

Minor Prophets: Zechariah

Zechariah 1:1-6



THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

- Zechariah is the largest of the “minor” prophets, by more than 1,000 words.
- It has more words than the book of Lamentations (approx. 3,250)
- It is also the second most alluded to book in Revelation; Ezekiel being first.

PLACE	BOOK	WORDS	% OF BIBLE
1	Zechariah	4,855	0.79%
2	Hosea	3,615	0.59%
3	Amos	3,027	0.50%
4	Micah	2,118	0.35%
5	Joel	1,447	0.24%
6	Malachi	1,320	0.22%
7	Zephaniah	1,141	0.19%
8	Jonah	1,082	0.18%
9	Habakkuk	1,011	0.17%
10	Haggai	926	0.15%
11	Nahum	855	0.14%
12	Obadiah	440	0.07%



The Prophet Zechariah

- ◆ Zechariah means “Yahweh Remembers”
- ◆ A very common name, twenty-nine men in the Old Testament
- ◆ He was a Levite, of priestly lineage (1:7, 7; Ezra 5:1; 6:14; Neh. 12:4, 16)
- ◆ Likely born in Babylon and returned with first exiles
- ◆ May have been martyred between the temple and the altar like another Zechariah, son of Jehoiada (Matthew 23:35; 2 Chronicles 24:20-21)

Timeline of Zechariah

Nebuchadnezzar of
Babylon conquers
Judah

586

Cyrus of Persia
conquers
Babylon

539

Cyrus decrees
return of the Jews

538

Temple
construction
begins

535

Temple
construction
halted

530

Darius I becomes
king of Persia

521

Haggai and
Zechariah begin
prophetic ministry

520

Temple
Completed

515

Nehemiah goes
to Jerusalem

458

Ezra goes to
Jerusalem

444

Walls of
Jerusalem rebuilt

443

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An Outline of Zechariah

- I. A Call to Repentance.....1:1-6
- II. Eight Visions.....1:7 – 6:8
 - A. Horses Among Myrtle Trees 1:7-17
 - B. Four Horns and Four Craftsmen.....1:18-21
 - C. Man with a Measuring Line 2:1-13
 - D. Cleansing of Joshua High Priest 3:1-10
 - E. Golden Lampstand and Olive Trees 4:1-14
 - F. Flying Scroll..... 5:1-4
 - G. Woman in a Basket..... 5:5-11
 - H. Four Chariots6:1-8
- III. Crowning of Joshua..... 6:9-15
- IV. Question of Fasting 7:1-3
- V. Four Messages of Zechariah..... 7:4-8:23
 - A. Rebuke Hypocrisy 7:4-7
 - B. Repent of Disobedience 7:8-14
 - C. Restoration of Israel 8:1-17
 - D. Rejoice in Israel's Future..... 8:18-23
- VI. Two Burdens of Zechariah..... 9:1-14:21
 - A. Rejection of Messiah..... 9:1–11:17
 - B. Reign of Messiah..... 12:1–14:21

A Call to Repentance (1:1-6)

(1) In the eight month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, (2) "The LORD has been very angry with your fathers. (3) "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. (4) "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds."' But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the LORD.

(5) "Your fathers, where are they?
And the prophets, do they live forever?
(6) Yet surely My words and My statutes,
Which I commanded My servants the prophets,
Did they not overtake your fathers?"

"So they returned and said:

"Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us,
According to our ways and according to our deeds,
So He has dealt with us.'""

(Zechariah 1:1-6 NKJV)

Zechariah's Eight Visions

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The Coronation of Joshua, the Priest (6:9-15)

(12) ... “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH!

From His place He shall branch out,
And He shall build the temple of the Lord;

(13) Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord.

He shall bear the glory,
And shall sit and rule on His throne,
So He shall be a priest on His throne,
And the counsel of peace shall be between them both”

(Zechariah 6:12-13 NKJV)



A Question on Fasting (7:1-3)



- ◆ Should I weep and fast as I have for so many years? – 7:3
- ◆ This serves as a transition into the next section ‘Four Messages of Zechariah’

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Application for Us

- ◆ We are Christians for life
(Romans 6:1-9)
- ◆ We must avoid false security
(Romans 11:17-22)
 - ◆ We cannot “rest on our laurels”. (Revelation 2:1-7)
- ◆ Our life must reflect Christ
(Romans 8:29)
- ◆ We glorify God through our words *and our conduct!*
(Matthew 5:16)



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