

## ~ZECHARIAH, BOOK OF (997)

- **Historical Background**
- **Agreement With Other Bible Books**
- **Fulfillment Of Prophecy**
- **Highlights Of Zechariah**

- This book of the Hebrew Scriptures identifies its writer as Zechariah the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo the prophet.
- In the eighth month in the second year of Darius the word of Yehowah occurred to **Zechariah** the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo the prophet, saying; (**Zechariah 1:1**)
- It also provides a basis for establishing the time period covered and an approximate date for the composition. The last time indicator found in the book of **Zechariah** is the fourth day of Chislev in the fourth year of Darius reign about **December 1,518 B.C.E.**
- Furthermore, it came about that in the fourth year of Darius the king the word of Yehowah occurred to Zechariah, on the fourth day of the ninth month, that is, in Chislev. (**Zechariah 7:1**)
- Accordingly, this book could not have been committed to writing before the close of **518 B.C.E.** Since it was in the eighth month in the second year of Darius, **October/November 520 B.C.E.** that the word of Yehowah occurred to.
- In the eighth month in the second year of Darius the word of Yehowah occurred to **Zechariah** the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo the prophet, saying; (**Zechariah 1:1**)
- The book covers a period of at least two years.
- From (**Zechariah Chapter 9**) onward the subject matter found in the book of **Zechariah** appears to differ considerably from the earlier section. No further reference is made to angels and visions or to Governor Zerubbabel and High Priest Joshua.
- There is no mention of the temple-rebuilding work, and not even the name of **Zechariah** appears. In view of this and the nature of the prophecies contained in the latter chapters of the book, a number of

critics maintain that this section could not have been written by **Zechariah**.

- However, it should be noted that **Zechariah**, like other prophets, wrote according to divine inspiration and did not receive all revelations at the same time or in the same manner.
- For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private interpretation. (**2 Peter 1:20**)
- For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (**2 Peter 1:21**)
- Also, prophecies did not have to fit within a particular framework of existing circumstances and incorporate the name of the prophet or of some of his contemporaries for an entire book to be the work of the prophet.
- That the book of **Zechariah** forms one harmonious whole, instead of consisting of separate and unrelated parts recorded by different writers, is evident from the thoughts expressed therein.
- Throughout, the book highlights that Jerusalem would be restored and that Yehowah would come to the defense of the city.
- And Yehowah proceeded to answer the angel who was speaking with me, with good words, comforting words. (**Zechariah 1:13**)
- And the angel who was speaking with me went on to say to me; Call out, saying; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great jealousy. (**Zechariah 1:14**)
- With great indignation I am feeling indignant against the nations that are at ease, because I, for my part, felt indignant to only a little extent, but they, for their part, helped toward calamity. (**Zechariah 1:15**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said; I shall certainly return to Jerusalem with mercies. My own house will be built in her, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, and a measuring line itself will be stretched out over Jerusalem. (**Zechariah 1:16**)

- **Call out further, saying; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; My cities will yet overflow with goodness, and Yehowah will yet certainly feel regrets over Zion and yet actually choose Jerusalem. (Zechariah 1:17)**
- **And I proceeded to raise my eyes and see, and, look! There were four horns. (Zechariah 1:18)**
- **So I said to the angel who was speaking with me; What are these? In turn he said to me; These are the horns that dispersed Judah, Israel and Jerusalem. (Zechariah 1:19)**
- **Furthermore, Yehowah showed me four craftsmen. (Zechariah 1:20)**
- **At that I said; What are these coming to do? And he went on to say; These are the horns that dispersed Judah to such an extent that no one at all raised his head, and these others will come to set them trembling, to cast down the horns of the nations that are lifting up a horn against the land of Judah, in order to disperse her. (Zechariah 1:21)**
- **Then he said to him; Run, speak to the young man over there, saying; As open rural country Jerusalem will be inhabited, because of the multitude of men and domestic animals in the midst of her. (Zechariah 2:4)**
- **And I myself shall become to her, is the utterance of Yehowah, a wall of fire all around, and a glory is what I shall become in the midst of her. (Zechariah 2:5)**
- **For this is what Yehowah of armies has said; Just as I had in mind to do what was calamitous to you people because of your forefathers making me indignant, Yehowah of armies has said; and I felt no regret. (Zechariah 8:14)**
- **So I will again have in mind in these days to deal well with Jerusalem and with the house of Judah. Do not be afraid. (Zechariah 8:15)**
- **These are the things that you people should do; Speak truthfully with one another. With truth and the judgment of peace do your judging in your gates. (Zechariah 8:16)**

- **And calamity to one another do not you scheme up in your hearts, and do not love any false oath, for these are all things that I have hated, is the utterance of Yehowah. (Zechariah 8:17)**
- **And the word of Yehowah of armies continued to occur to me, saying; (Zechariah 8:18)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies has said; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth month, and the fast of the seventh month, and the fast of the tenth month will become for the house of Judah an exultation and a rejoicing and good festal seasons. So love truth and peace. (Zechariah 8:19)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies has said; It will yet be that peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will come. (Zechariah 8:20)**
- **And the inhabitants of one city will certainly go to those of another, saying; Let us earnestly go to soften the face of Yehowah and to seek Yehowah of armies. I myself will go also. (Zechariah 8:21)**
- **And many peoples and mighty nations will actually come to seek Yehowah of armies in Jerusalem and to soften the face of Yehowah. (Zechariah 8:22)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies has said; It will be in those days that ten men out of all the languages of the nations will take hold, yes, they will actually take hold of the skirt of a man who is a Jew, saying; We will go with you people, for we have heard that God is with you people. (Zechariah 8:23)**
- **Also, you, O woman, by the blood of your covenant I will send your prisoners out of the pit in which there is no water. (Zechariah 9:11)**
- **Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of the hope. Also, today I am telling you, I shall repay to you, O woman, a double portion. (Zechariah 9:12)**
- **For I will tread as my bow Judah. The bow I will fill with Ephraim, and I will awaken your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and I will make you as the sword of a mighty man. (Zechariah 9:13)**

- **And over them Yehowah himself will be seen, and his arrow will certainly go forth just like lightning. And on the horn the Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself will blow, and he will certainly go with the windstorms of the south. (Zechariah 9:14)**
- **Yehowah of armies himself will defend them, and they will actually devour and subdue the slingstones. And they will certainly drink, be boisterous, as if there were wine, and they will actually become filled like the bowl, like the corners of the altar. (Zechariah 9:15)**
- **And Yehowah their God will certainly save them in that day like the flock of his people, for they will be as the stones of a diadem glittering over his soil. (Zechariah 9:16)**
- **For O how great his goodness is, and how great his handsomeness is! Grain is what will make the young men thrive, and new wine the virgins. (Zechariah 9:17)**
- **Here I am making Jerusalem a bowl causing reeling to all the peoples round about, and also against Judah he will come to be in the siege, even against Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:2)**
- **And it must occur in that day that I shall make Jerusalem a burdensome stone to all the peoples. All those lifting it will without fail get severe scratches for themselves, and against her all the nations of the earth will certainly be gathered. (Zechariah 12:3)**
- **In that day, is the utterance of Yehowah, I shall strike every horse with bewilderment and its rider with madness, and upon the house of Judah I shall open my eyes, and every horse of the peoples I shall strike with loss of sight. (Zechariah 12:4)**
- **And the sheiks of Judah will have to say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are a strength to me by Yehowah of armies their God. (Zechariah 12:5)**
- **In that day I shall make the sheiks of Judah like a firepot among trees and like a fiery torch in a row of newly cut grain, and they must devour on the right hand and on the left all the peoples round about, and Jerusalem must yet be inhabited in her own place, in Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:6)**

- **And Yehowah will certainly go forth and war against those nations as in the day of his warring, in the day of fight. (Zechariah 14:3)**
- **And his feet will actually stand in that day upon the mountain of the olive trees, which is in front of Jerusalem, on the east, and the mountain of the olive trees must be split at its middle, from the sunrising and to the west. There will be a very great valley, and half of the mountain will actually be moved to the north, and half of it to the south. (Zechariah 14:4)**
- **And you people will certainly flee to the valley of my mountains, because the valley of the mountains will reach all the way to Azel. And you will have to flee, just as you fled because of the earthquake in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah. And Yehowah my God will certainly come, all the holy ones being with him. (Zechariah 14:5)**
- **And it must occur in that day that there will prove to be no precious light, things will be congealed. (Zechariah 14:6)**
- **And it must become one day that is known as belonging to Yehowah. It will not be day, neither will it be night, and it must occur that at evening time it will become light. (Zechariah 14:7)**
- **And it must occur in that day that living waters will go forth from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. In summer and in winter it will occur. (Zechariah 14:8)**
- **And Yehowah must become king over all the earth. In that day Yehowah will prove to be one, and his name one. (Zechariah 14:9)**
- **The whole land will be changed like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon to the south of Jerusalem, and she must rise and become inhabited in her place, from the Gate of Benjamin all the way to the place of the First Gate, all the way to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel all the way to the press vats of the king. (Zechariah 14:10)**
- **And people will certainly inhabit her, and there will occur no more any banning to destruction, and Jerusalem must be**

inhabited in security. (**Zechariah 14:11**)

- **And this is what will prove to be the scourge with which Yehowah will scourge all the peoples that will actually do military service against Jerusalem; There will be a rotting away of ones flesh, while one is standing upon ones feet, and ones very eyes will rot away in their sockets, and ones very tongue will rot away in ones mouth. (**Zechariah 14:12**)**
- **And it must occur in that day that confusion from Yehowah will become widespread among them, and they will actually grab hold, each one of the hand of his companion, and his hand will actually come up against the hand of his companion. (**Zechariah 14:13**)**
- **And Judah itself also will be warring at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the nations round about will certainly be gathered, gold and silver and garments in excessive abundance. (**Zechariah 14:14**)**
- **And this is how the scourge of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the male ass, and every sort of domestic animal that happens to be in those camps, will prove to be, like this scourge. (**Zechariah 14:15**)**
- **And it must occur that, as regards everyone who is left remaining out of all the nations that are coming against Jerusalem, they must also go up from year to year to bow down to the King, Yehowah of armies, and to celebrate the festival of the booths. (**Zechariah 14:16**)**
- **And it must occur that, as regards anyone that does not come up out of the families of the earth to Jerusalem to bow down to the King, Yehowah of armies, even upon them no pouring rain will occur. (**Zechariah 14:17**)**
- **And if the family of Egypt itself does not come up and does not actually enter, upon them also there shall be none. The scourge will occur with which Yehowah scourges the nations that do not come up to celebrate the festival of the booths. (**Zechariah 14:18**)**
- **This itself will prove to be the punishment for the sin of Egypt and the sin of all the nations that do not come up to celebrate the**

festival of the booths. (**Zechariah 14:19**)

- In that day there will prove to be upon the bells of the horse, Holiness belongs to Yehowah! And the widemouthed cooking pots in the house of Yehowah must become like the bowls before the altar. (**Zechariah 14:20**)
- And every widemouthed cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah must become something holy belonging to Yehowah of armies, and all those who are sacrificing must come in and take from them and must do boiling in them. And there will no more prove to be a Canaanite in the house of Yehowah of armies in that day. (**Zechariah 14:21**)

## .. Historical Background

- About **February 9,519 B.C.E**, the prophet **Zechariah** heard the words; The whole earth is sitting still and having no disturbance.
- On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, that is, the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of Yehowah occurred to Zechariah the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo the prophet, saying; (**Zechariah 1:7**)
- And they proceeded to answer the angel of Yehowah who was standing among the myrtle trees and to say; We have walked about in the earth, and, look! The whole earth is sitting still and having no disturbance. (**Zechariah 1:11**)
- At that time Jerusalem was not a disturbing factor to the nations, but it appeared to observers that Yehowah had forsaken the city.
- Although the temples foundation had been laid in **536 B.C.E**, the rebuilding work made slow progress on account of enemy opposition and finally, in **522 B.C.E**, came under an official ban.
- At that the people of the land were continually weakening the hands of the people of Judah and disheartening them from building. (**Ezra 4:4**)
- And hiring counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus the king of Persia down till the reign of Darius the king of Persia. (**Ezra 4:5**)



- It was then that the work on the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, stopped, and it continued stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius the king of Persia. ([Ezra 4:24](#))
- Additionally, plagued by droughts and crop failures because of having neglected the temple rebuilding work, the repatriated Jews found themselves in very difficult circumstances.
- You have sown much seed, but there is a bringing of little in. There is an eating, but it is not to satisfaction. There is a drinking, but not to the point of getting intoxicated. There is a putting on of clothes, but it is not with anyones getting warm, and he that is hiring himself out is hiring himself out for a bag having holes. ([Haggai 1:6](#))
- Therefore over you the heavens kept back their dew, and the earth itself kept back its yield. ([Haggai 1:10](#))
- And I kept calling for dryness upon the earth, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon what the ground would bring forth, and upon earthling man, and upon domestic animal, and upon all the toil of the hands. ([Haggai 1:11](#))
- They needed encouragement to continue the construction work despite mountainous obstacles.
- Yehowah's words, through **Zechariah**, must therefore have been a real source of comfort and inspiration to them. The visions seen by Zechariah clearly showed that it was the divine will for Jerusalem and its temple to be rebuilt. ([Zechariah Chapter 2](#))
- Therefore this is what Yehowah has said; I shall certainly return to Jerusalem with mercies. My own house will be built in her, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, and a measuring line itself will be stretched out over Jerusalem. ([Zechariah 1:16](#))
- The power of the nations that had dispersed Judah would be shattered.
- And I proceeded to raise my eyes and see, and, look! There were four horns. ([Zechariah 1:18](#))
- So I said to the angel who was speaking with me; What are

these? In turn he said to me; These are the horns that dispersed Judah, Israel and Jerusalem. ([Zechariah 1:19](#))

- Furthermore, Yehowah showed me four craftsmen. ([Zechariah 1:20](#))
- At that I said; What are these coming to do? And he went on to say; These are the horns that dispersed Judah to such an extent that no one at all raised his head, and these others will come to set them trembling, to cast down the horns of the nations that are lifting up a horn against the land of Judah, in order to disperse her. ([Zechariah 1:21](#))
- High Priest Joshua would gain an acceptable appearance before Yehowah.
- Now as for Joshua, he happened to be clothed in befouled garments and standing before the angel. ([Zechariah 3:3](#))
- Then he answered and said to those standing before him, Remove the befouled garments from upon him. And he went on to say to him; See, I have caused your error to pass away from upon you, and there is a clothing of you with robes of state. ([Zechariah 3:4](#))
- At that I said; Let them put a clean turban upon his head. And they proceeded to put the clean turban upon his head and to clothe him with garments, and the angel of Yehowah was standing by. ([Zechariah 3:5](#))
- And the angel of Yehowah began to bear witness to Joshua, saying; ([Zechariah 3:6](#))
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; If it is in my ways that you will walk, and if it is my obligation that you will keep, then also it will be you that will judge my house and also keep my courtyards, and I shall certainly give you free access among these who are standing by. ([Zechariah 3:7](#))
- And Governor Zerubbabel would, with the help of God's spirit, finish rebuilding the temple.
- Accordingly he answered and said to me; This is the word of Yehowah to Zerubbabel, saying; Not by a military force, nor by

power, but by my spirit, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Zechariah 4:6**)

- Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a level land. And he will certainly bring forth the headstone. There will be shoutings to it; How charming! How charming! (**Zechariah 4:7**)
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (**Zechariah 4:8**)
- The very hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his own hands will finish it. And you will have to know that Yehowah of armies himself has sent me to you people. (**Zechariah 4:9**)

#### •• Agreement With Other Bible Books

- The book of **Zechariah** is in complete harmony with the rest of the Scriptures in identifying Yehowah as the Protector of his people.
- And I myself shall become to her, is the utterance of Yehowah, a wall of fire all around, and a glory is what I shall become in the midst of her. (**Zechariah 2:5**)
- A hiding place is the God of ancient time, and underneath are the indefinitely lasting arms. And he will drive away from before you the enemy, and he will say; Annihilate them! (**Deuteronomy 33:27**)
- Yehowah of armies is with us, the God of Jacob is a secure height for us. (**Psalms 46:11**)
- Jerusalem, as mountains are all around it, so Yehowah is all around his people from now on and to time indefinite. (**Psalms 125:2**)
- He rewards or punishes individuals or nations according to their dealings and returns to those who repentantly return to him.
- Yehowah grew indignant at your fathers, very much so. (**Zechariah 1:2**)
- And you must say to them; This is what Yehowah of armies has

- said; Return to me, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies, and I shall return to you, Yehowah of armies has said. ([Zechariah 1:3](#))
- Do not become like your fathers to whom the former prophets called, saying; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Return, please, from your bad ways and from your bad dealings. But they did not listen, and they paid no attention to me, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Zechariah 1:4](#))
  - As for your fathers, where are they? And as for the prophets, was it to time indefinite that they continued to live? ([Zechariah 1:5](#))
  - However, as regards my words and my regulations that I commanded my servants, the prophets, did they not catch up with your fathers? So they returned and said; According to what Yehowah of armies had in mind to do to us, according to our ways and according to our dealings, that is how he has done with us. ([Zechariah 1:6](#))
  - But they kept refusing to pay attention, and they kept giving a stubborn shoulder, and their ears they made too unresponsive to hear. ([Zechariah 7:11](#))
  - And their heart they set as an emery stone to keep from obeying the Law and the words that Yehowah of armies sent by his spirit, by means of the former prophets, so that there occurred great indignation on the part of Yehowah of armies. ([Zechariah 7:12](#))
  - And so it occurred that, just as he called and they did not listen, so they would call and I would not listen, Yehowah of armies has said. ([Zechariah 7:13](#))
  - And I proceeded tempestuously to hurl them throughout all the nations that they had not known, and the land itself has been left desolate behind them, with no one passing through and with no one returning, and they proceeded to make the desirable land an object of astonishment. ([Zechariah 7:14](#))
  - Search for Yehowah, you people, while he may be found. Call to him while he proves to be near. ([Isaiah 55:6](#))
  - Let the wicked man leave his way, and the harmful man his thoughts, and let him return to Yehowah, who will have mercy

upon him, and to our God, for he will forgive in a large way.  
([Isaiah 55:7](#))

- And Yehowah sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, but you did not listen, neither did you incline your ear to listen. ([Jeremiah 25:4](#))
- They saying; Turn back, please, every one from his bad way and from the badness of your dealings, and continue dwelling upon the ground that Yehowah gave to you and to your forefathers from long ago and to a long time to come. ([Jeremiah 25:5](#))
- And do not walk after other gods in order to serve them and to bow down to them, that you may not offend me with the work of your hands, and that I may not cause calamity to you. ([Jeremiah 25:6](#))
- But you did not listen to me, is the utterance of Yehowah, to the intent that you might offend me with the work of your hands, for calamity to yourselves. ([Jeremiah 25:7](#))
- Therefore this is what Yehowah of armies has said; For the reason that you did not obey my words. ([Jeremiah 25:8](#))
- Here I am sending and I will take all the families of the north, is the utterance of Yehowah, even sending to Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about, and I will devote them to destruction and make them an object of astonishment and something to whistle at and places devastated to time indefinite. ([Jeremiah 25:9](#))
- And I will destroy out of them the sound of exultation and the sound of rejoicing, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the hand mill and the light of the lamp. ([Jeremiah 25:10](#))
- And all this land must become a devastated place, an object of astonishment, and these nations will have to serve the king of Babylon seventy years. ([Jeremiah 25:11](#))
- Say to them; As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, I take delight, not in the death of the wicked one, but in that someone wicked turns back from his way and actually

keeps living. Turn back, turn back from your bad ways, for why is it that you should die, O house of Israel? ([Ezekiel 33:11](#))

- From the days of your forefathers you have turned aside from my regulations and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, Yehowah of armies has said. And you have said; In what way shall we return? ([Malachi 3:7](#))
- Yehowah is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. ([2 Peter 3:9](#))
- Yehowah requires that those who desire his favor must speak truth and manifest obedience, justice, loving-kindness, and mercy.
- Should you not obey the words that Yehowah called out by means of the former prophets, while Jerusalem happened to be inhabited, and at ease, with her cities all around her, and while the Negeb and the Shephelah were inhabited? ([Zechariah 7:7](#))
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to **Zechariah**, saying; ([Zechariah 7:8](#))
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; With true justice do your judging, and carry on with one another loving-kindness and mercies. ([Zechariah 7:9](#))
- And defraud no widow or fatherless boy, no alien resident or afflicted one, and scheme out nothing bad against one another in your hearts. ([Zechariah 7:10](#))
- These are the things that you people should do; Speak truthfully with one another. With truth and the judgment of peace do your judging in your gates. ([Zechariah 8:16](#))
- And calamity to one another do not you scheme up in your hearts, and do not love any false oath, for these are all things that I have hated, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Zechariah 8:17](#))
- You must not pervert the judgment of the alien resident or of the fatherless boy, and you must not seize the garment of a widow as a pledge. ([Deuteronomy 24:17](#))

- **O Yehowah, who will be a guest in your tent? Who will reside in your holy mountain? ([Psalms 15:1](#))**
- **He who is walking faultlessly and practicing righteousness and speaking the truth in his heart. ([Psalms 15:2](#))**
- **Be judges for the lowly one and the fatherless boy. To the afflicted one and the one of little means do justice. ([Psalms 82:3](#))**
- **Provide escape for the lowly one and the poor one, out of the hand of the wicked ones deliver them. ([Psalms 82:4](#))**
- **It is the lip of truth that will be firmly established forever, but the tongue of falsehood will be only as long as a moment. ([Proverbs 12:19](#))**
- **For if you will positively make your ways and your dealings good, if you will positively carry out justice between a man and his companion. ([Jeremiah 7:5](#))**
- **If no alien resident, no fatherless boy and no widow you will oppress, and innocent blood you will not shed in this place, and after other gods you will not walk for calamity to yourselves. ([Jeremiah 7:6](#))**
- **Wherefore, now that you have put away falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, because we are members belonging to one another. ([Ephesians 4:25](#))**
- **He does not respond to calls for aid from those who do not obey him.**
- **And so it occurred that, just as he called and they did not listen, so they would call and I would not listen, Yehowah of armies has said. ([Zechariah 7:13](#))**
- **And when you spread out your palms, I hide my eyes from you. Even though you make many prayers, I am not listening, with bloodshed your very hands have become filled. ([Isaiah 1:15](#))**
- **We ourselves have transgressed, and we have behaved rebelliously. You yourself have not forgiven. ([Lamentations 3:42](#))**

- You have blocked approach with anger, and you keep pursuing us. You have killed. You have shown no compassion. (**Lamentations 3:43**)
- You have blocked approach to yourself with a cloud mass, that prayer may not pass through. (**Lamentations 3:44**)
- Also, noteworthy similarities are readily apparent by comparing passages in Zechariah with other scriptures.
- You have blocked approach to yourself with a cloud mass, that prayer may not pass through. (**Lamentations 3:44**)
- But when Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses body, he did not dare to bring a judgment against him in abusive terms, but said; May Yehowah rebuke you. (**Jude 1:9**)
- And there are two olive trees alongside it, one on the right side of the bowl and one on its left side. (**Zechariah 4:3**)
- And I proceeded to answer and say to him; What do these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on its left side mean? (**Zechariah 4:11**)
- Then I answered the second time and said to him; What are the two bunches of twigs of the olive trees that, by means of the two golden tubes, are pouring forth from within themselves the golden liquid? (**Zechariah 4:12**)
- So he said to me; Do you not really know what these things mean? In turn I said; No, my lord. (**Zechariah 4:13**)
- Accordingly he said; These are the two anointed ones who are standing alongside the Lord of the whole earth. (**Zechariah 4:14**)
- These are symbolized by the two olive trees and the two lampstands and are standing before the Lord of the earth. (**Revelation 11:4**)
- For who has despised the day of small things? And they will certainly rejoice and see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of Yehowah. They are roving about in all the earth. (**Zechariah 4:10**)



- **And I saw standing in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a lamb as though it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which eyes mean the seven spirits of God that have been sent forth into the whole earth. ([Revelation 5:6](#))**
- **And I shall certainly bring them in, and they must reside in the midst of Jerusalem, and they must become my people, and I myself shall become their God in trueness and in righteousness. ([Zechariah 8:8](#))**
- **With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say; Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. ([Revelation 21:3](#))**
- **And you people will certainly flee to the valley of my mountains, because the valley of the mountains will reach all the way to Azel. And you will have to flee, just as you fled because of the earthquake in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah. And Yehowah my God will certainly come, all the holy ones being with him. ([Zechariah 14:5](#))**
- **Yes, the seventh one in line from Adam, Enoch, prophesied also regarding them, when he said; Look! Yehowah came with his holy myriads. ([Jude 1:14](#))**
- **And it must become one day that is known as belonging to Yehowah. It will not be day, neither will it be night, and it must occur that at evening time it will become light. ([Zechariah 14:7](#))**
- **And its gates will not be closed at all by day, for night will not exist there. ([Revelation 21:25](#))**
- **And it must occur in that day that living waters will go forth from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. In summer and in winter it will occur. ([Zechariah 14:8](#))**
- **And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ([Revelation 22:1](#))**

- And the spirit and the bride keep on saying; Come! And let anyone hearing say; Come! And let anyone thirsting come, let anyone that wishes take life's water free. ([Revelation 22:17](#))

## •• Fulfillment Of Prophecy

- The fulfillment of prophecies recorded in the book of Zechariah testifies to its authenticity. What is known about Alexander the Great's campaign in Syria, Phoenicia, and Philistia, including the conquest of Tyre and Gaza, fits the words of;

- A pronouncement! The word of Yehowah is against the land of Hadrach, and Damascus is where it rests, for Yehowah has an eye on earthling man and on all the tribes of Israel. ([Zechariah 9:1](#))
- And Hamath itself will also border upon her, Tyre and Sidon, for she is very wise. ([Zechariah 9:2](#))
- And Tyre proceeded to build a rampart for herself, and to pile up silver like dust and gold like the mire of the streets. ([Zechariah 9:3](#))
- Look! Yehowah himself will dispossess her, and into the sea he will certainly strike down her military force, and in the fire she herself will be devoured. ([Zechariah 9:4](#))
- Ashkelon will see and get afraid, and as for Gaza, she will also feel very severe pains, Ekron also, because her looked-for hope will have to experience shame. And a king will certainly perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon herself will not be inhabited. ([Zechariah 9:5](#))
- And an illegitimate son will actually seat himself in Ashdod, and I shall certainly cut off the pride of the Philistine. ([Zechariah 9:6](#))
- And I will remove his bloodstained things from his mouth and his disgusting things from between his teeth, and he himself also will certainly be left remaining for our God, and he must become like a sheik in Judah, and Ekron like the Jebusite. ([Zechariah 9:7](#))
- And I will encamp as an outpost for my house, so that there will be no one passing through and no one returning, and there will no more pass through them a taskmaster, for now I have seen it

with my eyes. ([Zechariah 9:8](#))

- And, therefore, can be understood as a fulfillment of this prophecy. Numerous other prophecies contained in the book of Zechariah find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus his entry into Jerusalem as king, humble, and riding upon an ass.
- Be very joyful, O daughter of Zion. Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem. Look! Your king himself comes to you. He is righteous, yes, saved, humble, and riding upon an ass, even upon a full-grown animal the son of a she-ass. ([Zechariah 9:9](#))
- Tell the daughter of Zion, Look! Your King is coming to you, mild tempered, and mounted upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden. ([Matthew 21:5](#))
- Have no fear, daughter of Zion. Look! Your king is coming, seated upon an ass's colt. ([John 12:15](#))
- His betrayal for thirty silver pieces.
- Then I said to them; If it is good in your eyes, give me my wages, but if not, refrain. And they proceeded to pay my wages, thirty pieces of silver. ([Zechariah 11:12](#))
- At that, Yehowah said to me; Throw it to the treasury, the majestic value with which I have been valued from their standpoint. Accordingly I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it into the treasury at the house of Yehowah. ([Zechariah 11:13](#))
- And said; What will you give me to betray him to you? They stipulated to him thirty silver pieces. ([Matthew 26:15](#))
- Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying; And they took the thirty silver pieces, the price upon the man that was priced, the one on whom some of the sons of Israel set a price. ([Matthew 27:9](#))
- The subsequent scattering of his disciples.
- O sword, awake against my shepherd, even against the able-bodied man who is my associate, is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. Strike the shepherd, and let those of the flock be

- scattered, and I shall certainly turn my hand back upon those who are insignificant. ([Zechariah 13:7](#))
- Then Jesus said to them; All of you will be stumbled in connection with me on this night, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered about. ([Matthew 26:31](#))
  - And Jesus said to them; You will all be stumbled, because it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered about. ([Mark 14:27](#))
  - Jesus being pierced with a spear while on the stake.
  - And I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of favor and entreaties, and they will certainly look to the One whom they pierced through, and they will certainly wail over Him as in the wailing over an only son, and there will be a bitter lamentation over him as when there is bitter lamentation over the firstborn son. ([Zechariah 12:10](#))
  - Yet one of the soldiers jabbed his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ([John 19:34](#))
  - And, again, a different scripture says: They will look to the One whom they pierced. ([John 19:37](#))
  - And his role as King-Priest.
  - And you must say to him; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Here is the man whose name is Sprout. And from his own place he will sprout, and he will certainly build the temple of Yehowah. ([Zechariah 6:12](#))
  - And he himself will build the temple of Yehowah, and he, for his part, will carry the dignity, and he must sit down and rule on his throne, and he must become a priest upon his throne, and the very counsel of peace will prove to be between both of them. ([Zechariah 6:13](#))
  - Where a forerunner has entered in our behalf, Jesus, who has become a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek forever. ([Hebrews 6:20](#))

- Now as to the things being discussed this is the main point. We have such a High Priest as this, and he has sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens. (**Hebrews 8:1**)
- And since we have a great priest over the house of God. (**Hebrews 10:21**)

## •• Highlights Of Zechariah

- Prophetic messages encouraging the Jews to resume temple rebuilding, also providing foregleams of the Messiah's coming and his rule as King-Priest
- Written by **Zechariah** during the reign of Persian King Darius I, about 19 years after the first Jews arrived home from Babylon in **537 B.C.E.**
- A call to repentance, followed by eight visions and a prophecy about **Sprout** (**Zechariah 1:1**)–(**Zechariah 6:15**)
- **First vision;** A rider on a red horse standing with three other horsemen among the myrtle trees, the vision concludes with an assurance that Jerusalem will be shown mercy and the temple rebuilt
- **Second vision.** The four horns that dispersed Judah are cast down by four craftsmen
- **Third vision.** A young man with a measuring rope prepares to measure Jerusalem, but an angel foretells more growth as well as Yehowah's protection for the city
- **Fourth vision.** High Priest Joshua's befouled garments are removed and replaced with robes of state.
- **Fifth vision.** **Zechariah** sees a gold lampstand with seven lamps supplied with oil from two olive trees, Zerubbabel will complete the temple rebuilding with the help of God's spirit.
- **Sixth vision.** A flying scroll represents the curse going forth because of all those stealing and those swearing falsely in Yehowah's name.

- **Seventh vision.** A woman named Wickedness is transported in an ephah measure to Shinar.
- **Eighth vision.** Four chariots proceed from between two copper mountains to move about in the earth.
- The man named Sprout will build Yehowah's temple and serve as king-priest.
- Question about the observance of fasts commemorating the calamities that befell Jerusalem (**Zechariah 7:1**)—(**Zechariah 8:23**)
- Calamities came as punishment for disobedience, fasting in commemoration of these was not really done to Yehowah
- Jerusalem will enjoy divine favor, the former days of fasting will be transformed into an exultation and a rejoicing and good festal seasons, many from the nations will come to her to seek Yehowah's favor
- Judgment upon nations, Messianic prophecies, and the restoration of God's people (**Zechariah 9:1**)—(**Zechariah 14:21**).
- Many cities and nations will experience Yehowah's adverse judgment.
- Zion's righteous, humble King will come into the city on an ass.
- Yehowah expresses anger against the false shepherds.
- The scattered people of God will be brought out of Egypt and Assyria.
- **Zechariah** is called to be a shepherd, the people are given an opportunity to pay for his work, and they value it at 30 silver pieces  
Jerusalem will become a burdensome stone that severely scratches anyone tampering with it.
- A well will be opened for cleansing from sin, the shepherd will be struck, and the sheep will be scattered.
- Jerusalem will come under attack, but Yehowah will war against the aggressors.

- **Those remaining out of the attacking nations will celebrate the Festival of Booths each year, bowing down before Yehowah as King.**