

(Post-Exilic)

## Old Testament Survey : Z E C H A R I A H

**Author:** Zechariah - His name means "Jehovah Remembers"

One of 29 OT men with this name. He is of priestly lineage as the son of Berechiah & grandson of Iddo (cf. Zech. 1:1,7; Ezra 5:1; 6:14; Neh. 12:4,16). Born in Babylon and brought to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel as a "young man" (2:4) and began prophesying in 520 B.C. Matthew 23:35 indicates that he was murdered between the temple and the altar as was an earlier Zechariah (2 Chron. 24:20-21).

**Date:** 520-470

**Biblical Context:** Ezra 5:1-6:15 Contemporary: Haggai

**Setting:** A younger contemporary of Haggai. The foundation for the new temple was laid in 536 B.C. but the work had never been completed. Haggai got the people started on the rebuilding, and Zechariah encouraged them to continue the work with his first prophecy coming two months after Haggai's. The temple was completed in 516 B.C. Chapters 9-14 were written later with the references to Greece indicating a date between 480-470 B.C.

### Dates of Haggai & Zechariah's Messages

2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius;	6 <sup>th</sup> month, 1 <sup>st</sup> day . . . . .	Haggai's 1 <sup>st</sup> Message
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius;	7 <sup>th</sup> month, 21 <sup>st</sup> day . . . . .	Haggai's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Message
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius;	8 <sup>th</sup> month, ? day . . . . .	Zechariah's 1 <sup>st</sup> Message
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius;	9 <sup>th</sup> month, 24 <sup>th</sup> day . . . . .	Haggai's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Message
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius;	9 <sup>th</sup> month, 24 <sup>th</sup> day . . . . .	Haggai's 4 <sup>th</sup> Message
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius;	11 <sup>th</sup> month, 24 <sup>th</sup> day . . . . .	Zechariah's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Message
4 <sup>th</sup> Year of Darius;	9 <sup>th</sup> month, 4 <sup>th</sup> day . . . . .	Zechariah's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Message

**Theme:** Israel's comfort and glory (preparation for Messiah). The preservation of a Godly remnant.

### Outline:

- I. Eight Night Visions. 1-6
- II. One Inquiry & Four Replies. 7-8
- III. Two Burdensome Oracles. 9-14
  - A. Messiah's First Advent & Rejection. 9-11
  - B. Messiah's Second Advent & Acceptance. 12-14

### Key Chapters & Verses

12:10 Israel's mourning over the pierced Messiah

*"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born."*

**14 - The Coming Reign of Messiah**

## Detailed Outline of Zechariah

- I. The Call to Repentance (1:1-6) (November 520 B.C.)
- II. The Eight Night Visions (1:7-6:8) (February 24, 519 B.C.)
  - A. The Patrol among the Myrtles (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 the High-Priest (3:1-10)
  - E. The Gold Lampstand and Two Olive Trees (4:1-14)
  - F. The Flying Scroll (5:1-4)
  - G. The Woman in the Ephah (5:5-11)
  - H. The Four Chariots (6:1-8)
  - I. Appendix: The Coronation of Joshua the High-Priest (6:9-15)
- III. The Four Messages of Zechariah (7:1-8:23) (December 4, 518 B.C.)
  - A. A Question about Fasting (7:1-3)
  - B. Four Responses (7:4-8:23)
    - 1. Rebuke for wrong motives (7:4-7)
    - 2. Repentance required for disobedience (7:8-14)
    - 3. Restoration of Zion (8:1-17)

4. Replacing Fasts with Feasts (8:18–23)

IV. Two Burdens of Zechariah (9:1–14:21)

A. The First Oracle (9:1–11:17)

1. Israel delivered and blessed (9-10)

a. The Judgment of the Surrounding Nations (9:1-8)

b. The Coming of Israel's King (9:9-10)

c. The Deliverance of and Blessings on Israel (9:11-10:12)

2. Rejection of the True Shepherd & Rule of the Foolish Shepherd (11:1-17)

B. The Second Oracle (12:1–14:21)

1. The Deliverance of Israel from Gentile Power (12:1-13:9)

a. The Coming Siege of Jerusalem (12:1-3)

b. God's Defense of His People (12:4-9)

c. The Spiritual Conversion of Israel (12:10-13:9)

2. The Reign of the Messiah (14:1-21)

a. The Final Siege of Jerusalem (14:1-2)

b. The Second Coming of the Messiah (14:3-8)

c. The Kingdom of the Messiah (14:9-21)