

Zechariah 2

Scriptures:

Notes:

In chapter 1 we saw the first two of eight visions Zechariah receives from the Lord. The first one included 'good and comforting words' to encourage the Jews who were having a tough time after returning from the exile. God told them that the temple would be rebuilt which included the idea of restored fellowship with God. We were also introduced to the Angel of the LORD – the preincarnate Christ.

The second vision told them that God would deal all the nations who had dealt harshly with Israel.

Zechariah 2:1-13 - The Glory of God's Presence!

Scriptures:

¹ Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a

Notes:

'a man with a measuring line...' = the
Angel of the Lord = the Messiah,
Christ Jesus.

man with a measuring line in his hand.

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Scriptures:

² So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to

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me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its

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width and what is its length."

Scriptures:

³ And there was the angel who talked with me,

Notes:

going out; and another angel was coming out to

meet him,

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 31:27-28 -
Behold, the days are
coming, says the LORD, that
I will sow the house of
Israel and the house of
Judah with the seed of man
and the seed of beast.
28 And it shall come to
pass, that as I have
watched over them to
pluck up, to break down, to
throw down, to destroy,
and to afflict, so I will watch
over them to build and to
plant, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 1:6 - Then said I:
“Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I
cannot speak, for I am a
youth.”

Ezekiel 38:10-12 - Thus says
the Lord GOD: “On that day
it shall come to pass that
thoughts will arise in your
mind, and you will make an
evil plan: 11 You will say, ‘I
will go up against a land of
unwalled villages; I will go
to a peaceful people, who
dwell safely, all of them
dwelling without walls, and
having neither bars nor
gates’—12 to take plunder
and to take booty, to
stretch out your hand
against the waste places
that are again inhabited,
and against a people
gathered from the nations,
who have acquired
livestock and goods, who
dwell in the midst of the
land.

Isaiah 2:4 - He shall judge
between the nations,
And rebuke many
people;
They shall beat their
swords into plowshares,
And their spears into
pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up
sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn
war anymore.

Luke 21:24 - And they will
fall by the edge of the
sword, and be led away
captive into all nations. And
Jerusalem will be trampled
by Gentiles until the times
of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

⁴ who said to him, “Run, speak to this young man,

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saying: ‘Jerusalem shall be inhabited as

H3427 -

towns without walls, because of the multitude of

H6517 – rural
area – unwalled
village

men and livestock in it.

Notes:

‘young man’ – Zechariah –
apparently he was not very old when
God chose him to be a prophet ([Jer. 1:6](#)).

Jerusalem shall be inhabited...’ – also
predicted by ([Jer. 31:27](#)). This was a
promise of the rebuilding of
Jerusalem with the added blessing of
it being expanded beyond its original
boundaries.

‘without walls’ = peace and
prosperity ([Ezek. 38:10-12](#)). This is a
prophecy speaking about Jerusalem in
the future. It will be a time when
Israel no longer has a need for an
‘Iron Dome’ and will not need to
watch for enemies ([Isa. 2:4](#)).

This prophecy had both a near
future application and a far-future
application. It was meant to give
hope to the people Zechariah was
speaking to, but would only be
partially fulfilled in their lifetimes.
This prophecy will be fulfilled after
the time of the Gentiles is over ([Luke 21:24](#)).

Scriptures:
Isaiah 26:1 -
In that day this song will be
sung in the land of Judah:

“We have a strong city;
God will appoint
salvation for walls and
bulwarks.

Exodus 14:19-24 - And the
Angel of God, who went
before the camp of Israel,
moved and went behind
them; and the pillar of
cloud went from before
them and stood behind
them. 20 So it came
between the camp of the
Egyptians and the camp of
Israel. Thus it was a cloud
and darkness to the one,
and it gave light by night to
the other, so that the one
did not come near the
other all that night.
21 Then Moses stretched
out his hand over the sea;
and the LORD caused the
sea to go back by a strong
east wind all that night, and
made the sea into dry land,
and the waters were
divided. 22 So the children
of Israel went into the
midst of the sea on the dry
ground, and the waters
were a wall to them on
their right hand and on
their left. 23 And the
Egyptians pursued and
went after them into the
midst of the sea, all
Pharaoh’s horses, his
chariots, and his horsemen.
24 Now it came to pass, in
the morning watch, that
the LORD looked down
upon the army of the
Egyptians through the pillar
of fire and cloud, and He
troubled the army of the
Egyptians.

Isaiah 60:19 -
The sun shall no longer
be your light by day,
Nor for brightness shall
the moon give light to you;
But the LORD will be to
you an everlasting light,
And your God your glory.

Revelation 21:23 - The city
had no need of the sun or
of the moon to shine in it,
for the glory of God
illuminated it. The Lamb is
its light.

⁵ For I,’ says the LORD, ‘will be a wall of fire all

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around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.’ ”

1 Peter 1:6-9 - In this you
greatly rejoice, though now
for a little while, if need be,
you have been grieved by
various trials, 7 that the
genuineness of your faith,
being much more precious
than gold that perishes,
though it is tested by fire,
may be found to praise,
honor, and glory at the
revelation of Jesus Christ,
8 whom having not seen
you love. Though now you
do not see Him, yet
believing, you rejoice with
joy inexpressible and full of
glory, 9 receiving the end of
your faith—the salvation of
your souls.

Psalms 34:7 - The angel of
the LORD encamps all
around those who fear
Him, and delivers them.

Notes:
‘wall of fire’ – (Isa. 26:1) = protection
from without. This is a promise of
protection. Even though they will be
living in unwall cities, they do not
need to be afraid of an enemy
coming to attack them.

‘wall of fire’ reminds us of God’s
protection of the Israelites as they
came out of Egypt (Exo. 14:19-24).

‘the glory in her midst’ – (Isa. 60:19)
= light and salvation within. Ezekiel
records the departure of the glory of
the Lord (Ezek. 9:3; 10:19; 11:23).
This is a foreshadowing of the New
Jerusalem (Rev. 21:23) at the Second
Coming of Christ.

This verse is literally true for the city
of Jerusalem. It is also spiritually true
for all who by faith believe in Jesus
(1 Pet. 1:6-9; Psalms 34:7).

Scriptures:

Isaiah 48:20 -

Go forth from Babylon!
Flee from the Chaldeans!
With a voice of singing,
Declare, proclaim this,
Utter it to the end of the
earth;
Say, "The LORD has
redeemed
His servant Jacob!"

Isaiah 52:11 -

Depart! Depart! Go out
from there,
Touch no unclean thing;
Go out from the midst of
her,
Be clean,
You who bear the vessels
of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 28:64 - Then
the LORD will scatter you
among all peoples, from
one end of the earth to the
other, and there you shall
serve other gods, which
neither you nor your
fathers have known—wood
and stone.

⁶ "Up, up! Flee from the land of the north," says

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the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the

H6566 - disperse

four winds of heaven," says the LORD.

Notes:

'flee from...' – (Isa. 48:20). This is referring to Babylon. Though Babylon is more Eastern, it always attacked from the North (Isa. 52:11). Though many had returned from the exile, there were many more still in the lands they were exiled to. Many had made lives for themselves in Babylon and were unwilling to leave to start over again in the Promised Land. God wanted them to leave Babylon for two reasons. First, He promised to bless them in the Promised Land, not in Babylon. Second, God was about to judge Babylon.

It is never a good idea to get comfortable with the things of the world. We should always consider ourselves as strangers in a foreign. We do what we have to live here but our true home is elsewhere.

'spread you abroad' – this one of the curses for disobedience (Deut. 28:64).

"four winds of heaven" – 4x – (Dan. 7:2; 8:8; 11:4; Zech. 2:6)

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 51:6 -

Flee from the midst of
Babylon,
And every one save his
life!
Do not be cut off in her
iniquity,
For this is the time of the
LORD's vengeance;
He shall recompense her.

Revelation 18:4 - And I
heard another voice from
heaven saying, "Come out
of her, my people, lest you
share in her sins, and lest
you receive of her plagues.

⁷ "Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the

H4422 -

daughter of Babylon."

Notes:

'Escape...' (Jer. 51:6; Rev. 18:4)

Scriptures:
Deuteronomy 32:10 -
He found him in a desert
land
And in the wasteland, a
howling wilderness;
He encircled him, He
instructed him,
He kept him as the apple
of His eye.

Psalms 17:8-9 - Keep me
as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the
shadow of Your wings,
9 From the wicked
who oppress me,
From my deadly enemies
who surround me.

Matthew 4:17-19 -
And He was handed the
book of the prophet Isaiah.
And when He had opened
the book, He found the
place where it was written:

18 "The Spirit of the
LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed
Me
To preach the gospel to
the poor;
He has sent Me to heal
the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the
captives
And recovery of sight to
the blind,
To set at liberty those
who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the
acceptable year of the
LORD."

Isaiah 49:14-16 -
But Zion said, "The LORD
has forsaken me,
And my Lord has
forgotten me."

15 "Can a woman
forget her nursing child,
And not have compassion
on the son of her womb?
Surely they may forget,
Yet I will not forget you.
16 See, I have
inscribed you on the palms
of My hands;
Your walls are continually
before Me.

Psalms 17:6-9 -
I have called upon You,
for You will hear me, O
God;
Incline Your ear to me,
and hear my speech.

⁸ For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me

after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for

H7997 – strip,
spoil

he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

H5060 -

7 Show Your
marvelous lovingkindness
by Your right hand,
O You who save those
who trust in You
From those who rise up
against them.
8 Keep me as the
apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the
shadow of Your wings,
9 From the wicked
who oppress me,
From my deadly enemies
who surround me.

H892 – pupil
Deut. 32:10; Psa.
17:8; Pro. 7:2;

Notes:
'the apple of His eye' – (Deut. 32:10;
Psa. 17:8)

'He sent Me...' = God the Father sent
His Son, Christ Jesus (Matt. 4:17-19
quoting Isa. 61:1-2a).

'he who touches you...' – God has a
special affection for His people.
Anyone who messes with Israel is
messing with the people God has
chosen as His special possession.

Even though Israel regularly turns
away from God, he will never
abandon them to destruction (Isa.
49:14-16).

If through faith we have put our
trust in Jesus, we have been grafted
into the same love and promise of
God's unchanging affection. We may
claim on an individual basis the
promise of God spoken by David
(Psa. 17:6-9).

Scriptures:
Isaiah 19:16 - In that day
Egypt will be like women,
and will be afraid and fear
because of the waving of
the hand of the LORD of
hosts, which He waves over
it.

⁹ For surely I will shake My hand against them,

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Notes:
'will shake My hand' = symbol of
impending judgment (Isa 19:16).

and they shall become spoil for their servants.

H7998 – booty,
prey

Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has

sent Me.

Scriptures:

Leviticus 26:12-13 - I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves;

I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.

¹⁰ “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For

behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your

midst,” says the LORD.

Notes:

‘I will dwell in your midst’ – (Lev. 26:12-13)

This is the Angel of the Lord speaking. This is a reference to the first advent of the Messiah. Even though their circumstances were not great, God has planned a glorious future for them which includes God, in the flesh, dwelling with them. That is something to sing and rejoice about.

As God’s people, our songs and praises ought to be marked by joy. The words we are singing are about God, to God, and for God. They remember His promises and look forward to his coming. They are reminders of God’s love for us and an expression of our love for Him.

A careful study of the Old Testament reveals teachings about the Messiah that have led some to believe that the Bible describes two different Messiahs. One who will be born and live a life of sorrows and then die. The second would come to the earth as the full-grown Son of Man. Looking back through the New Testament we know it is not two Messiahs, but two advents of the same Messiah.

Scriptures:

Isaiah 2:2-3 -

Now it shall come to pass
in the latter days

That the mountain of the
LORD's house

Shall be established on
the top of the mountains,

And shall be exalted
above the hills;

And all nations shall flow
to it.

3 Many people shall
come and say,

"Come, and let us go up
to the mountain of the
LORD,

To the house of the God
of Jacob;

He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His
paths."

For out of Zion shall go
forth the law,

And the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem.

Genesis 12:3 - I will bless
those who bless you,

And I will curse him who
curses you;

And in you all the
families of the earth shall
be blessed."

Romans 11:25-27 - For I do
not desire, brethren, that
you should be ignorant of
this mystery, lest you
should be wise in your own
opinion, that blindness in
part has happened to Israel
until the fullness of the
Gentiles has come in.
26 And so all Israel will be
saved, as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come
out of Zion,

And He will turn away
ungodliness from Jacob;

27 For this is My
covenant with them,

When I take away their
sins."

John 10:37-38 - If I do not
do the works of My Father,
do not believe Me; 38 but if
I do, though you do not
believe Me, believe the
works, that you may know
and believe that the Father
is in Me, and I in Him.

11 "Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in

H3867 – unite,
attach

Notes:

'Many nations' – (Isa. 2:2-3). It had
always been God's plan to bring all
people into His kingdom through
faith in His Son Jesus.

This is a repeat of the promise made
to Abraham (Gen. 12:3).

'then you will know...' – There is a
spirit of blindness now for most Jews
(Rom. 11:25-27).

'Then you will know...' – Jesus used
this same argument when
challenged by unbelieving Jews
(John 10:37-38).

that day, and they shall become My people. And I

will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that

the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

Scriptures:

¹² And the LORD will take possession of Judah as

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Notes:

“the Holy Land” – only occurrence.

‘Holy’ = set apart as sacred. Set apart for God and for His use.

Even after all the times Israel has departed from a pure and holy worship of God and forced God to punish them, God will not go back on His promise to be their God.

God chose Jerusalem to be the capital of the Promised Land 3,000 years ago during the time of King David.

His inheritance in the Holy Land, and

H2506 –
allotment, share

H6944 -

H127 -

will again choose Jerusalem.

H977 -

Scriptures:

Habakkuk 2:20 -

But the LORD is in His
holy temple.

Let all the earth keep
silence before Him.

Zephaniah 1:7 -

Be silent in the presence
of the Lord GOD;

For the day of the LORD
is at hand,

For the LORD has
prepared a sacrifice;

He has invited His guests.

Jeremiah 25:30 - Therefore
prophesy against them all
these words, and say to
them:

“The LORD will roar from
on high,

And utter His voice from
His holy habitation;

He will roar mightily
against His fold.

He will give a shout, as
those who tread the
grapes,

Against all the
inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 22:20 -

He who testifies to these
things says, “Surely I am
coming quickly.”

Amen. Even so, come, Lord
Jesus!

Psalms 119:15 - I will

meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your
ways.

¹³ Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for

H2013 – hold
peace, be still

He is aroused from His holy habitation!”

H5782 – wake up,
stirred up – ‘to be
agitated’

H4583 – abode,
dwelling place

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Notes:

‘Be silent...’ – (Hab. 2:20; Zeph. 1:7)

‘holy habitation’ = heaven (Jer.
25:30)

God has been silent since the last
words recorded by John on the Isle
of Patmos (Rev. 22:20). When He
speaks again, all the world should
‘Be silent!’

Sadly, we live in a time when people
feel at liberty to say whatever they
want, including arrogant, selfish, and
blasphemous words. And they want
anyone who would oppose them to
change their beliefs or to be silent.
When Jesus comes back, He will shut
their mouths. Until He comes back,
all His people need to speak out
against the evil wherever it shows up
around them.

‘Be silent, all flesh...’ – even believers
ought to practice ‘being silent’
before the Lord. We ought to take
time out of our busy lives to silently
wait for the Lord to speak to us,
either through His Word, or in
prayer, or in silent meditation on
God and His Word (Psa. 119:15). God
is still speaking to His people, but we
need to be silent long enough to
hear Him.