

Zechariah Sermon 10 Zechariah 8:1-23 Translation

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Same Hebrew phrase ↓

Again, there was a Word of Yahweh, saying:

- 2 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says: 76x OT; 17x Zech; 9x Zech 8; 4x Zech 1 & Jer 25
 'I was jealous for Zion *with* extensive jealousy, 1:14
 and I was jealous for her *with* extensive ire.
- 3 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh says:
 'I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. 1:16; 2:10-11
 And Jerusalem shall be called City of The Truth,
 as well as The Mountain of Yahweh of Multitudes- the Mountain of Holiness. Isa 2:3 Mic 4:2; Jer 31:23
- 4 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 'Old men and old women will be sitting in the plazas of Jerusalem;
 and *each* man *with* his staff in his hand because of *their* abundance of days.
 And the plazas of the city will be filled with lads and lasses, playing in its plazas.
- 5 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 'Because it is wondrous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
 will it also be wondrous in My eyes? -a declaration of Yahweh of Multitudes.
- 6 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 'See- I will rescue My people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the sun's exit.
 And I will bring them, and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Lev 26:41
 And they will be to Me for a people, Jer 24:7; 32:38; Ezek 11:20;14:11; 37:23; Zech 2:15
 and I- I will to them for a God, in Truth and in Righteousness. Jer 32:38; Ezek 11:20; 14:11; 37:23; 1 Kings 3:6
- 7 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 Strengthen your hands, those hearing these words by the mouth of the prophets in these days,
 that in the day the house of Yahweh of Multitudes is founded, the temple is to be built.
- 8 For up until those days, a wage for a person didn't exist, and there wasn't a wage for animal;
 and to someone going or coming, there wasn't peace because of the tension;
 yes, I sent out each person, a man against his neighbor.
- 9 But now, it will not be like the earlier days- I to the remnant of this people,
 -a declaration of Yahweh of Multitudes,
 because of the sowing of peace.
 The vine will give its fruit, and the earth will give its increase,
 and the heavens will give their dew;
 Yes, I have made as an inheritance *both* the remnant of this people *and* all of these *things*.
- 10 And it shall be, as you became a byword among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel,
 so I will rescue you, and you will become a blessing.
 Don't be afraid; strengthen your hands.
- 11 **ʾ**For this is what Yahweh of Multitudes says,
 'Just as I planned to do ill to you when your fathers were provoking Me,'
 says Yahweh of Multitudes, 'and I was not sorry, Jer 4:28
- 12 even so I have turned back *to you*. I have planned in these days to do good with Jerusalem
 and with the house of Judah. Don't be afraid. 25x, Hag 2:5
- 13 These *are* the things that you'll be doing:
 Speak truth, a man with his neighbor.
 Judge truth and the judgment of peace in your gates.
- 14 Also do not plot ill in your heart, a man toward his neighbor,
 and do not love an oath of falsehood,
 for all these *are* what I hate -a declaration of Yahweh."
- 15 **ʾ**And the Word of Yahweh of Multitudes was to me, saying, 7:4
- 16 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 'The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the
 tenth, shall become for cheer and merriment and pleasant anniversaries for the house of Judah.
 Therefore, love truth and peace.
- 17 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 There shall yet come peoples, and those dwelling in many cities.
 Yes, those living in one shall go to another, saying,
 'Let us journey a journey to plead before face of Yahweh, and to seek Yahweh of Multitudes.
 I must go as well- *yes*, me!
- 18 And many peoples and inexorable nations will come to seek Yahweh of Multitudes in Jerusalem,
 and to plead before the face of Yahweh. 7:2
- 19 **ʾ**This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
 In those days ten men out of all languages of the nations will grasp, indeed, they'll grasp
 the sleeve of a man, a Jew, saying, 'We must go with you, for we have heard: God is with you.'" Gen 48:21

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Yahweh's Word came again, saying these things:

- 2 "The Eternally Existent God says this: 'My choice of Zion, My people, has given Me a properly jealous heart towards them. I can't treat them as though I had not redeemed them. Likewise, I can't let them wander off into ways that will destroy them. I've been correctly angry over their wanderings.
- 3 'The Ever Living One says this: 'I have come back to Zion, and I intend to make My place in the midst of Jerusalem. Now Jerusalem is going to be called City of The Truth. It will also be called The Mountain Owned by the Eternally Existent God who generates and oversees all Gatherings and Categories: men, angels, and things. Yes, Zion will be called the Set Apart Mountain as well. I have set it apart.
- 4 'This is spoken by the One Who Is and who oversees all creatures in their categories:
'Elderly men and women will relax in their seats in all the plazas and squares of Jerusalem;
they will all have lived to a good old age, leaning on their walking sticks.
- 5 But plazas and open squares will also be filled with little boys and girls. They will frolic & play games.
- 6 'The Ever-Existent God, the One directing the existence of every created thing- He says this:
'Just because you think these wonderful promises are a bit over-the-top, am I supposed to agree with you?
Think again. This is The Is-Was-Will-be talking, and I have every bird and bee, rock and tree under My oversight.
I can make these things happen.
- 7 'The God Who Is and who owns all- He says this:
'Pay attention: I'm going to rescue My people from the farthest flung regions east and west.
Yes, I'll bring them all the way back, and set them down, square in Jerusalem.
There, I'll watch over them like they're My own- because they are My own! And whatever they've called God before- it will only be Me from now on. I'll be their God for real, and I'll do right by them.
- 9 'Here are more words from the I AM, He who directs all armies:
You'll need to prepare for hands-on action. That's what listening to Haggai and Zechariah entails.
Ya'll started Yahweh of Multitudes' house. That was so it could be built.
- 10 Yes, I understand that ya'll have been under enormous strain and haven't had a proper supply train or labor train. Yes, your unkind neighbor have made every aspect of your commerce an aggravation. I've had more than a little to do with that. I've tested you to the limit. Now you're ready for the work to go forward.
- 11 The way it's been going, it's not going to go that way anymore. The relative few of you that are left have survived and endured to inherit this moment. I myself assure you of this, and I'm the one Who Will Continue as I've Always Been, keeping my hold on all that I've made.
- 12 Now, since you'll be able to plant in peace, you'll get abundant crops, whether field or vineyard. The sky above you will be kind, including even the morning dew as a regular visitor. I tell you, I'm writing this into your deed now.
You are My heirs and your land is My heir.
- 13 Things will turn around so completely, that the plagued name that hung over your head will turn into a reputation of approval. My rescue plan includes that. Quell your fear and turn your attention to action.
- 14 'Why? Well, I've said it before, and now I repeat for your encouragement: I'm the one promising this- Yahweh, your covenant God, the Commander of you as My army. And what am I planning? Again, a complete reversal. Where I unsympathetically planned bad things for your wrongdoing (and this is Yahweh of all Hosts of men and angels speaking),
15 now I'm back in your corner! Now all the plans are good ones, starting at Jerusalem and moving out through all of Judah- abandoned those seventy years. You need to hear it again: stop fearing.
16 What about *your* end, though? Here it is. You must be decisively, actively strong in four areas:
In individual relations, tell the truth. Think about what's true, and carefully communicate it.
Moving out to community matters: those who resolve disputes: once again- truth carefully. Make sure matters are resolved and all parties know that right has been decided. Come to peace.
- 17 Moving in to your inner man, chase away thoughts of ill-doing to others. Make it individual. List the people you will not plot against, especially those you're tempted to dislike. If you need to resolve something with him, go do it.
Finally, be careful of oaths, for they can ironically become vehicles of lies.
This needs to be your list, because it's My list. I hate all lying strife. Signed- I AM.'"
- 18 The Ever Existent God over all groupings further said this to me, "This is what Yahweh of Multitudes says:
19 'The four fasts you've kept during the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months of the year won't be fasts anymore. Because of the renewal I've spoken of, those observance will now be annual, jubilant celebrations.
Therefore, you must love truth and peace, for only truth and peace will set the tone for these celebrations.
- 20 'Here's another word from the Personally Revealed God leading Israel's armies:
'This won't stop with you. It will spread. All kinds of people will want to come here, even people well settled in their
21 cities. They will send word to neighboring cities, saying that imploring the God of Israel is a pursuit better than all others combined. Let's get everything together for a journey to the homeland of the Eternal One who is over us all.
They will each say, 'Whatever else happens, whatever anyone else does, I'm definitely going.'
- 22 You won't be able to keep track of all the peoples and cultures that will want to plead with your God- mighty nations that could exert their will. The God who revealed His name to Moses will prove His promise that Abraham's seed will be a blessing to all nations. They will know that only He has the answers and only He is the overruling God.
- 23 'One last message from The I AM over every Amassing of Creatures:
'When all this happens, you, My people, will be in demand. Ten men of various cultures will latch onto one Jewish man. They'll hold on tenaciously, demanding, 'We're with you! The dependable news is that this is where God is.'