

**My teaching on Zechariah
will primarily use Leeser's
Jewish Bible (LJB) as it's
scriptural source.**



**When I started preparing this teaching,
I felt it would be a “one and done”.**

**Was I mistaken. The more I
researched the Book of Zechariah, the
deeper it became. As you hear this
teaching unfold, hopefully you will
also appreciate the fullness of what
this prophet said.**

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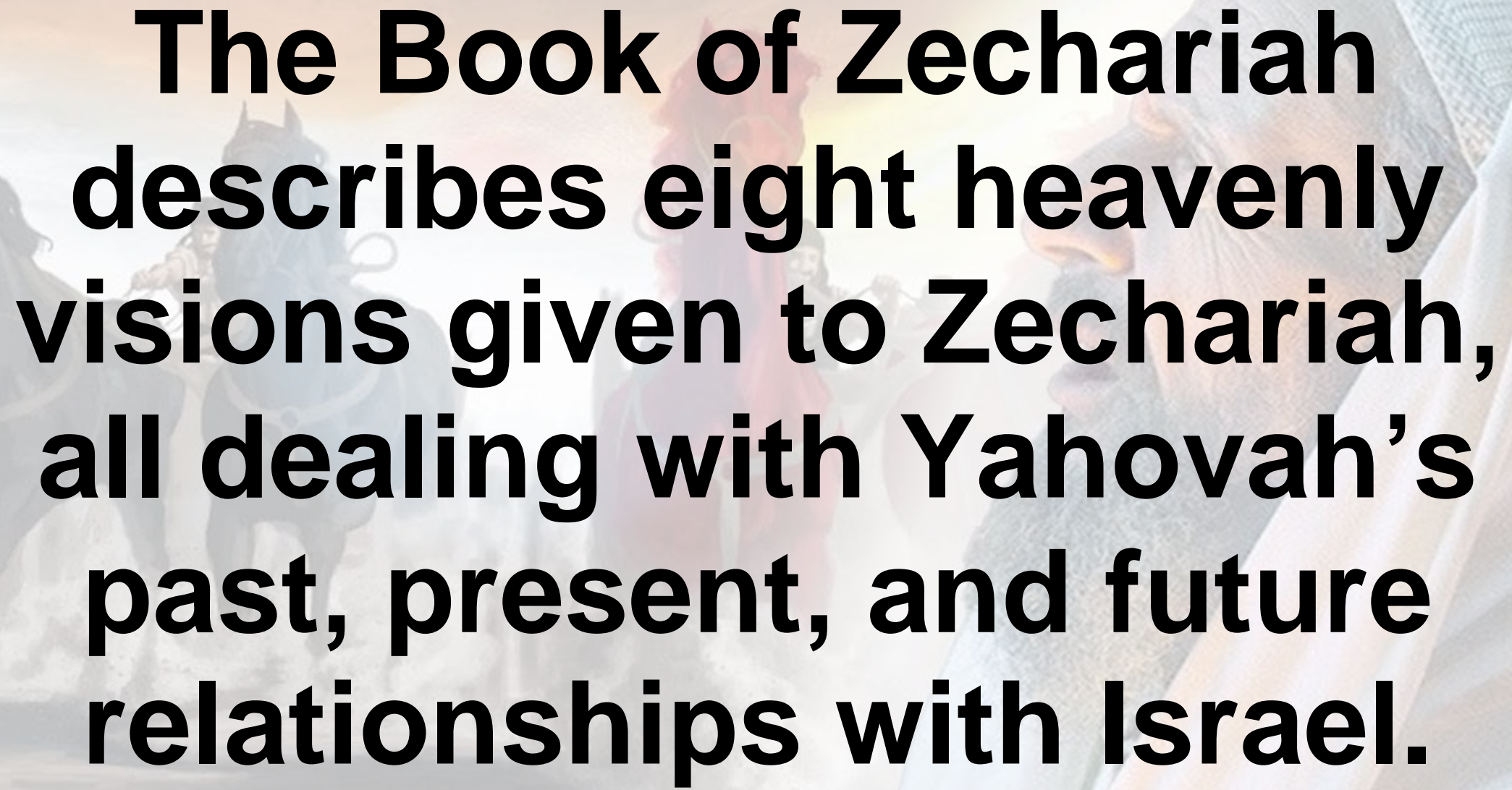
ZECHARIAH (זכריה)

Is He A Minor Prophet?

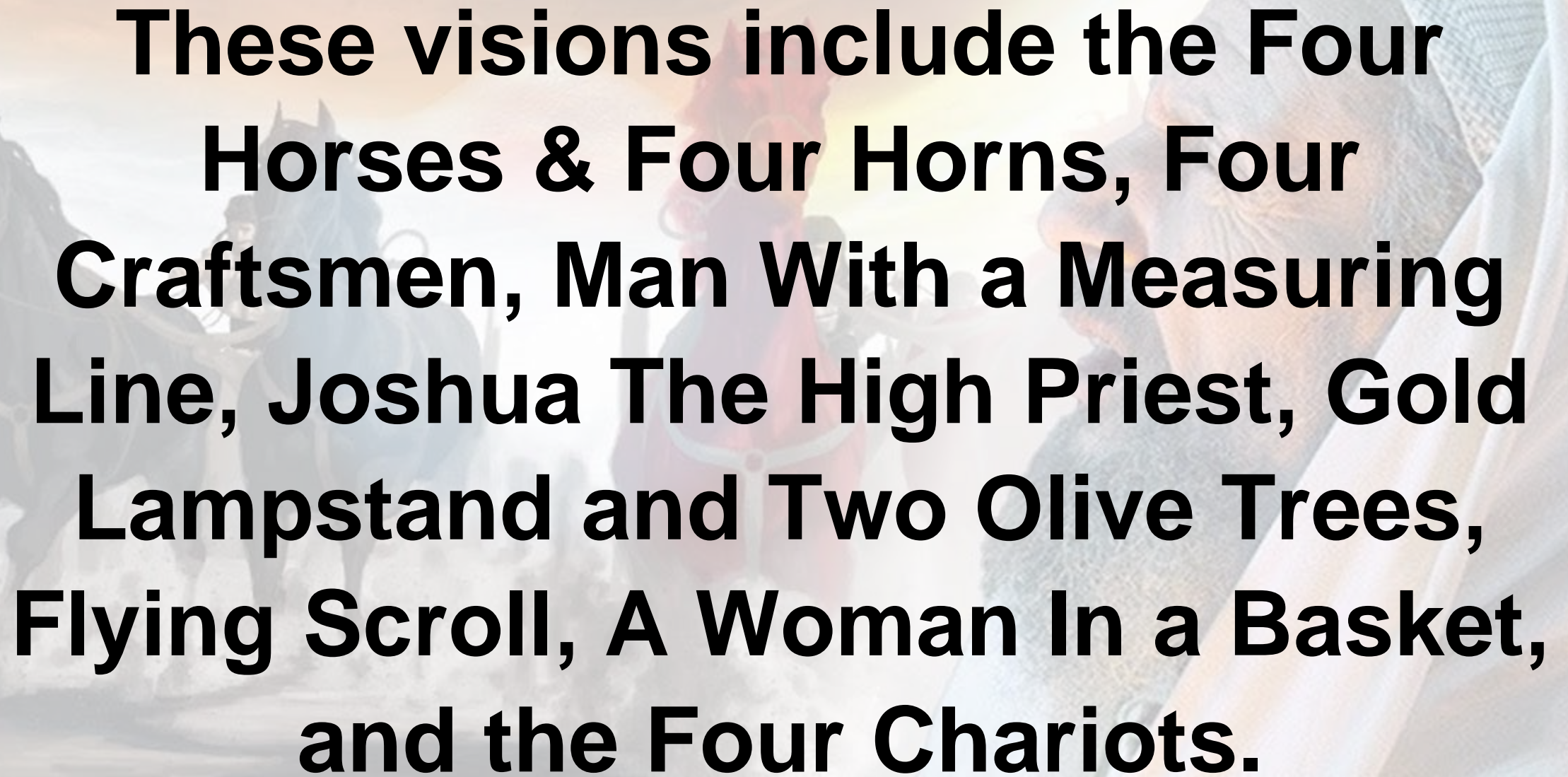


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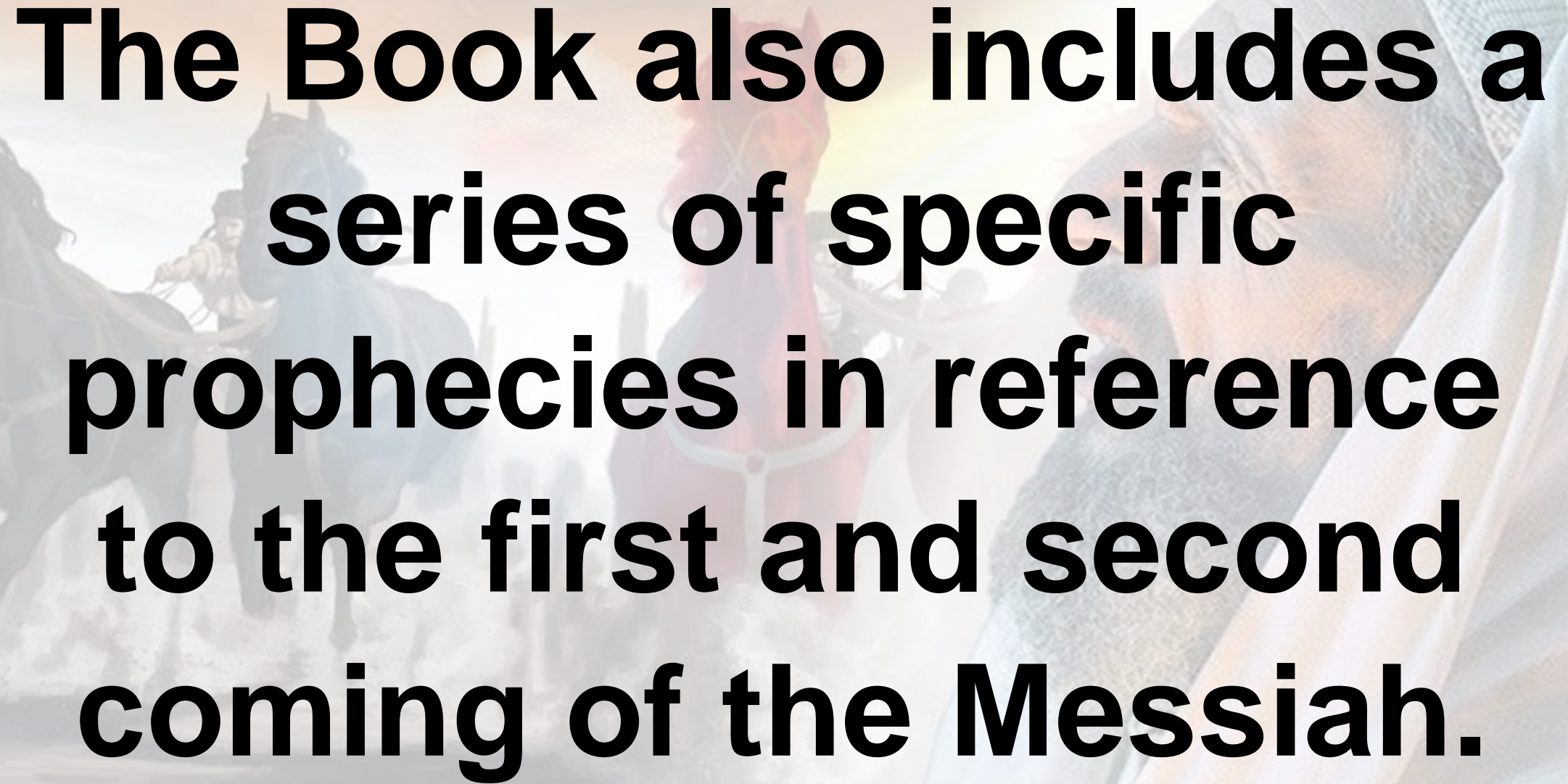
Who Was Zechariah?

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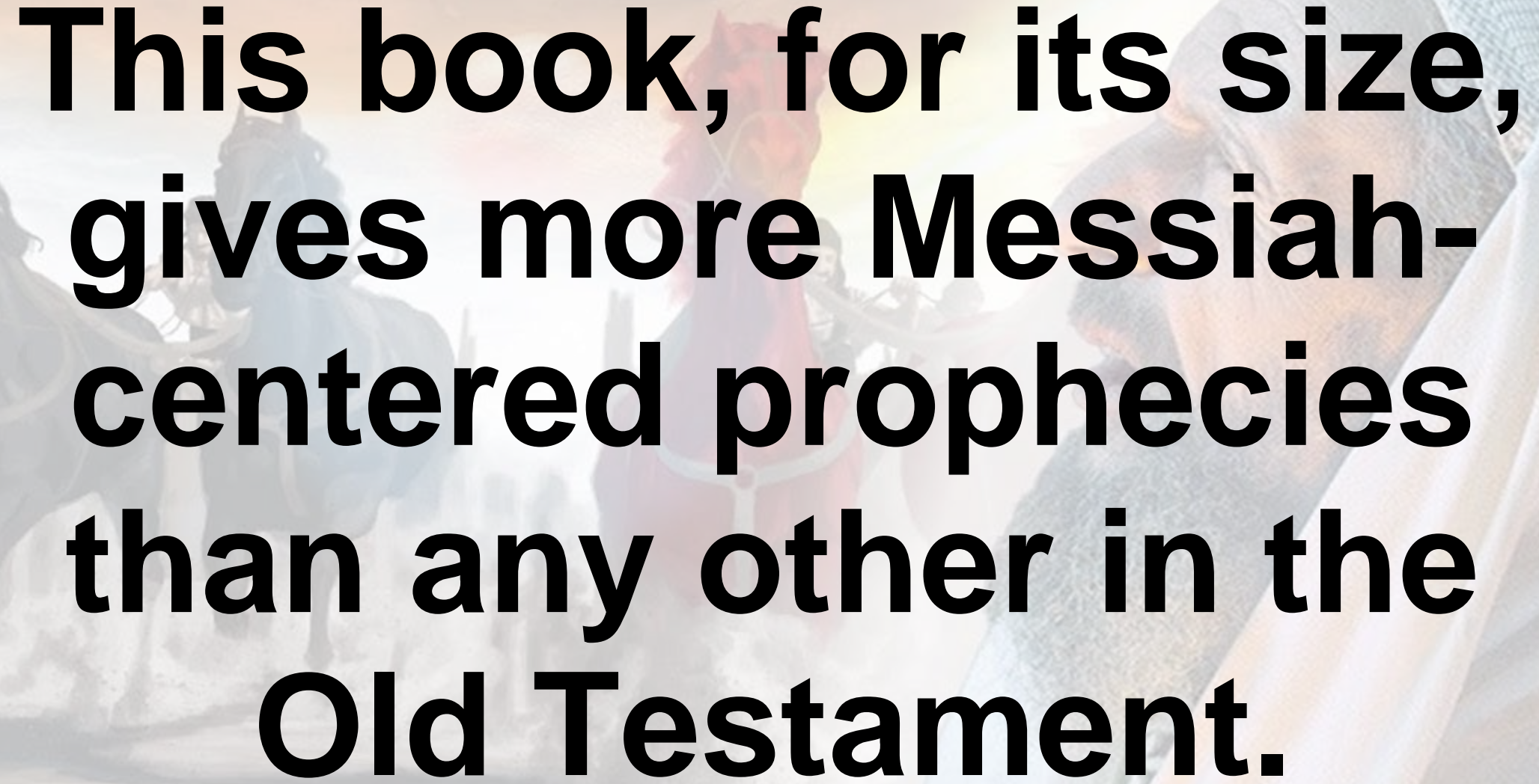
The Book of Zechariah describes eight heavenly visions given to Zechariah, all dealing with Yahovah's past, present, and future relationships with Israel.



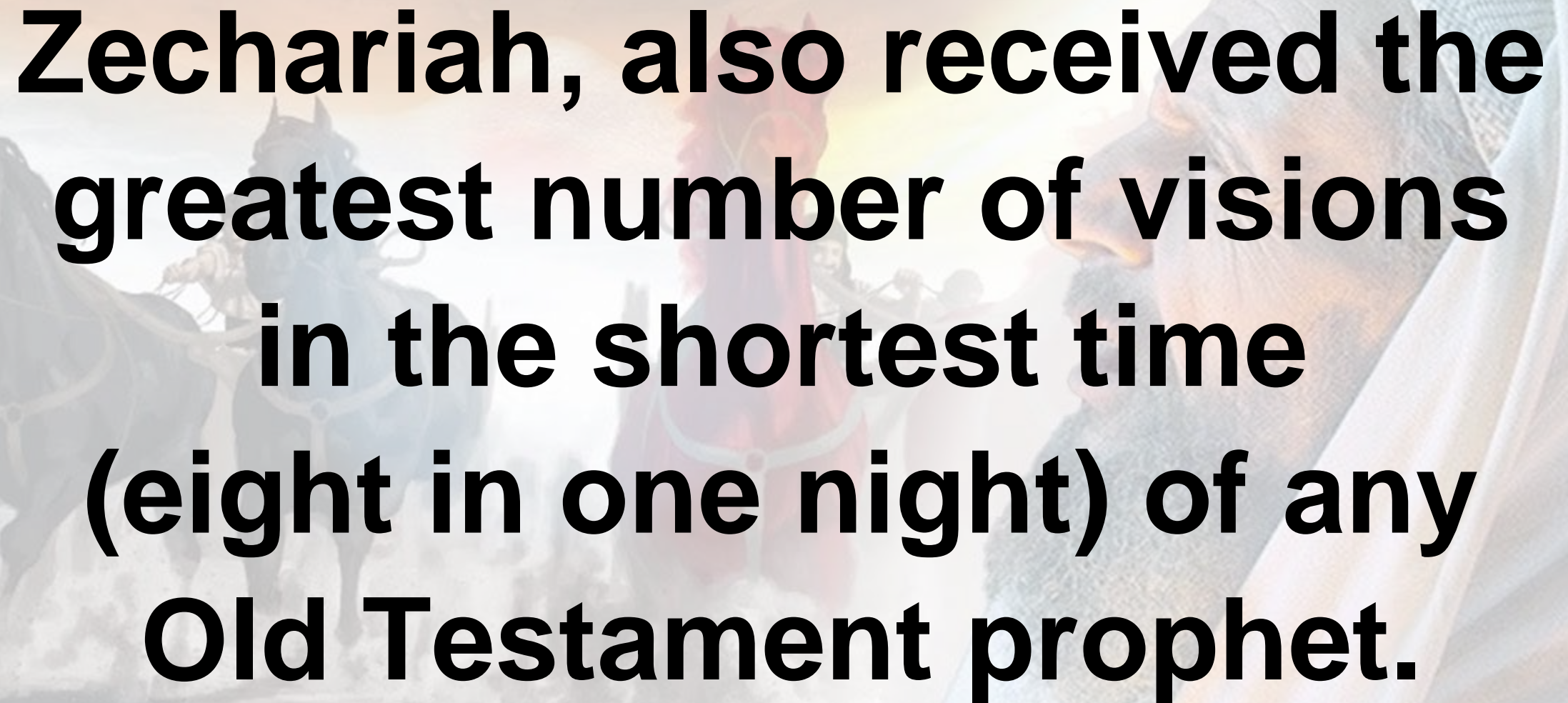
These visions include the Four Horses & Four Horns, Four Craftsmen, Man With a Measuring Line, Joshua The High Priest, Gold Lampstand and Two Olive Trees, Flying Scroll, A Woman In a Basket, and the Four Chariots.



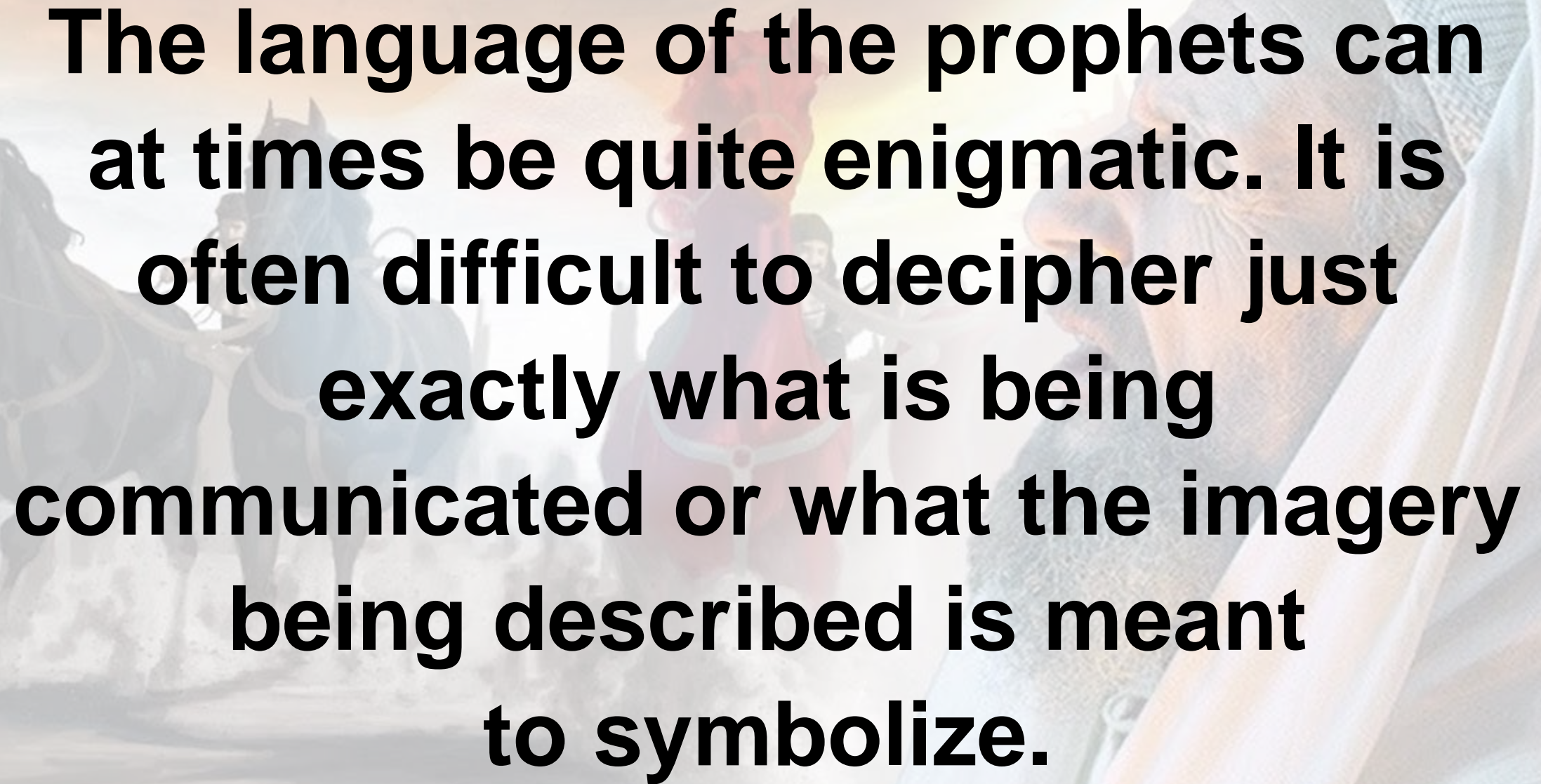
The Book also includes a series of specific prophecies in reference to the first and second coming of the Messiah.



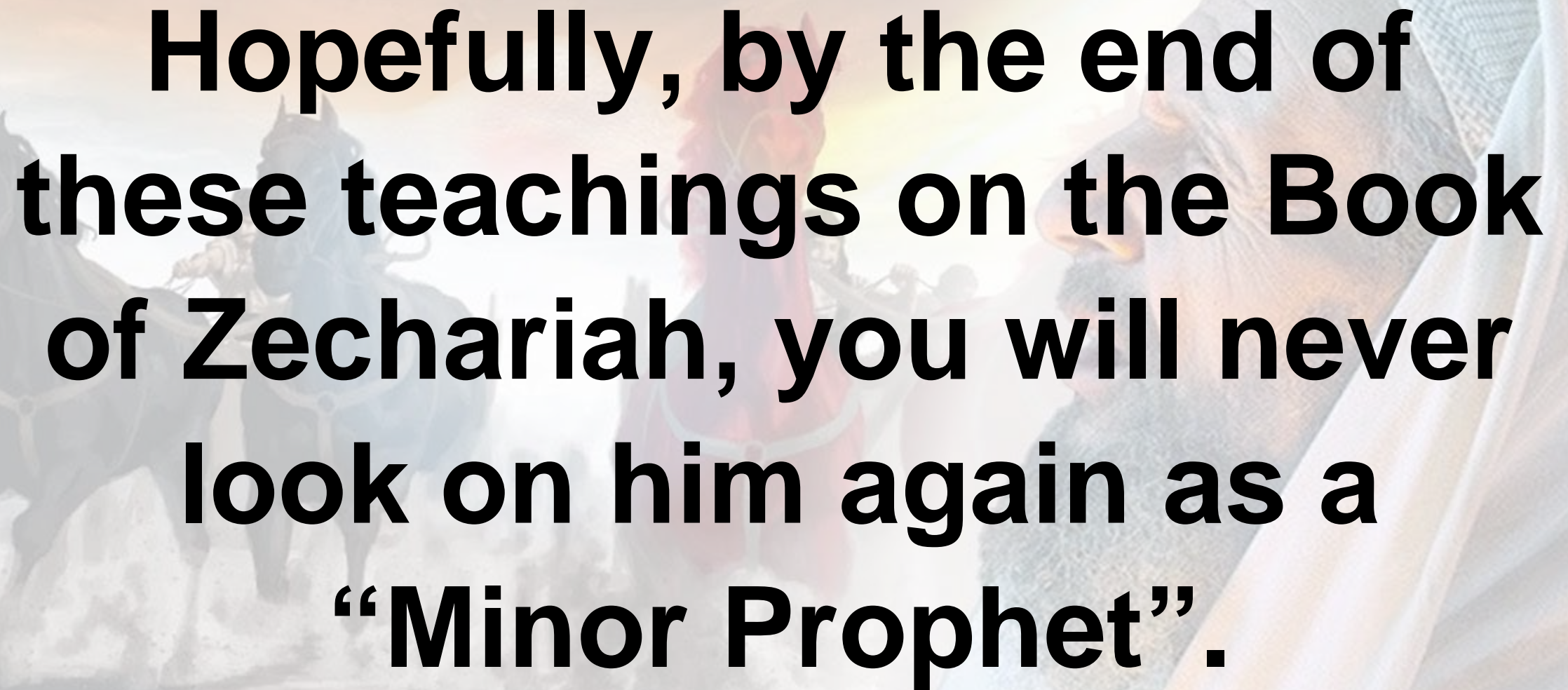
**This book, for its size,
gives more Messiah-
centered prophecies
than any other in the
Old Testament.**



Zechariah, also received the greatest number of visions in the shortest time (eight in one night) of any Old Testament prophet.



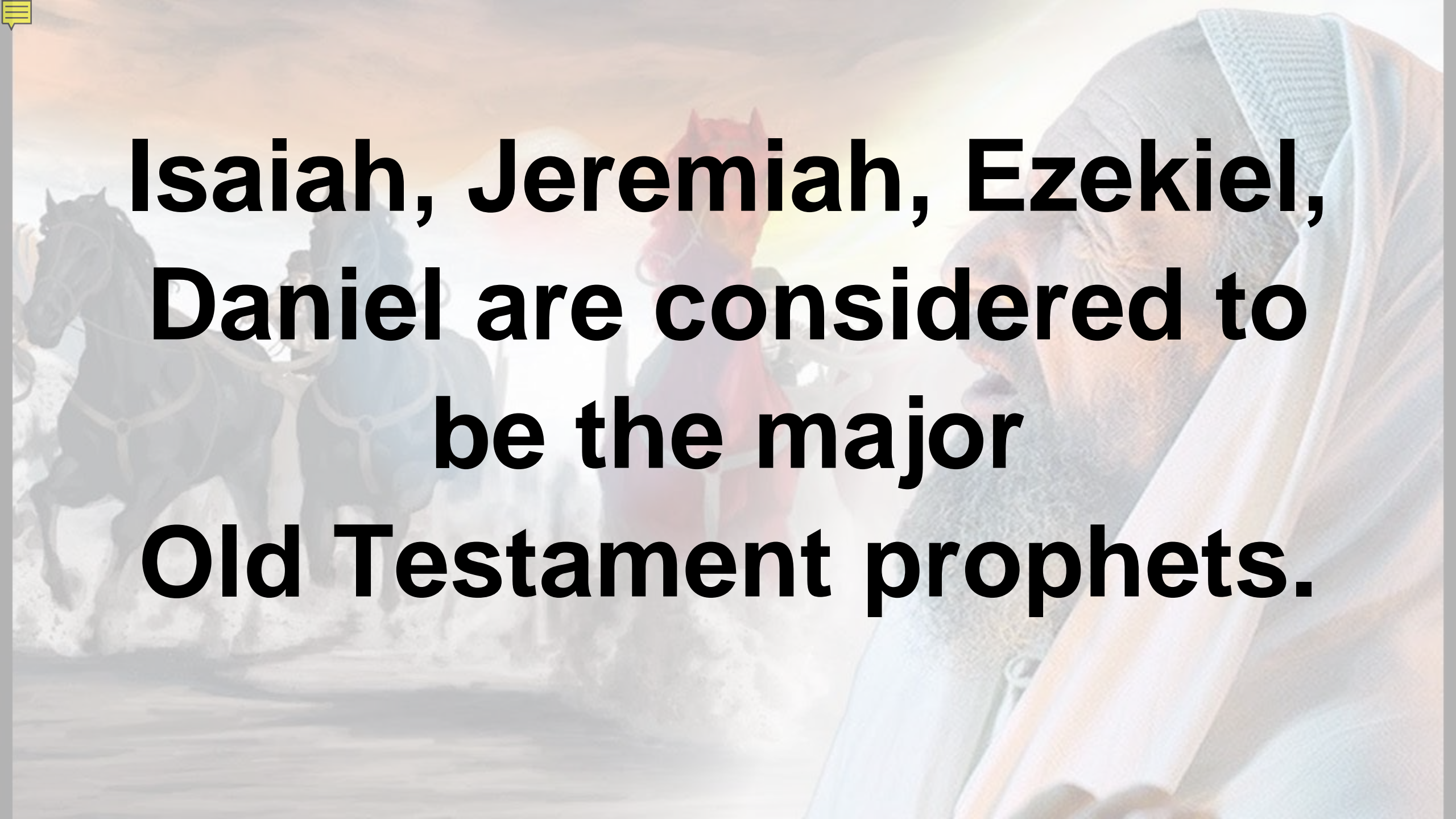
The language of the prophets can at times be quite enigmatic. It is often difficult to decipher just exactly what is being communicated or what the imagery being described is meant to symbolize.



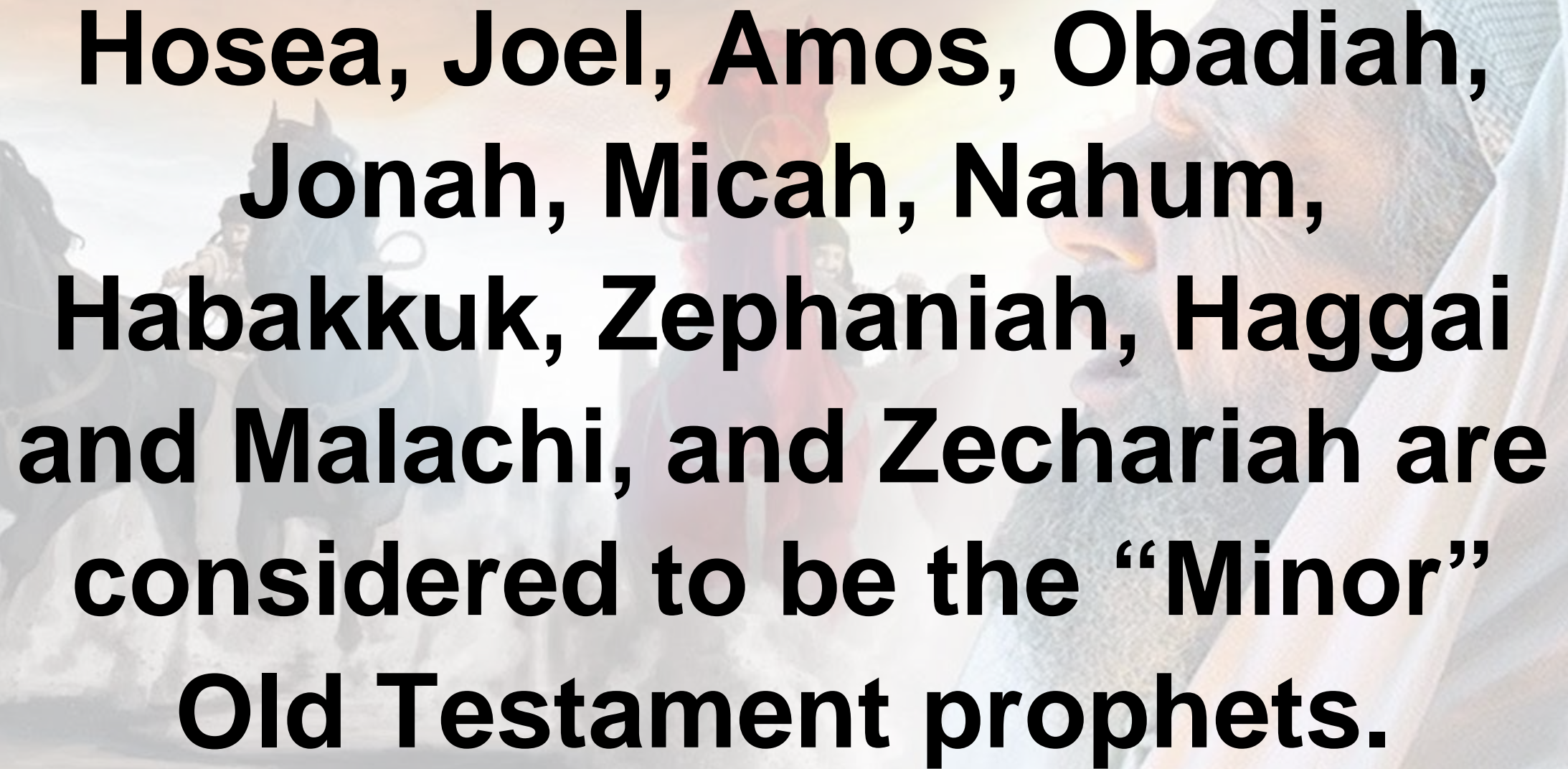
Hopefully, by the end of these teachings on the Book of Zechariah, you will never look on him again as a “Minor Prophet”.



**Who were the
Old Testament
prophets?**



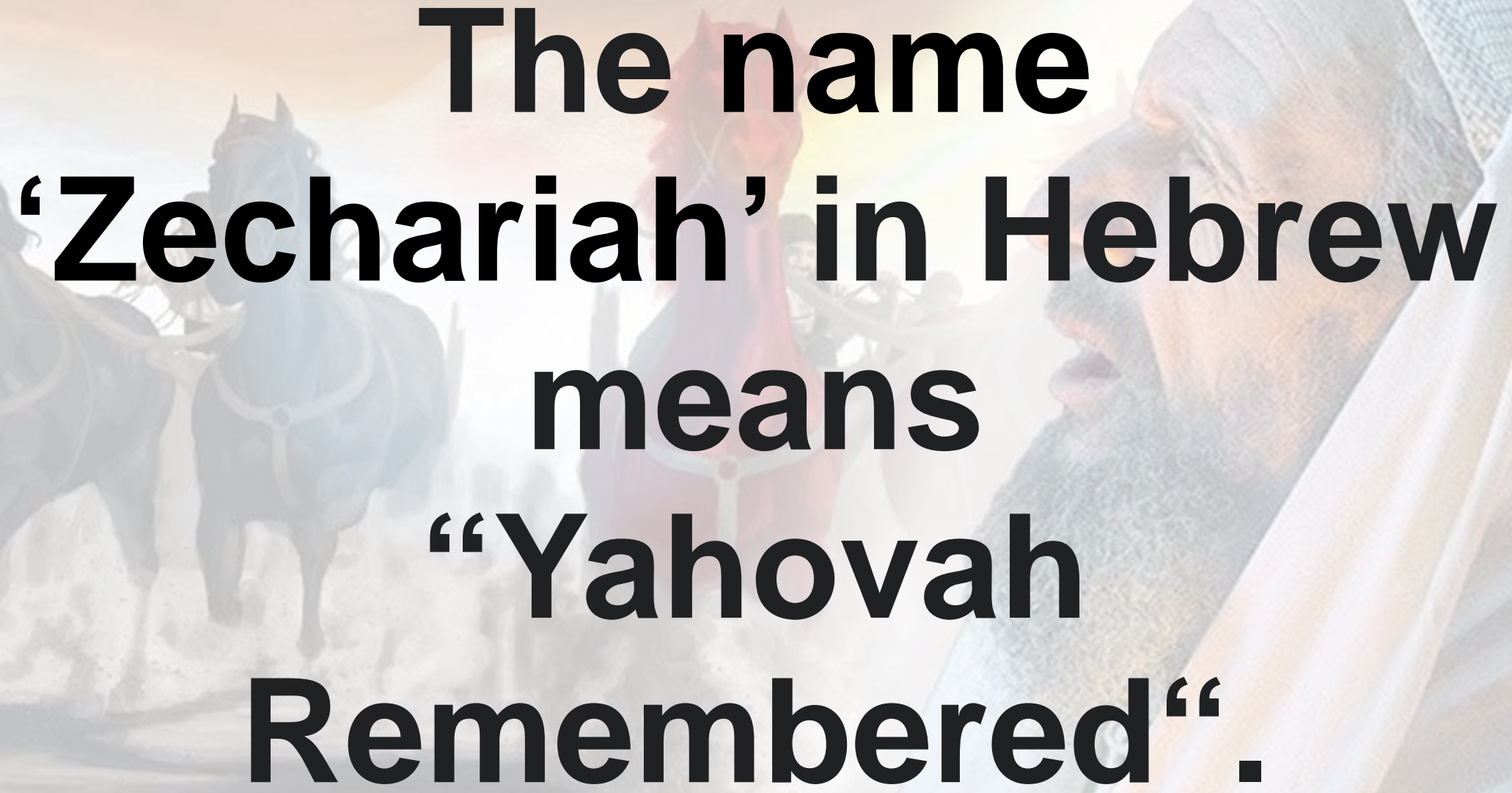
**Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel,
Daniel are considered to
be the major
Old Testament prophets.**

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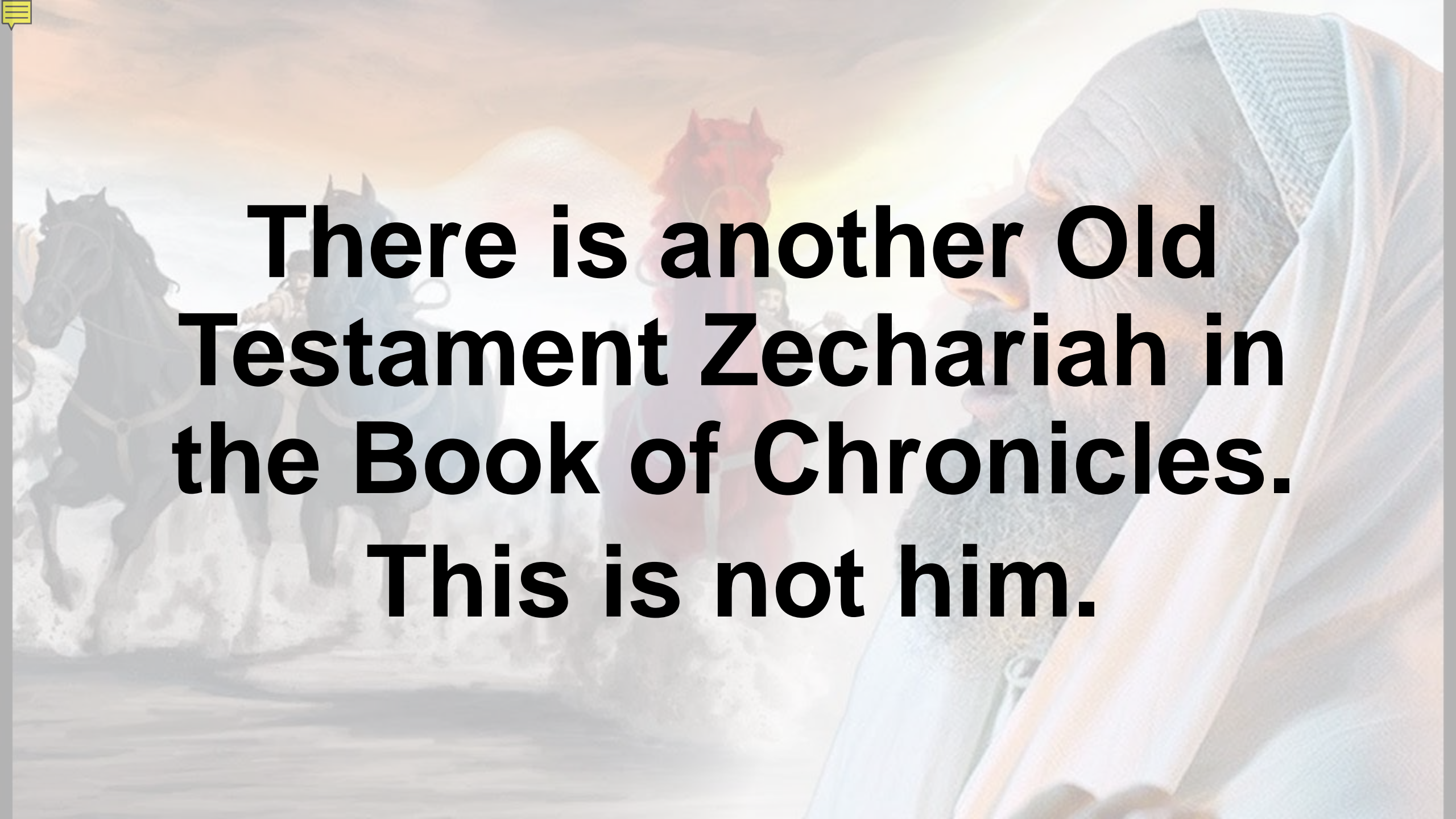
**Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,
Jonah, Micah, Nahum,
Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai
and Malachi, and Zechariah are
considered to be the “Minor”
Old Testament prophets.**



Who was Zechariah?



**The name
'Zechariah' in Hebrew
means
"Yahovah
Remembered".**



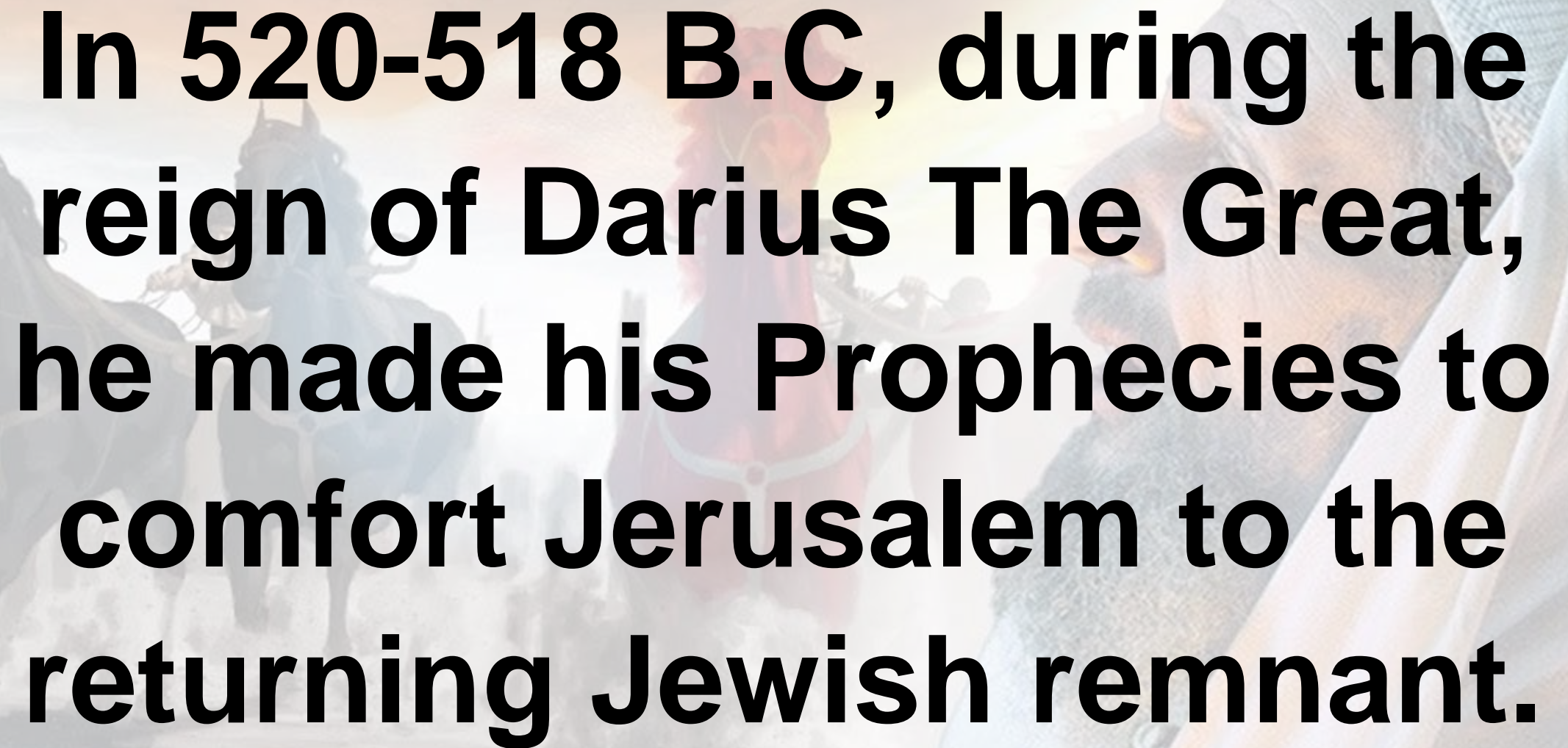
**There is another Old
Testament Zechariah in
the Book of Chronicles.
This is not him.**



**This Zechariah is the
son of Berekiah and
grandson of Iddo,
prophet.**

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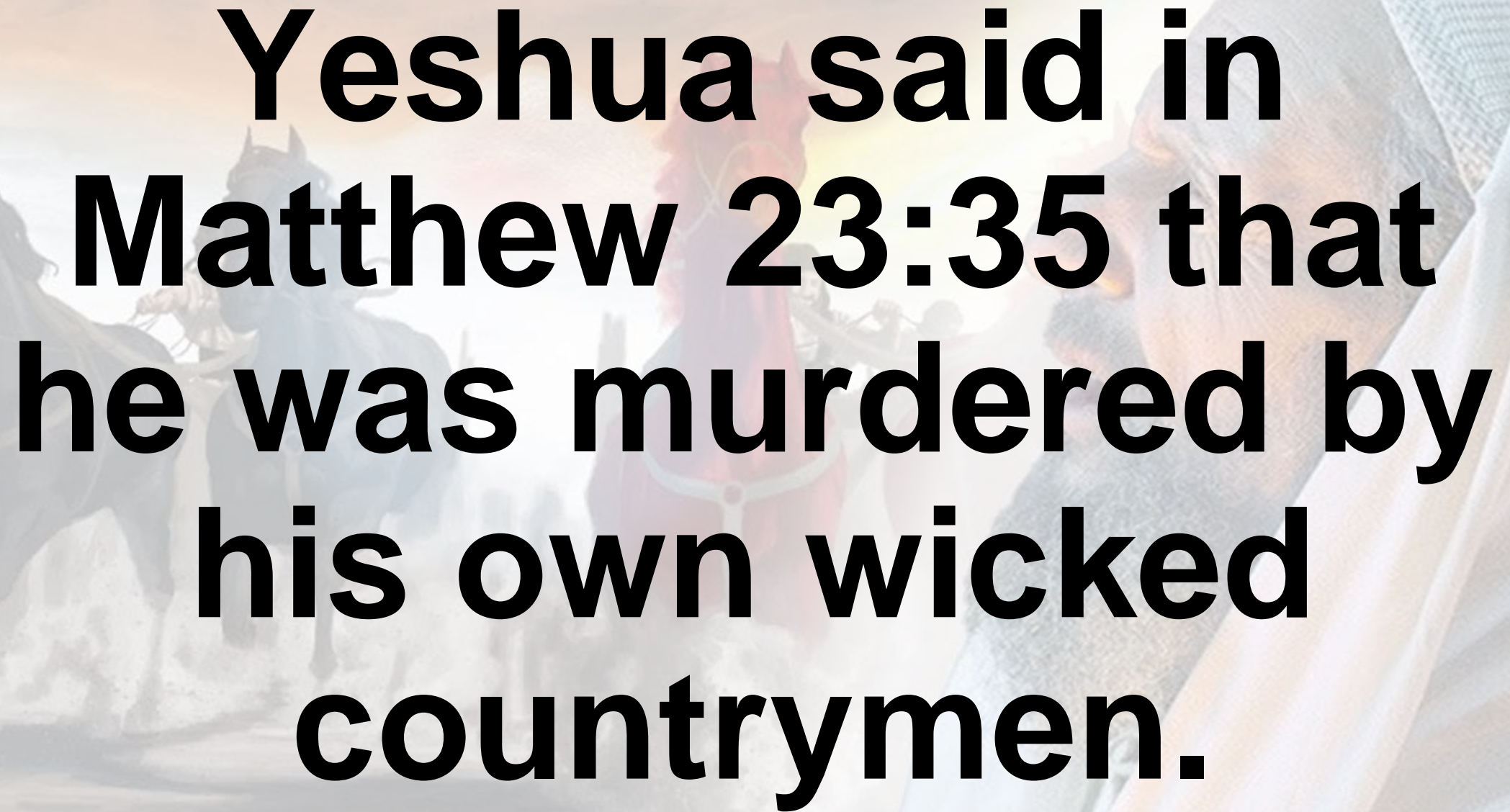
Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai who ministered to the first group of returning Jews to Jerusalem following the Babylonian captivity.



In 520-518 B.C, during the reign of Darius The Great, he made his Prophecies to comfort Jerusalem to the returning Jewish remnant.



**Jewish tradition says
Zechariah was a member of
the great synagogue that
collected and preserved
the Old Testament books.**

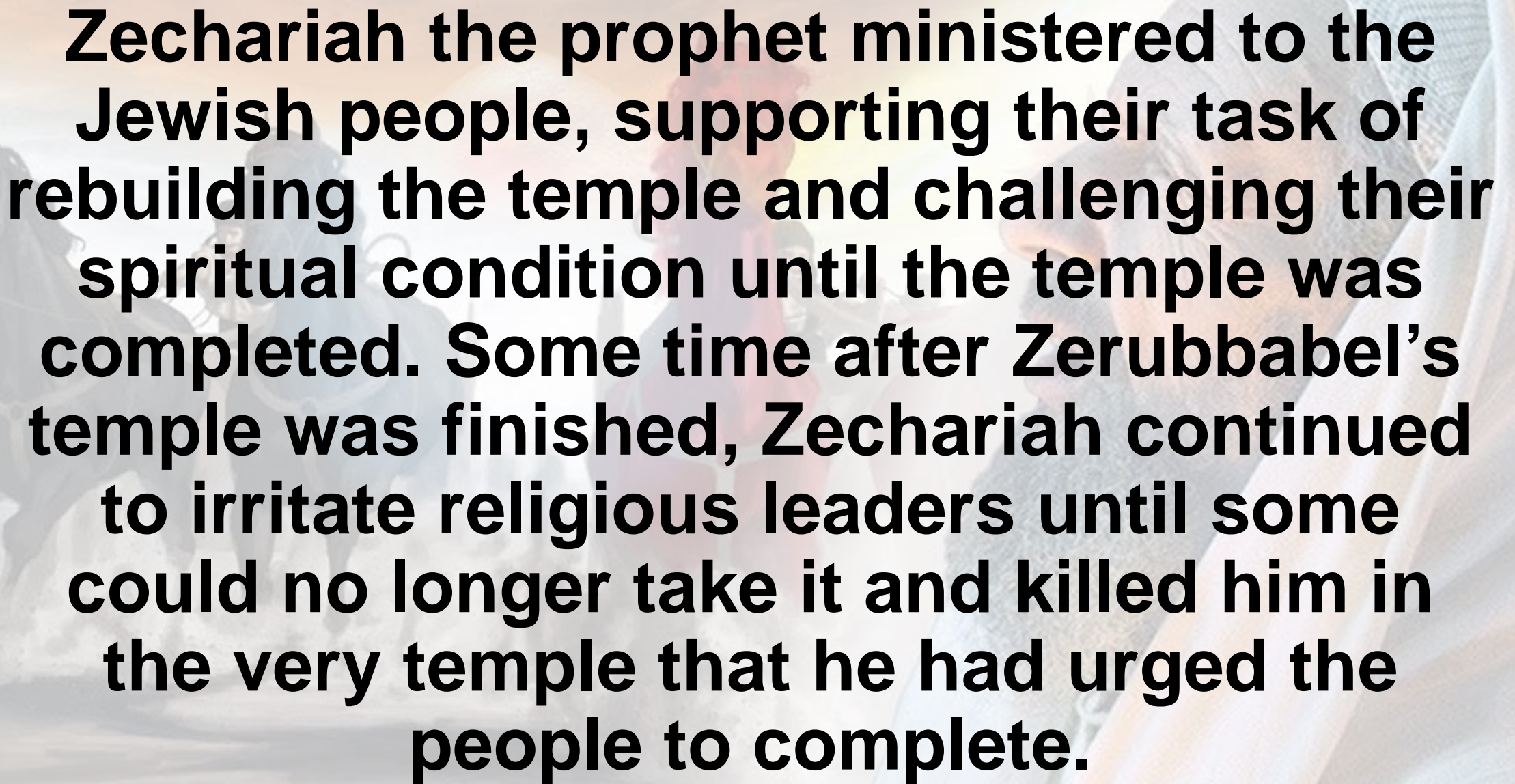


**Yeshua said in
Matthew 23:35 that
he was murdered by
his own wicked
countrymen.**

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Matthew 23:35

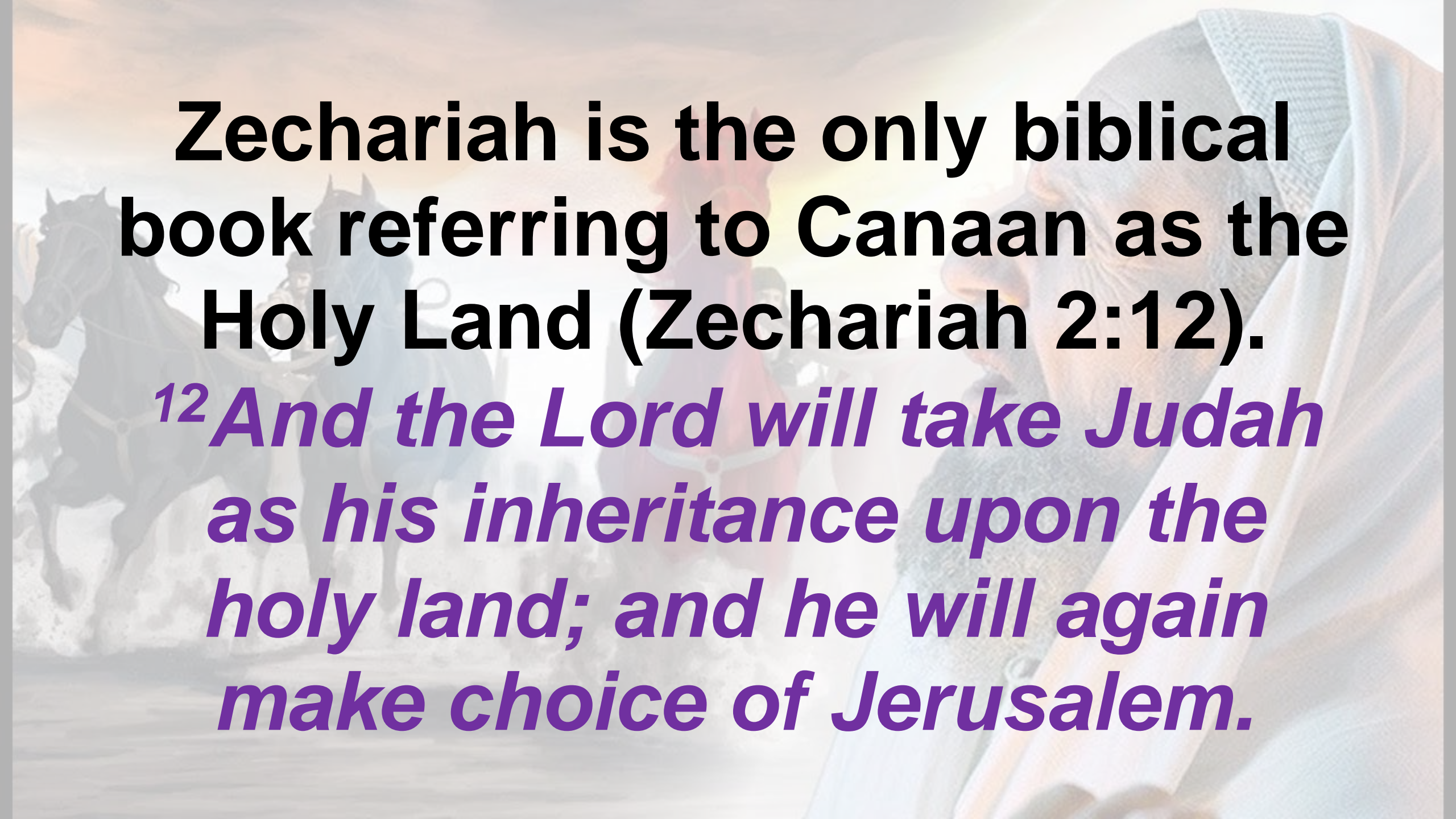
35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.



Zechariah the prophet ministered to the Jewish people, supporting their task of rebuilding the temple and challenging their spiritual condition until the temple was completed. Some time after Zerubbabel's temple was finished, Zechariah continued to irritate religious leaders until some could no longer take it and killed him in the very temple that he had urged the people to complete.



**The Book of Zechariah
is the longest of the
minor prophets.**



Zechariah is the only biblical book referring to Canaan as the Holy Land (Zechariah 2:12).

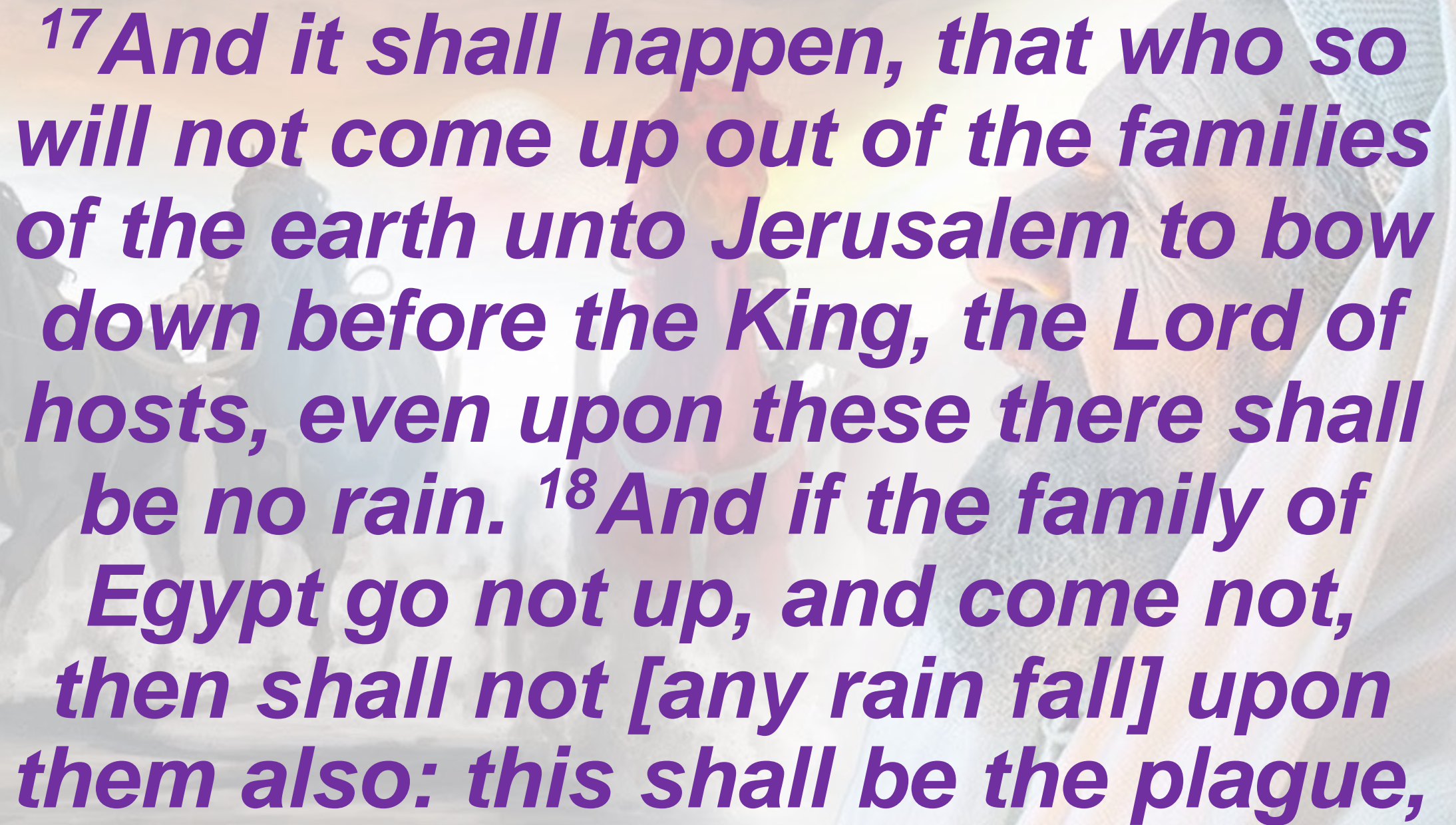
¹²And the Lord will take Judah as his inheritance upon the holy land; and he will again make choice of Jerusalem.



**Zechariah is the only
biblical book issuing
a divine warning to
the nations in the
Millennium**

(Zechariah 14:16-19)

¹⁶And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left out of all the nations who will have come against Jerusalem, yea, these shall go up year by year to bow down before the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the feast of tabernacles.

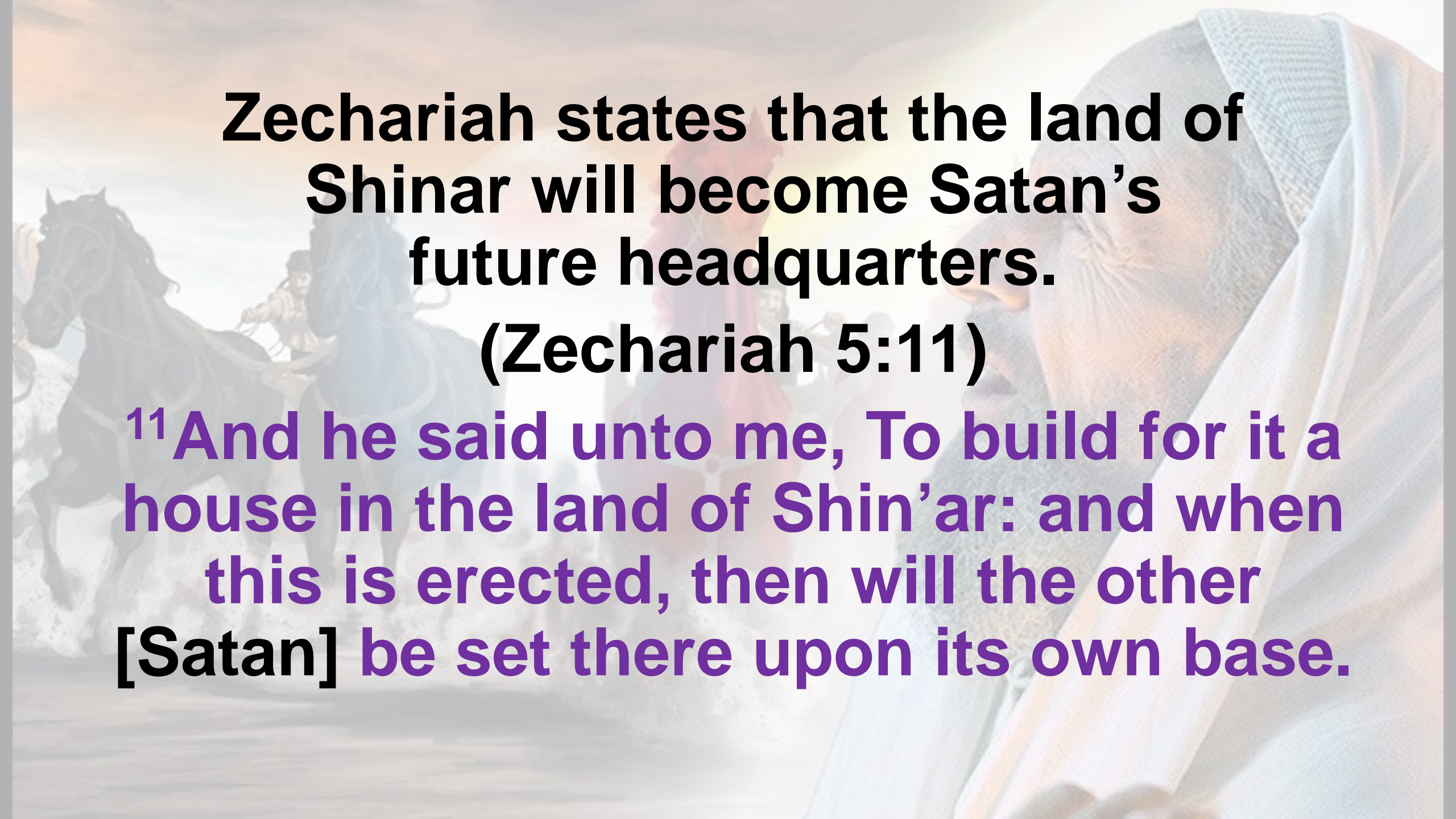


17 And it shall happen, that who so will not come up out of the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to bow down before the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon these there shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, then shall not [any rain fall] upon them also: this shall be the plague,



wherewith the Lord will afflict the nations that will not come up to celebrate the feast of tabernacles.

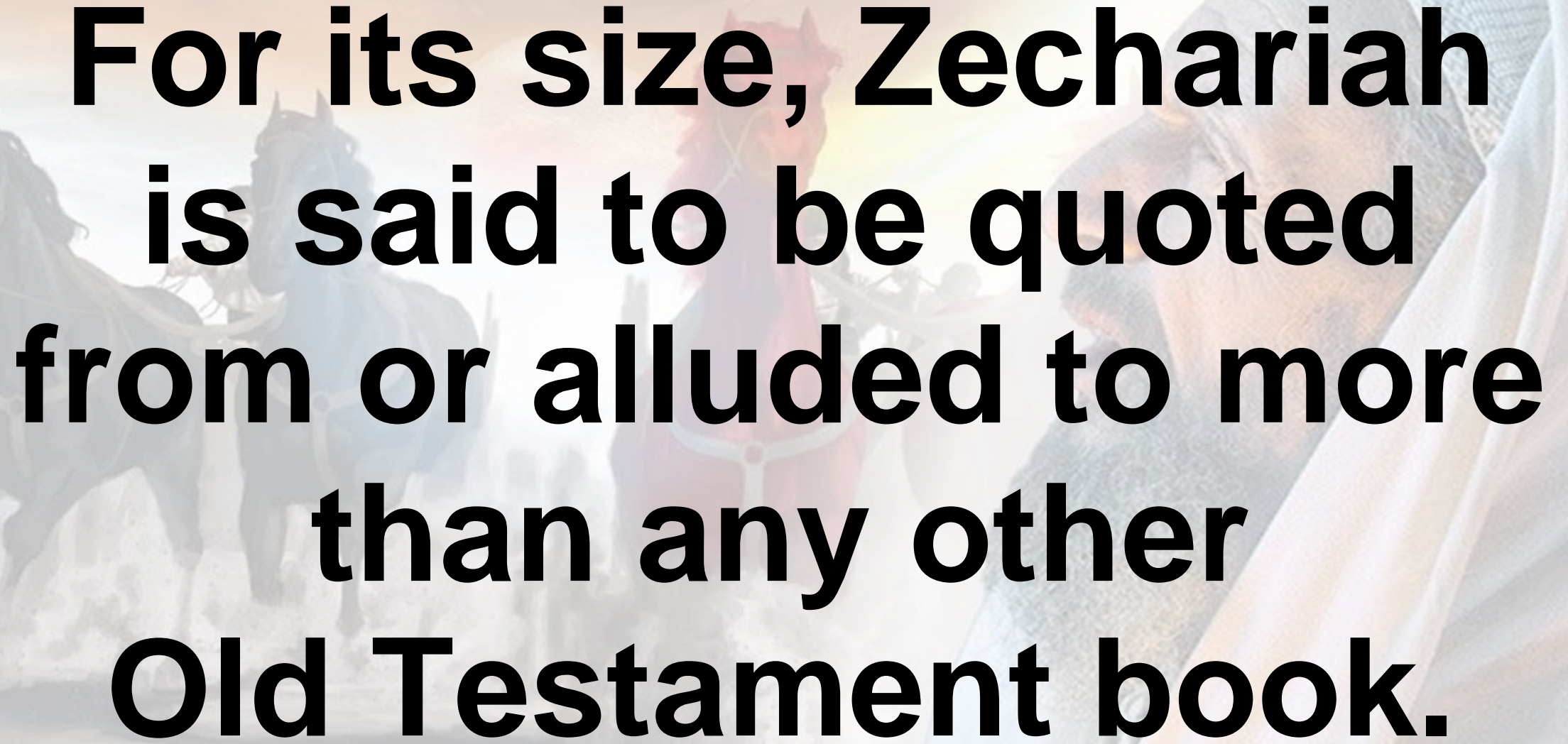
¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that will not come up to celebrate the feast of tabernacles.



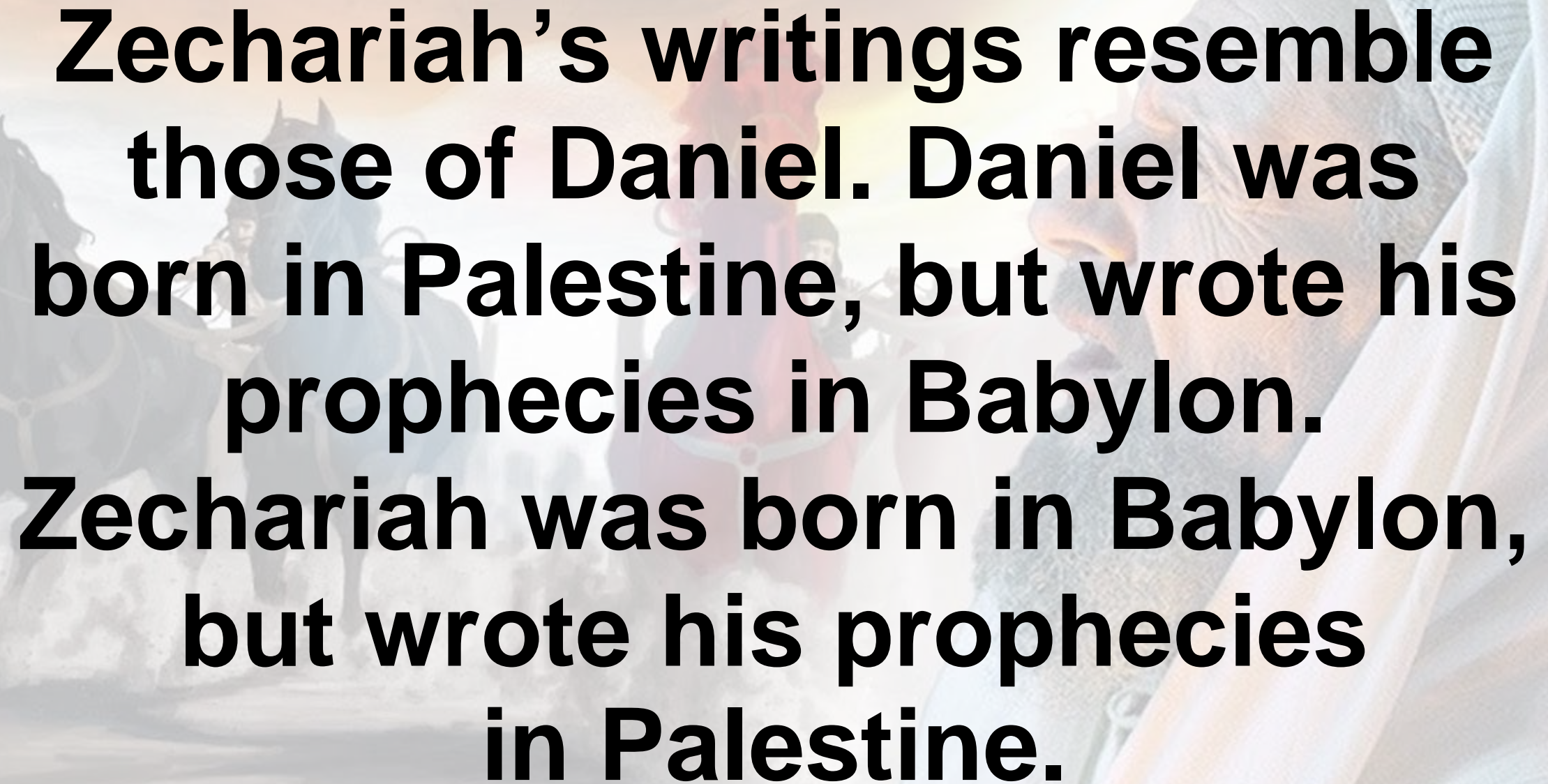
Zechariah states that the land of Shinar will become Satan's future headquarters.

(Zechariah 5:11)

¹¹And he said unto me, To build for it a house in the land of Shin'ar: and when this is erected, then will the other [Satan] be set there upon its own base.



**For its size, Zechariah
is said to be quoted
from or alluded to more
than any other
Old Testament book.**



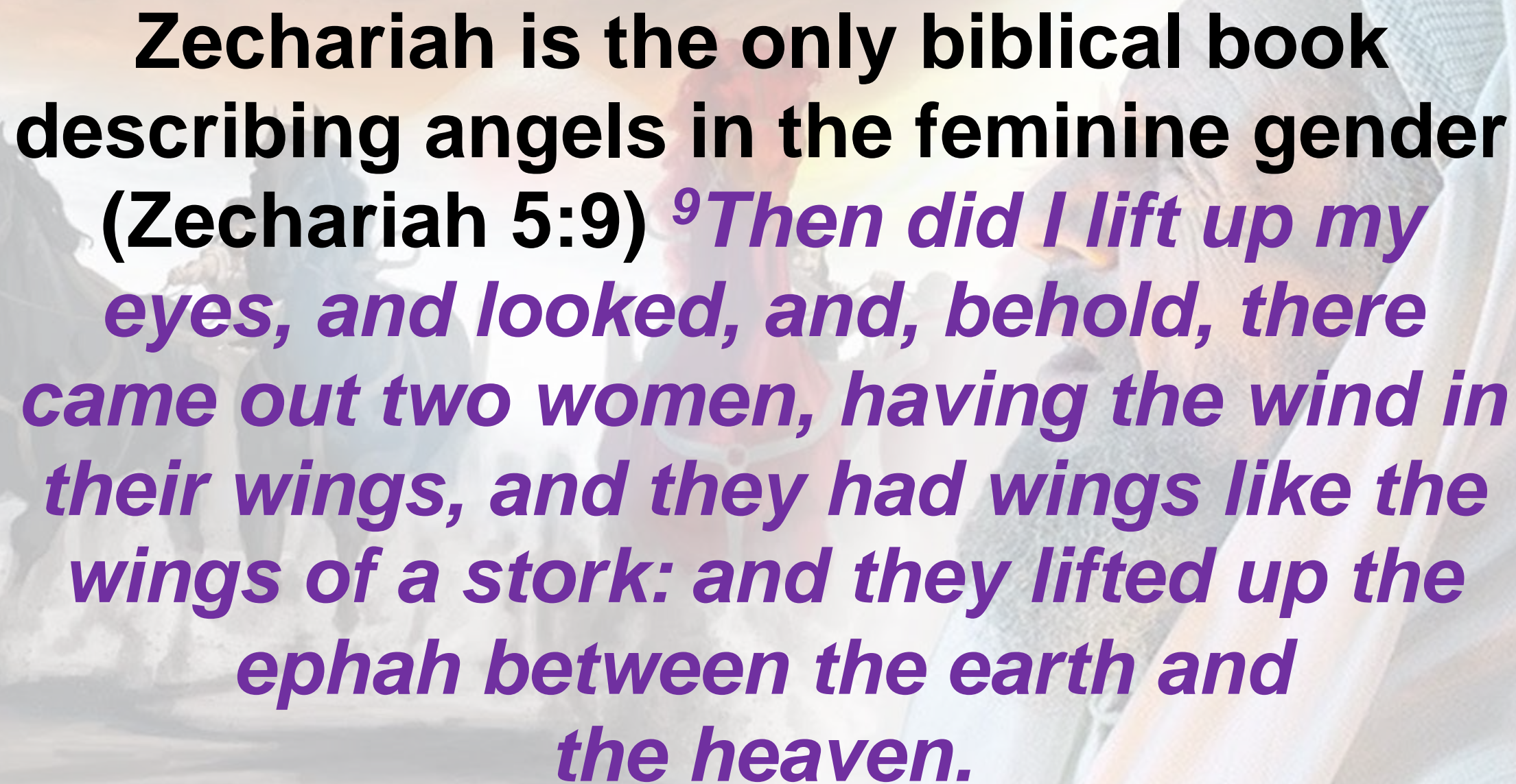
Zechariah's writings resemble those of Daniel. Daniel was born in Palestine, but wrote his prophecies in Babylon. Zechariah was born in Babylon, but wrote his prophecies in Palestine.



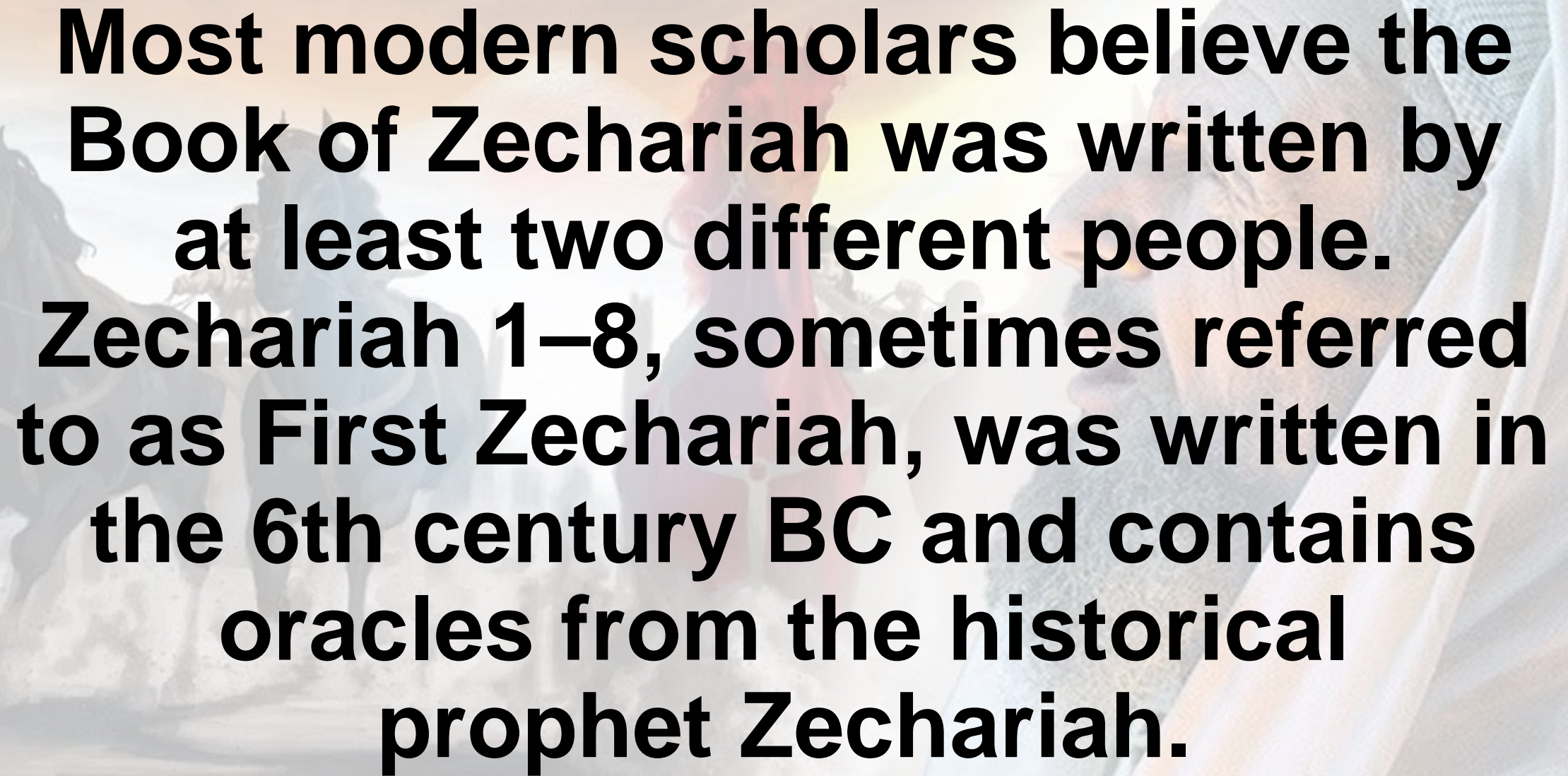
Zechariah was probably a priest as well as a prophet.



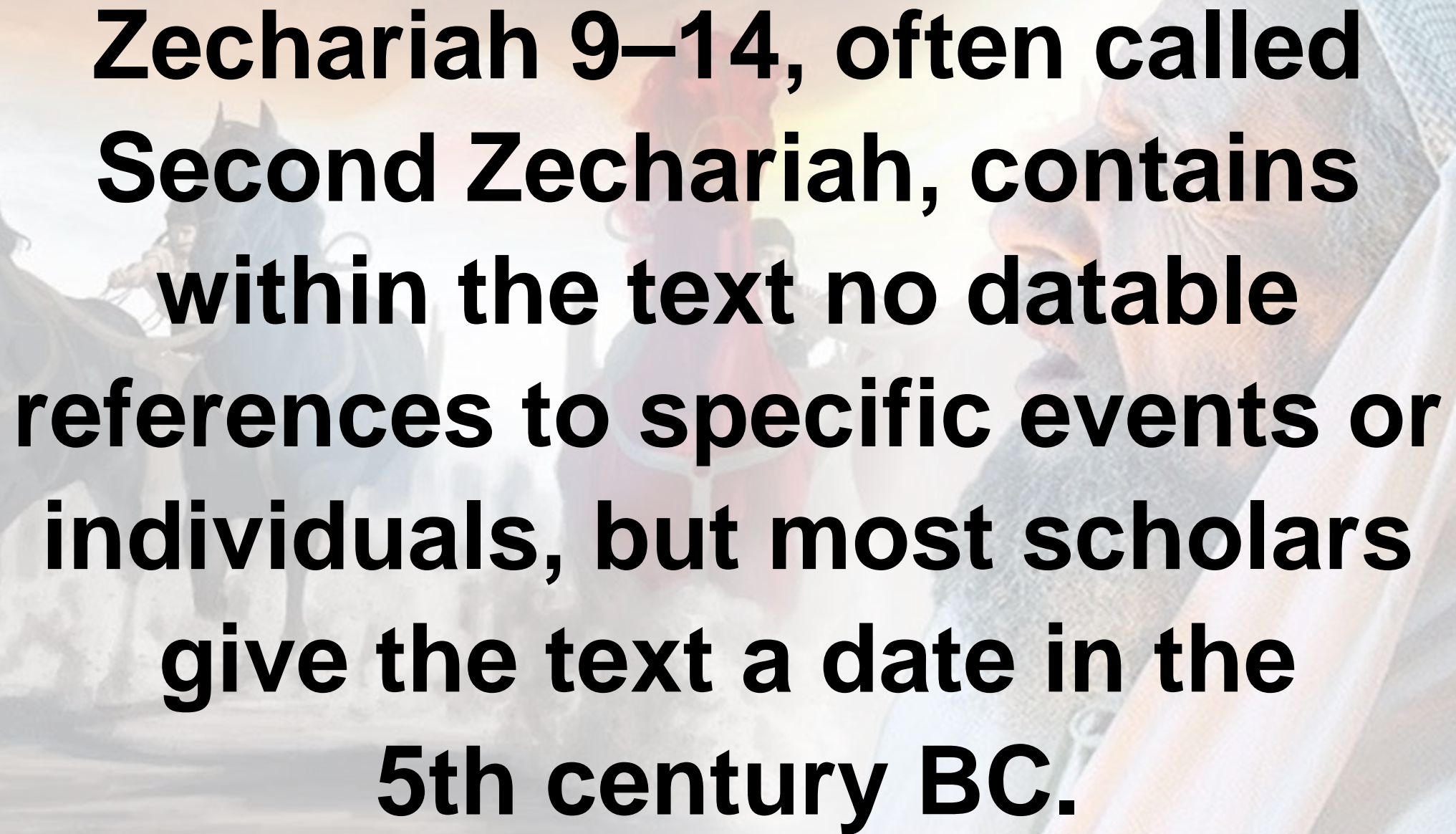
**Zechariah has often
been called the
'Apocalypse of the
Old Testament'.**

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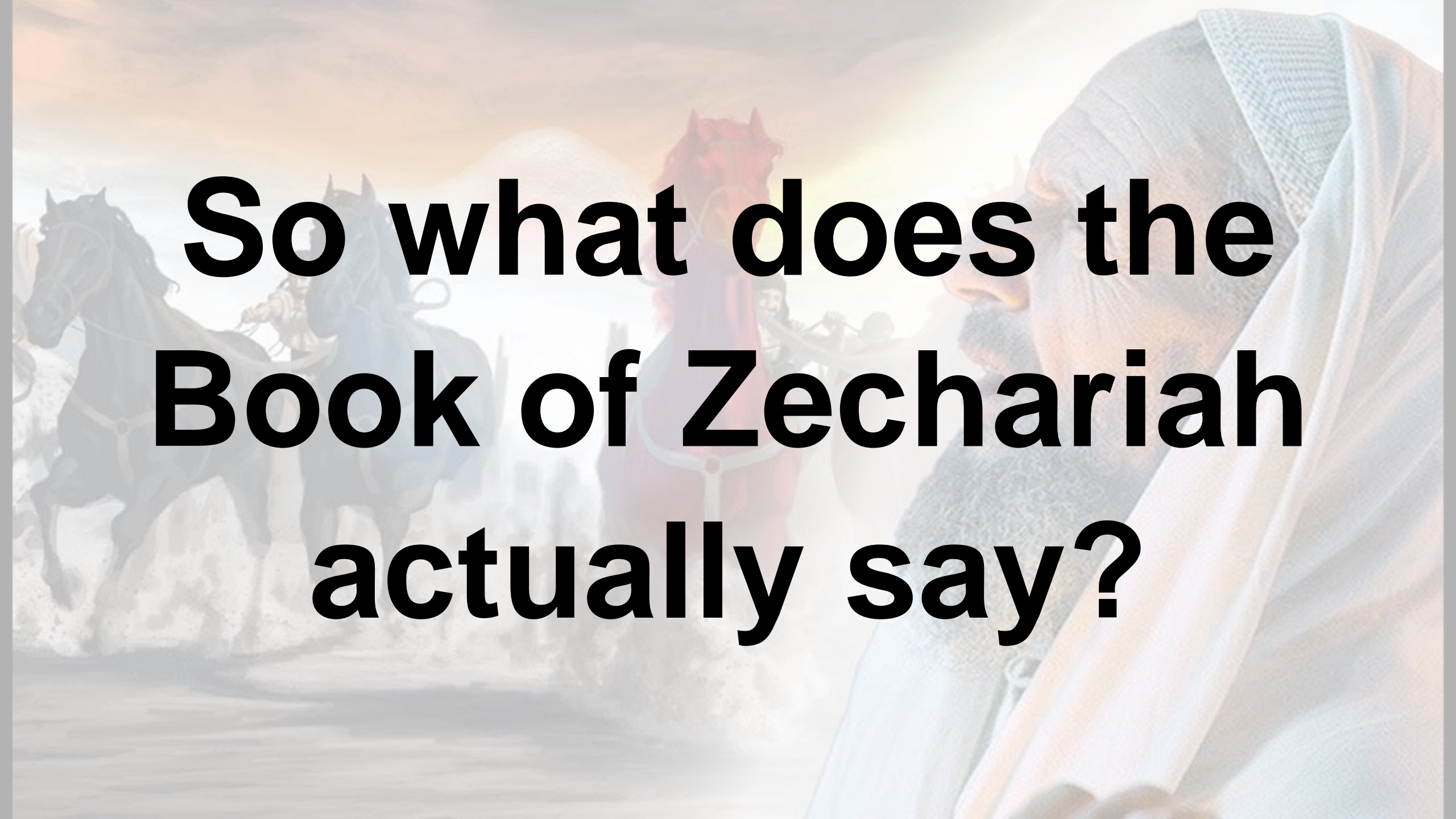
Zechariah is the only biblical book describing angels in the feminine gender (Zechariah 5:9) *⁹Then did I lift up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, having the wind in their wings, and they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.*



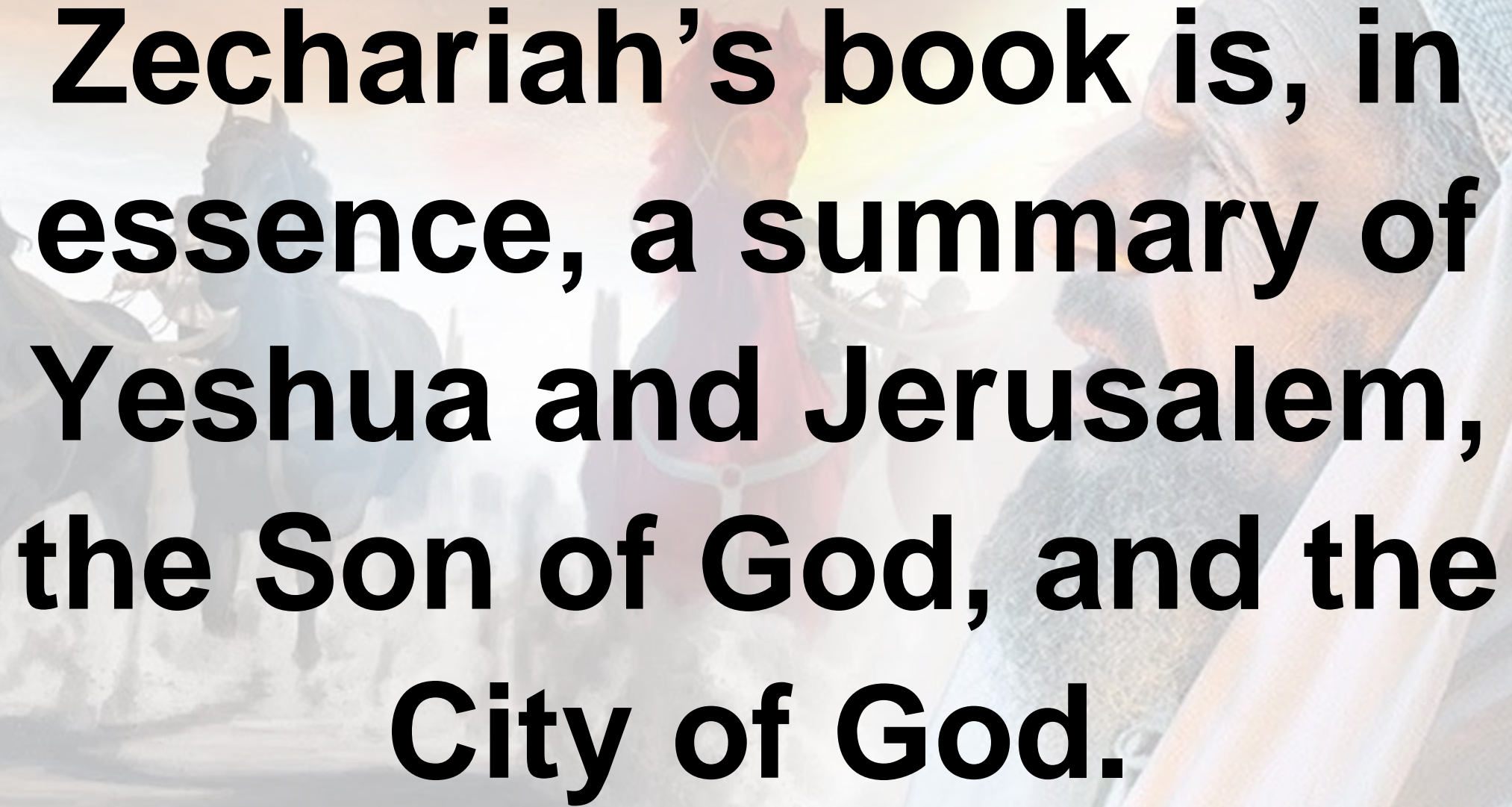
Most modern scholars believe the Book of Zechariah was written by at least two different people. Zechariah 1–8, sometimes referred to as First Zechariah, was written in the 6th century BC and contains oracles from the historical prophet Zechariah.



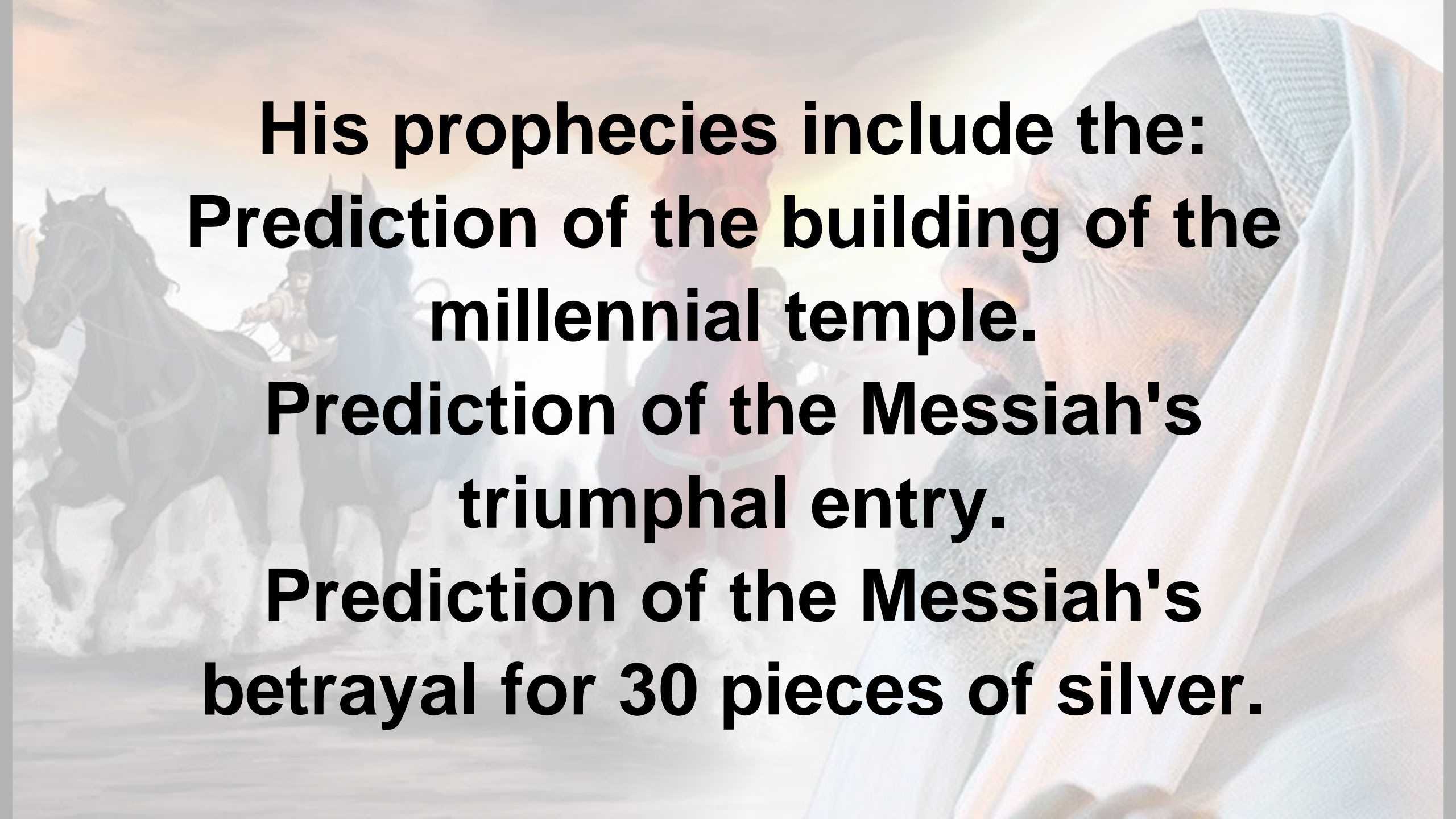
**Zechariah 9–14, often called
Second Zechariah, contains
within the text no datable
references to specific events or
individuals, but most scholars
give the text a date in the
5th century BC.**



**So what does the
Book of Zechariah
actually say?**



Zechariah's book is, in essence, a summary of Yeshua and Jerusalem, the Son of God, and the City of God.



**His prophecies include the:
Prediction of the building of the
millennial temple.**

**Prediction of the Messiah's
triumphal entry.**

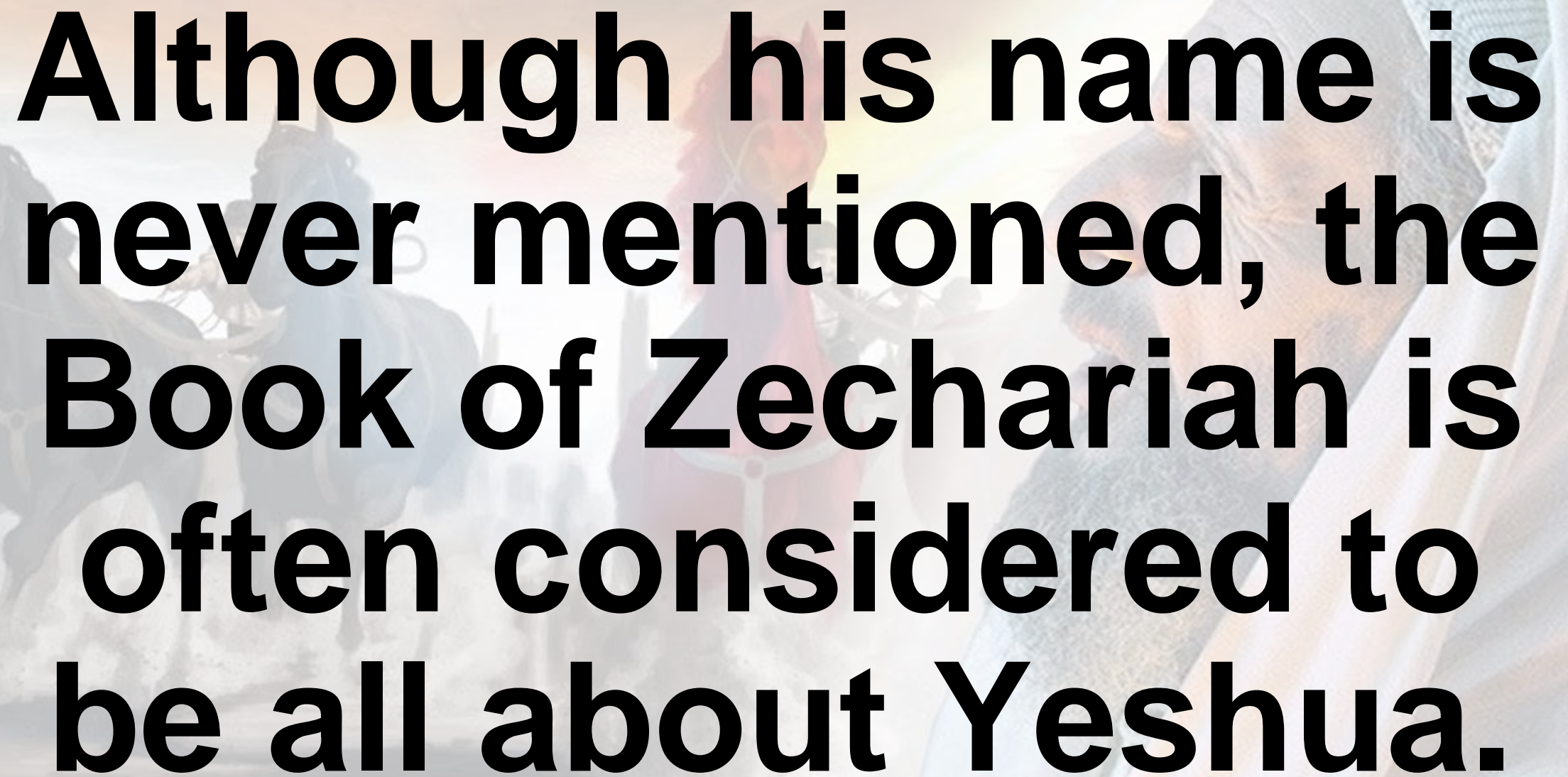
**Prediction of the Messiah's
betrayal for 30 pieces of silver.**



**Prediction of the Messiah's
crucifixion and of Israel's
eventual repentance.**

**Prediction of Armageddon and of
Messiah's triumphal second coming
and subsequent blessings.**

**Prediction of a flying roll that
delivers fire and the invasion
of Israel.**



Although his name is never mentioned, the Book of Zechariah is often considered to be all about Yeshua.



The Book of Zechariah deals with a global invasion of Israel in the future.

It tells of how this global invasion will be dispensed with and how Israel wins.



**The Book of Zechariah relies
on two keywords**

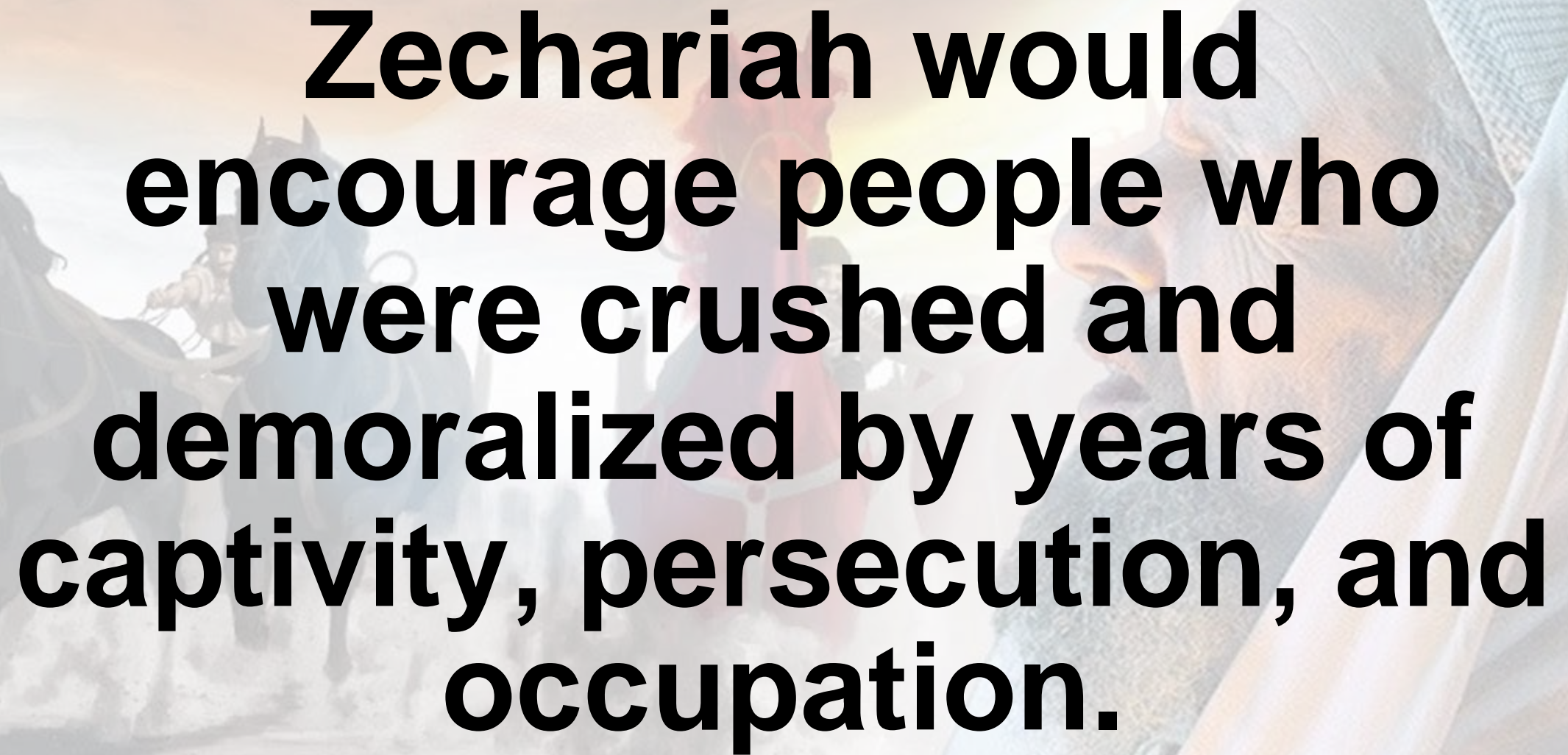
Vision

Purpose



Zechariah's Goal

**People need to repent
and return to Yahovah**



Zechariah would encourage people who were crushed and demoralized by years of captivity, persecution, and occupation.



**He made it clear that
the Word of Yahovah is
more important than
anything else.**



Zechariah will respond to queries concerning fasting.

-He reproaches people for engaging in meaningless rites and reminds people of their previous behavior.

-He then speaks of Israel's redemption and emphasizes the restoration of joy inside God's rule.

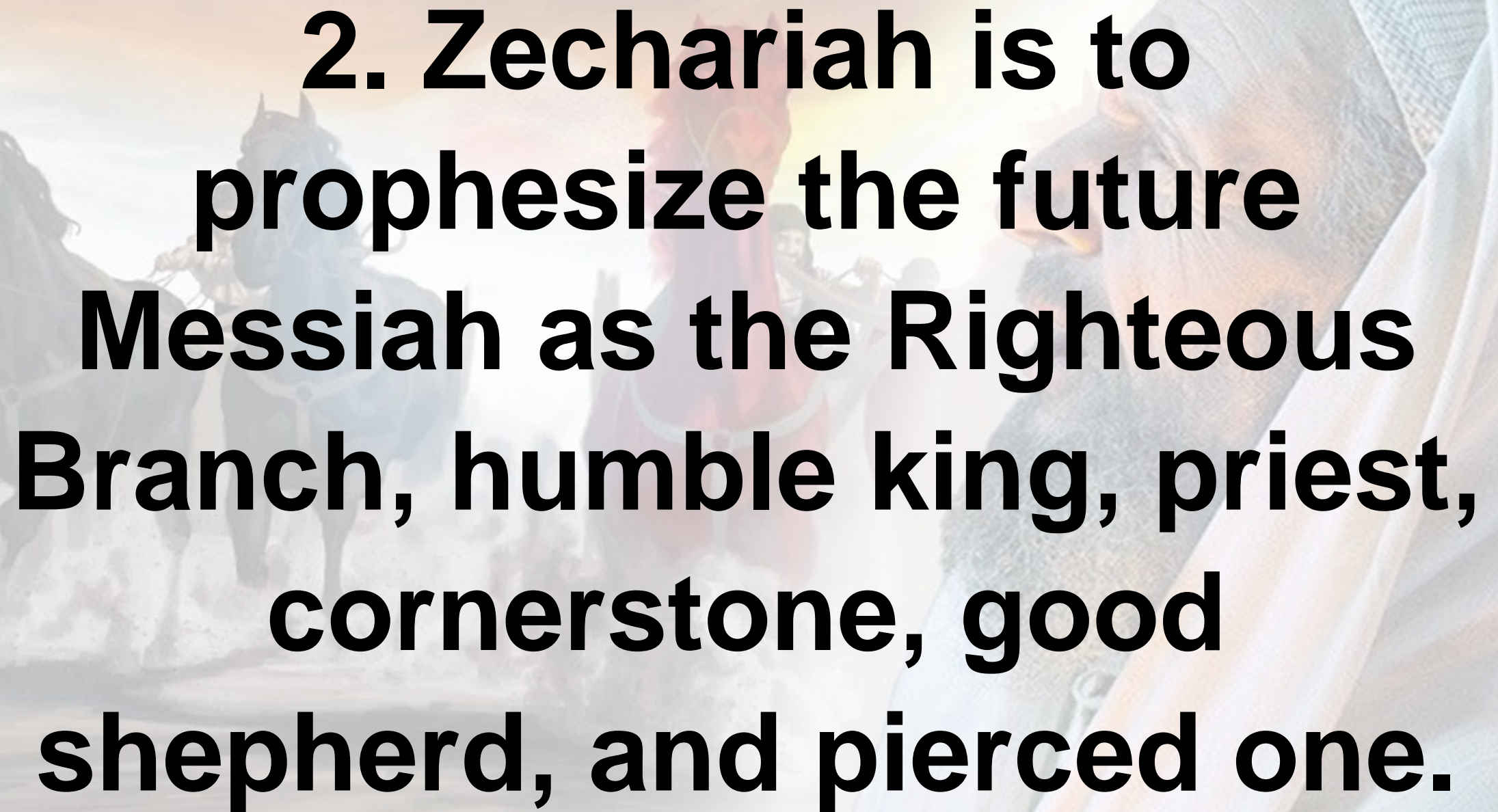


**Yahovah has two
roles for Zechariah:**

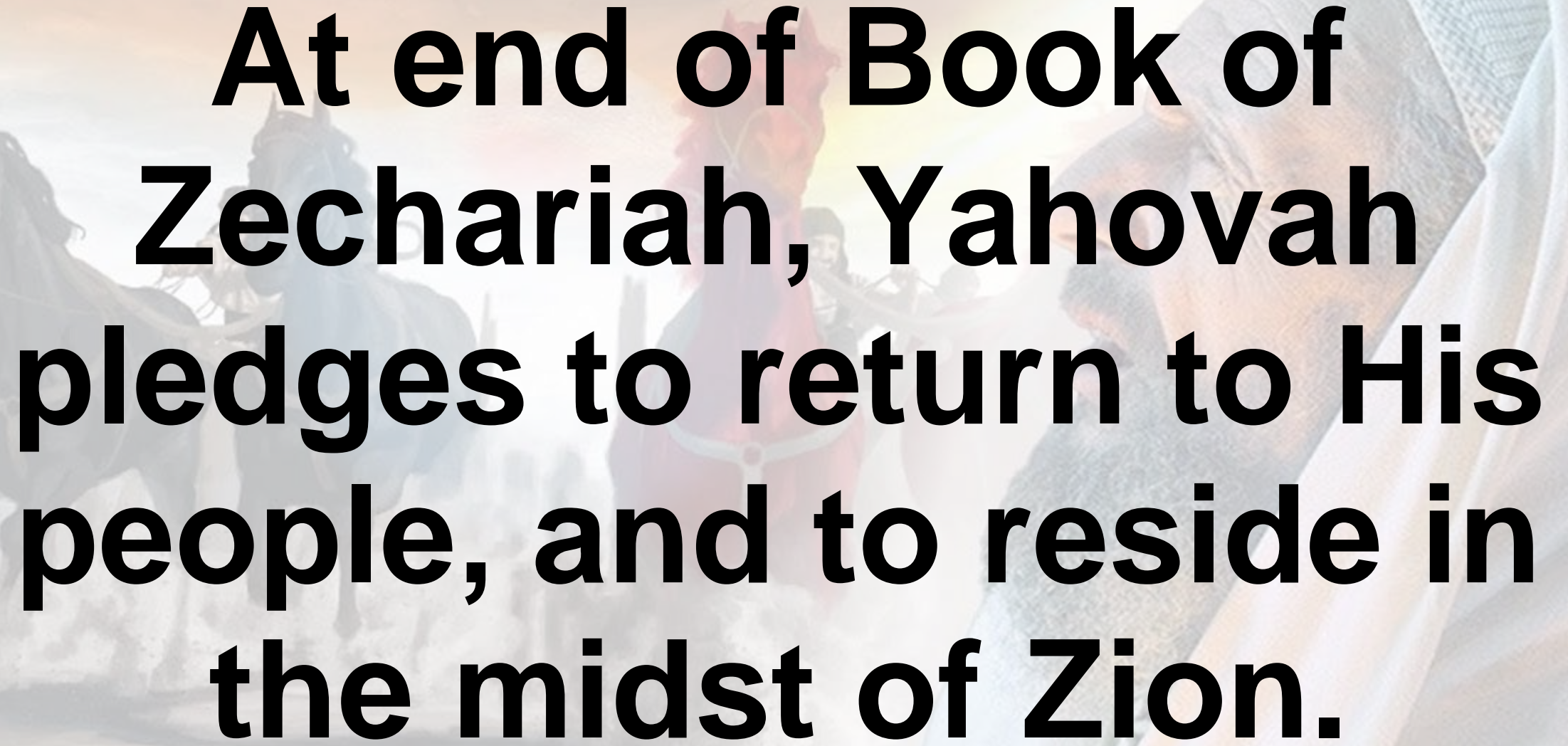


1. Exhort the people for repentance and obedience.

He is to challenge and urge the people to keep the commitment they made to Yahovah (the same commitment they expected Yahovah to keep).



2. Zechariah is to prophesize the future Messiah as the Righteous Branch, humble king, priest, cornerstone, good shepherd, and pierced one.



**At end of Book of
Zechariah, Yahovah
pledges to return to His
people, and to reside in
the midst of Zion.**

