

The Gospel of Zechariah

Introduction to Zechariah 7-14: Review





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Kings

Monarchy - Saul, David, Solomon

Solomon builds the temple in Jerusalem

Civil War - Northern and Southern kingdoms

Israel - North - disobedient - exiled by Assyrians in 722 BC

Judah - South - intermittent obedience - exiled by Babylon

605 - 586 - Deportations to Babylon

586 - Jerusalem and Temple destroyed



Exile

Daniel in Babylon - faithfulness in exile

Ezekiel in Babylon - God in exile

Wheels within wheels

God's spirit leaves the temple

Covenant broken - covenant curses

New covenant - God will establish



Temple

Babylonian defeated by Assyria

Cyrus's decree

Temple to be rebuilt

Jews can return

Opposition to temple rebuilding

Temple rebuilding must continue - Haggai

Malachi - Repentance and Restoration



Redemptive History





Darius: Chronology of the Persian Period¹

| Persian King | Dates | Biblical Correlation | Context |
|-----------------|---------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Cyrus | 539-530 | Declaration of Cyrus (539) Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3) | Stirred up to rebuild the temple |
| Cambyses | 530-522 | Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4) | Discouraged and afraid to rebuild |
| Darius I | 522-486 | Haggai and Zechariah prophecy (520) Zechariah prophecy (518) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6) | Rebuilding of the Temple begins again |
| Xerxes | 486-464 | Story of Esther (Esther 1-9) | |
| Artaxerxes I | 464-423 | Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433) | |

1. Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament, John H. Walton, 1994, p. 70



Zechariah

Identified as:

- prophet
- the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo
 - son of Iddo (Ezra 5:1 and 6:14)
 - priest? (Neh 12:4, 16)
- priest
 - temple
 - high priest (Zech 3)
- foreshadow



LORD vs YHWH

- translated to LORD according to Jewish tradition
 - not Jehovah
- YHWH (Yahweh)
 - to be
 - self-existent
 - eternal and unchanging
 - personal



Gospel of Zechariah (Themes)

Call to repentance

Return of YHWH

Restoration of the temple

The coming of the branch

Coming judgement on the nations

Day of the Lord



Zechariah and the Church

A call for corporate and personal repentance - reformation and revival

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. "'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. (Revelation 2:1-5 ESV)



Zechariah and the Church

Living as strangers and exiles

as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (1 Corinthians 4:18 ESV)

Union with Christ

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (2 Corinthians 6:16 ESV)



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Waiting on Christ's return

and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. (Luke 12:36 ESV)

Understanding the judgement of the nations

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:31-21 ESV)



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Looking forward toward the consummation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:1-4 ESV)



Our Response - Personal Trust in the Gospel

1 Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice
in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.



Our Response - Personal Trust in the Gospel

2 He ever lives above,
for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love,
his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.



Our Response - Personal Trust in the Gospel

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,
received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers,
they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"



Our Response - Personal Trust in the Gospel

4 My God is reconciled;
his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.