

ZECHARIAH

1. TITLES:

- A. Zechariah = Jehovah remembers
- B. The Book of Messianic Visions

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Zechariah, the prophet of Messianic Vision, who ministered to the restored house of Judah.

3. DATE:

- A. Zechariah's ministry covered a period of about 40 years (520-480 B.C.), beginning 16 years after the first remnant returned from Babylon.
- B. Chapters 1-8 were written between 520 and 518 B.C., while chapters 9-14 were written between 490 and 480 B.C.

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Jerusalem – 41
- B. Judah – 22
- C. Against – 18
- D. House (of the Lord) – 10
- E. Jealous – 5

Key Phrases:

- A. "Lord of hosts" – 53
- B. "saith the Lord" – 42
- C. "that day" – 21
- D. "word of the Lord" – 13

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5. KEY VERSES: 6:12, 13; 8:1-3

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To stir the remnant to complete the unfinished temple. (Similar to Haggai.)
- B. To prophesy of the Messiah in His first and second comings and the establishment of His Kingdom.

7. MESSAGE:

- A. God is jealous for His House and will see to it that it is restored.
- B. All of God's purposes are consummated in Messiah and His Kingdom.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Eight Symbolic Visions Ch. 1-6
- II. Four Didactic Messages Ch. 7-8
- III. Two Prophetic Burdens Ch. 9-14

9. SUMMARY:

Zechariah was the second of the three prophets to minister to Judah after the Babylonian Captivity. The nature of Haggai's message was one of rebuke dealing with the outward work of rebuilding the temple, while Zechariah's message was one of encouragement to bring about an inward spiritual change in the people. Thus we see them ministering together (Ezra 5:1). The first two sections of Zechariah were given while the temple was being rebuilt and are partially fulfilled at that time. The third section was given after the temple was rebuilt and overflows into Messianic times.

NOTE: There are more specific Messianic predictions in Zechariah than in all the other "minor prophets" combined.

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10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the “One Whom Jehovah Remembers” (Zechariah), as the Branch (3:8, Matthew 2:23 – Nazarene), Jehovah’s Servant (3:8; Philippians 2:7), the Smitten Shepherd (13:7; Mark 14:27), the King-Priest (6:9-12; Hebrews 5:5, 6), the Builder of the spiritual Temple (6:12-15; Matthew 16:18), and the King over all the earth (14:9; Revelation 19:16).