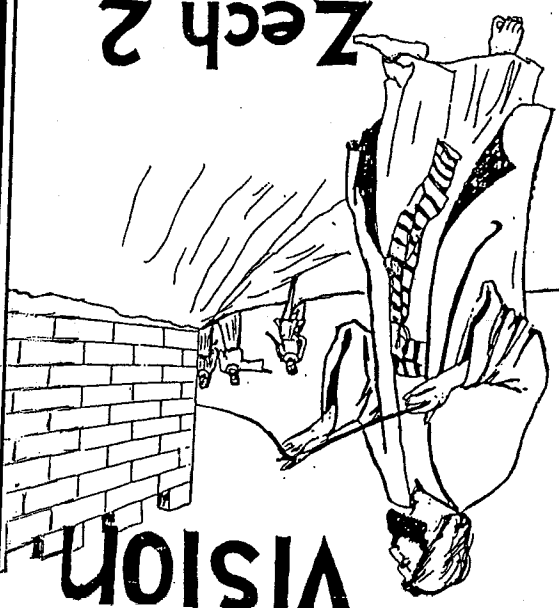
REV. 4:7 "LION, CALF, MAN AND FLYING EAGLE" —Kings, Perfected Men, Servants and Spirit Minded.

"I am returned to Jerusalem with messengers..."

ZECCHARIAH 1  
before me were four horns! I asked the angel who was speaking to me, "What are these?" "These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem." Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. I asked, "What are these coming to do?" He answered, "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." N.I.V.

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THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS

"Zerubbabel, Joshua and their fellows... were taught that they should delight in doing the will of Yahweh in anticipation of the ultimate glory. We should not limit our spiritual vision to labouring only for the present.

There is nothing permanent in that which is being set up now whether ec- clesiastical or otherwise. All will be replaced at Christ's return. But if we labour faithfully in these temporary things, with our hopes centred upon that which will ultimately be manifested, our labour will not be in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58)." Bro. H.P. Mansfield

2:1-5 MAN WITH A MEASURING LINE  
 CHAPTER 2

I LIFTED UP mine eyes a- gain, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line

in his hand. He said unto me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see how great it is, and how great is the breadth thereof."

3 And he said unto me, "The angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him."

4 And said unto him, "Kinnah, speak to this young man, saying, 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:'"

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire, and I will be unto her a wall of fire."

6 Glory in the midst of her. Her glory shall be as the glory of the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that saith the LORD, O Zion, that sayest, 'I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to other servants: and ye shall know that the LORD and ye shall know sent me.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts: After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to other servants: and ye shall know that the LORD and ye shall know sent me.

10 To I, Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, I will come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

14 Fulfilling Abraham's promise Gen. 12:3, 17:5.

15 Same as Isa. 12:1-4, Zeph. 3:14-20

16 Jews will at last accept Christ

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20 Canton of Judah will include the Temple (Exch. 48)

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"I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies..."





