

- 7 On day twenty-four
of month eleven (it *is* the month Shebatⁱ)
in year two of Darius,
the Word of Yahweh was to Zechariah,
the son of Berechiah,ⁱⁱ
the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
- 8 "I SAW *at* night.ⁱⁱⁱ
And, look- A **Man** riding on a reddish horse.
And He *was* standing among the myrtle^{iv} trees
in the Deep.^v
And behind Him: reddish, golden,^{vi} and white horses.
- 9 Then I said,
'My Lord, what *are* these?'
And the angel who was speaking with me^{vii} said to me,
'I myself will show you what they *are*- these *very ones*.'
- 10 And the **Man** standing among the myrtle trees answered, and He said,
'These *are those* whom Yahweh has sent to walk to and fro in the earth.'
- 11 And they answered the **Messenger of Yahweh** who stood among the myrtle trees, and said,
'We have walked to and fro in the earth,
and, see- All the earth *is* sitting and *is* resting.'^{viii}
- 12 And the **Messenger of Yahweh** answered and said,
'Yahweh of Multitudes,^{ix}
until when will You- You *Yourself*- not pity Jerusalem,
and the cities of Judah,
with whom You were enraged these seventy years?'
- 13 And Yahweh answered the angel who was speaking with me:
good words,
words of consolation.
- 14 So the angel who was talking with me said to me,
'**Call**, saying,
'Thus says Yahweh of Hosts:
'I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion-
a sizeable jealousy.
15 And *it is* a sizeable vexation *with which* I Myself am vexed towards the
complacent nations;
because I Myself was vexed a little, but they themselves assisted unto evil.
- 16 Therefore, Yahweh says this:
I have returned to Jerusalem with tenderness *upon* tenderness;^x
My house shall be built in it,
says Yahweh of Multitudes,
and a *measuring* cord shall be stretched over Jerusalem."
- 17 '**Call** again, saying,
'Yahweh of Hosts says this:
'My cities will again spread abroad with benefit,
and Yahweh will again console Zion,
and He will again choose Jerusalem."
- 18 Then I lifted up my eyes and LOOKED, and see- four horns.
- 19 And I said to the angel speaking with me,
'What *are* these?'
And he said to me,
'These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah: Israel, and Jerusalem.'^{xi}
- 20 And Yahweh showed me four carpenters.^{xii}
- 21 And I said,
'What *are* these coming to accomplish?'
And He spoke, saying,
'These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah,
so that a man's mouth^{xiii} can't lift his head.
But these have come to terrify them,
to throw down the horns of the nations
who lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah, to scatter it.'

Complacent Gentile Nations No More Shorter Outline

Context: Israel turned to God, v 6, 'earning' these prophecies.

- I. Having been captive, 1:7
 - A. Israel Persian-ized: king and calendar
 - B. God's spokesman for the situation: Zechariah the priest
- II. First Vision (of seven): "I saw *at* night" (All eight visions in one night, 1:8-6:8), 1:8-17
 - A. Angel of Yahweh (or Yahweh's Messenger): A "Man" on a reddish horse in the "Deep," among myrtle trees, 8
 - B. Accompanying Yahweh's Messenger,^{xiv} 8
 1. Horses (with riders), we assume the riders are the Son's angelic helpers, Mk 8:38
 - a. Reddish
 - b. Golden
 - c. White
 2. *Question*: their identity, 9
 3. *Answer*, 9-11
 - a. From the guide angel, 9
 - b. From Yahweh's Messenger, 10
 - c. From the horsemen themselves: "Earth is comfortable," 11
 - C. Yahweh's Messenger (the Son) and Yahweh (the Father), 12
 1. *Question*: When will Yahweh's pity of Jerusalem resume? 12
 2. *Answer*: Yahweh to guide angel: consoling words, 13
 - D. Guide Angel to Zechariah, 14-16
 1. Call out! (#1), 14
 - a. Yahweh's declarations:
 - i. Jealousy over Jerusalem, 14
 - ii. Vexation with the complacent nations that disciplined Zion, 15
 - b. Yahweh's conclusion: Having returned to Jerusalem, He'll build His house and measure (evaluate) Jerusalem, 16
 2. Call out! (#2): Cities will again flourish. Yahweh will again console and choose Zion, 17
- III. Second Vision, 1:18-21
 - A. 4 horns, 18-19
 1. *Question*: their identity, 19
 2. *Answer*: the horns that scattered God's people, 19
 - B. 4 carpenters, 20-21
 1. *Question*: their purpose, 21
 2. *Answer*: to terrify and throw down the scattering horns, 21

ⁱ The Persian word for the month. Israel, once her own nation, was now the product of other nations.

ⁱⁱ Heb., BerekYahu, a different form of the word than in 1:1, but with the same meaning.

ⁱⁱⁱ This quote continues through chapter 6:8, covering eight visions during that night.

^{iv} A *hadas* tree. Esther's name is the feminine form of it: *Hadassah*.

^v The "deep": only of water elsewhere; never of a valley, though this may speak of a place with underlying waters.

^{vi} From a word meaning "shiny"; hence, perhaps a horse like an Akhal-teke.

^{vii} Zechariah's 'interpreter', introduced in this line, separate from the Angel of Yahweh, 1:13-14.

^{viii} The two participles "sitting and resting" would probably sound better in English as "seated and at rest."

^{ix} Here the Angel of Yahweh, the preincarnate Christ, speaks to the Father.

^x "Tenderness upon tenderness," lit., "tendernesses": the plural of tenderness.

^{xi} "(d.o.) Judah: (d.o.) Israel and Jerusalem," meaning that "Judah" = "Israel and Jerusalem" = *all* of God's people. The rest of the tribes were now subsumed under Judah; hence the name Jews.

^{xii} "Carpenter" might be more specific than the word intends. "Engravers" is literal. "Craftsmen" seems too broad.

^{xiii} "Man's mouth" is literal. This would mean that no one even *spoke* of improving his situation, a sign of hopelessness.

^{xiv} Heb., מַלְאָךְ, *malak*, lit. messenger; same word for "angel."