

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.

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.

ZECHARIAH (7777)

Is He A Minor Prophet?



In Part One of this teaching we answered the following questions:

Who Were The Old Testament
Prophets?
Who Were The "Minor Prophets"?
Who Was Zechariah?
What Does The Book Say?

In Part Two of this teaching we reviewed Zechariah's Eight Visions and what did they mean?

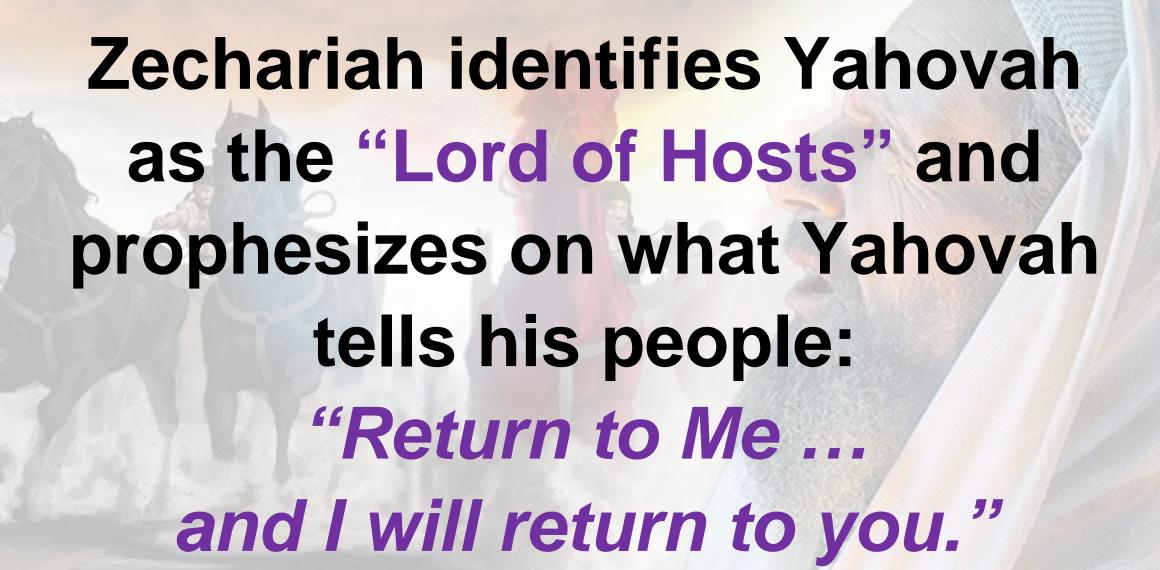
These visions include the Four Horses & Four Horns, Four Craftsmen, Man With a Measuring Line, Joshua The High Priest, Gold Lampstand and Two Olive Trees, Flying Roll, A Woman In a Basket, and the Four Chariots.

In Part 3 of this teaching on the Book of Zechariah, we will look at some of the prophecies he made about the Son of God, the City of God, and a curse that goes over the earth.

Let's look at specific prophecies written by Zechariah about Yahovah and the Son of God:

Yahovah Is The Lord of Hosts (Zechariah 1:3)

³And [now] say thou unto them, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Return ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will return unto you: so hath said the Lord of hosts.



His Concern Over Jerusalem (Zechariah 1:12)

¹²Then commenced the angel of the Lord, and said, O Lord of hosts, how long yet wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast been indignant these seventy years?

(Zechariah 1:16-17)

¹⁶Therefore thus hath said the Lord, I am returned to Jerusalem in mercy: my house shall be rebuilt in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and the measuring-line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem.

¹⁷Proclaim yet [farther], saying, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, My cities shall again overflow with prosperity: and the Lord will again comfort Zion, and make choice again of Jerusalem.

Zechariah prophesizes Yahovah's concern for Jerusalem and Judah.

His Commission From God (Zechariah 2:8-11)

8For thus hath said the Lord of hosts, For the sake of [your] glory hath he sent me unto the nations that have despoiled you; for whoever toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. ⁹For, behold, I will swing my hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall acknowledge that the Lord of hosts hath sent me.

¹⁰Sing, and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I am coming, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. 11 And many nations will join themselves to the Lord on that day, and they shall be unto me for a people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

Zechariah prophesizes that Yahovah has sent him to the people, and that one day, Yahovah will live in their presence. The people will then know that he was sent by Yahovah.

His Present-Day Work (Zechariah 3:1-2) ¹And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the accuser standing at his right hand to accuse him. ²And the Lord said unto the accuser, The Lord rebuke thee, O Accuser; yea, the Lord rebuke thee that hath chosen Jerusalem: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

In the same way Joshua is referred to in Zechariah's dream, Zechariah prophesizes that it is his job to lead the people out of Satan's hand. This will be Zechariah's task moving forward.

The Branch (Zechariah 3:8; 6:12)

3.8 Do but hear, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee; for distinguished men are they; for, behold, I will bring my servant Zemach [the Sprout]. 6:12 And thou shalt say unto him as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold a man, Sprout is his name; since out of his own place shall he sprout up, even he shall build the temple of the Lord:

Zechariah prophesizes that Yahovah will cause a Sprout to arise from the land, and that this Sprout (Yeshua) will build Yahovah's future temple.

His Title – Wonderful Counselor (Zechariah 6:12-13)

¹²And thou shalt say unto him as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold a man, Sprout is his name; since out of his own place shall he sprout up, even he shall build the temple of the Lord:

¹³Yea, he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and a priest shall be upon his own throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between both of them.

Zechariah also prophesizes that this Sprout (Yeshua) will be the peace counselor at the throne.

His Millennial Temple (Zechariah 6:12-13)

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These two verses also prophesy that this temple and throne will be built by the Branch (Yeshua), and while serving as priest, He would be ruling as a king, thus effecting "peace" between the two offices.

Yeshua's Triumphal Entry (Zechariah 9:9)

⁹Be greatly glad, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, thy King will come unto thee, righteous and victorious is he, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of a she-ass.

Zechariah prophesizes that this king will enter Jerusalem riding on a female donkey.

Yeshua's Betrayal For 30 Pieces Of Silver (Zechariah 11:12-13)

¹²And I said unto them, If it be good in your eyes, give me my reward; and if not, forbear. So they weighed out as my reward thirty pieces of silver. 13 And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the treasurer, the precious price which I am prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them in the house of the Lord unto the treasurer.

Zechariah prophesizes that the cost of Yeshua's betrayal will be 30 pieces of silver and that this silver would eventually be cast back into the Temple.

Yeshua Will Be The Pierced One And Finally Recognized By The Jews (Zechariah 12:10) 10 But I will pour out over the house of David,

and over the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they will look up toward me [for every one] whom they have thrust through, and they will lament for him, as one lamenteth for an only son, and weep bitterly for him, as one weepeth bitterly for the first-born.

Zechariah prophesized that the people of Jerusalem will look up to one who has been thrust through and lament (as they would an only son), and weep bitterly (as they would for a first-born).

Yahovah's Appearance On Mt. Zion (Zechariah 14:3-4)

³Then will the Lord go forth, and fight against these nations, as on the day when he fought on the day of battle. ⁴And his feet will stand on that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east,

and the mount of Olives shall be split in twain in its middle eastward and westward, making a very great valley; and half of the mount shall remove northward, and half of it southward.

Zechariah prophesizes that Yahovah will stand astride the Mount of Olives and the mountain will be split in two, with the two halves of the mountain moving northward and southward. Note: it is the Lord (YHWH) that does this and not Yeshua.

Yahovah's Supernatural Canal Connecting The Great Sea To The Salt Sea (Zechariah 14:8)

⁸And it shall happen on that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, the half of them toward the eastern sea, and the other half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be so. Zechariah prophesizes that this great rift valley, in the End Times, will create a canal between two great seas.

Yahovah Will Be Victorious In His Battle (Zechariah 14:3) ³Then will the Lord go forth, and fight against these nations, as on the day when he fought on the day of battle (slaughter).

Zechariah prophesizes that Yahovah will fight against the former enemies of Israel, the Egyptians, Canaanites, Romans, and others, and this battle will result in the slaughter of his enemies.

Yahovah Will Be Known As The King Of The Earth (Zechariah 14:9)

⁹And the Lord will be king over all the earth: on that day shall the Lord be [acknowledged] one, and his name be one.

Zechariah prophesizes that Yahovah will be called the "King of the Earth". Yahovah shall be called the One. He shall be one in the recognition and worship of men. Yahovah shall no longer be regarded as among many distinct and inferior deities. He will be recognized as the one and only true God.

Yahovah Is Worshiped By All Nations (Zechariah 14:16)

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.

Zechariah prophesizes that all nations will worship Yahovah and will bow down before Him and celebrate Sukkot.

Now let's look at specific prophecies written by Zechariah about the City of God:

Jerusalem Will Be Called A City Of Truth (Zechariah 8:3)

³Thus hath said the Lord, I return unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called, The city of truth; and the mount of the Lord of hosts, The holy mount. To be surrounded by a wall of fire -God's glory.

Zechariah prophesizes that Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth. The city will be the mount of the Lord of Hosts, and will be surrounded by Yahovah's glory in the form of a wall of fire.

Jerusalem To Be Filled With Boys And Girls Playing (Zechariah 8:5)

⁵And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in her streets.

This prophecy from Zechariah sees Jerusalem as a peaceful place with children playing in the streets, not a war-torn dangerous land.

Jerusalem To Be Visited By All Nations (Zechariah 8:20-23)

²⁰Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, [A time] shall yet be when there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities;

²¹And the inhabitants of one [city] shall go to another, saying, Let us only go to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I too will likewise go. ²²And many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.

²³Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, In those days [it shall happen], that ten men out of all the languages of the nations shall take hold—yea, they shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, Let us go with you; for we have heard that God is with you.

People from all nations will come to Jerusalem seeking the Lord of Hosts and those same people will seek out the Jews asking them to "Let us go with you".

Jerusalem To Once Again Be
Besieged By Its Enemies
(Zechariah 12:2; 14:2)

12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of confusion unto all the people round about; and also against Judah, who will have to be at the siege against Jerusalem.

14:2 And I will assemble all the nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into exile, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Jerusalem will be besieged, captured, and plundered while half the people are exiled. This will happen more than once in Jerusalem's future. This attack against Jerusalem will be severe, but the city itself will not be overthrown.

Zechariah seems to have the very end times in view, when Jerusalem will be surrounded and attacked by some type of international force.

Jerusalem Will See Its Enemies
Destroyed With A Divine Plague
(Zechariah 12:9; 14:12-14)

day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that are come against Jerusalem.

14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will afflict all the people that shall have come to battle against Jerusalem: The flesh of every one shall consume away while he standeth upon his feet, and his eyes shall consume away in their holes, and the tongue of every one shall consume away in his mouth.

¹³And it shall come to pass on that day, that a great confusion from the Lord shall be among them: and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And also Judah will have to fight against Jerusalem: and there shall be gathered together the wealth of all the nations round about, gold, and silver, and garments, in great abundance.

Nations going against Jerusalem will be destroyed. A terrible plague will afflict those who battle against her. There will be great confusion, Judah will fight against Jerusalem, and great wealth will be gathered in Jerusalem.

In the glorious deliverance Yahovah brings, the enemies of God and His people will be destroyed by plague, mutual slaughter, and by the sword of Judah (Judah also will fight at Jerusalem).

In the glorious deliverance the Messiah brings, Jerusalem will become a wealthy and influential city again.

The description of flesh dissolving makes some think that Zechariah is describing the effects of a neutron or nuclear bomb.

Here we see two opposing translations of this passage: some translations say "And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem" while some say just the opposite "And also Judah will have to fight against Jerusalem" or "And even Judah will be fighting against Jerusalem"

When the ranks of the enemies are thinned by pestilence and mutual slaughter, Zechariah represents the whole of the people of Judah, not merely those who had escaped out of the city, but also those who were outside its walls, as once more fighting at Jerusalem, or in its very streets, against the terror-driven, plague-stricken foe."

Another question to ask yourself? Is the "plague" spoken of here caused by a disease, virus, or bacteria, or is it a "plague" from a totally different source?

Jerusalem's Citizens Will Recognize Their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10)

¹⁰But I will pour out over the house of David, and over the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they will look up toward me [for every one] whom they have thrust through, and they will lament for him, as one lamenteth for an only son, and weep bitterly for him, as one weepeth bitterly for the first-born.



There Will Be A Supernatural Fountain In The Millennial Temple (Zechariah 14:6-9) 6 And it shall come to pass on that day, that there shall be no light, but fleeting light and thick darkness;

⁷But it shall be one particular day which shall indeed be known as the Lord's, neither day nor night; but it shall come to pass, that at eveningtime there shall be light. 8And it shall happen on that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, the half of them toward the eastern sea,

and the other half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be so. 9And the Lord will be king over all the earth: on that day shall the Lord be [acknowledged] one, and his name be one.

After a day in which there is no light, living waters will flow forth from Jerusalem and Yahovah will be acknowledged as the king over all the earth.

The prophecy parallels the Nineth Plague against Egypt (Exodus. 10:21-22). Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt." So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days.

The Book of Revelation also mentions a plague of unnatural darkness as an effect of the sixth seal (Revelation. 6:12)

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Everyone Will Be Filled With God's Holiness (Zechariah 14:21)

21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto the Lord of hosts; and all those that sacrifice will come and take some of them, and see the therein: and on that day there shall be no more any trader in the house of the Lord of host.

All the vessels of the country shall be consecrated and used in Divine service. The Levitical distinction shall be abolished, and the Lord's service shall be perfect freedom. Every member of the Church, however humble his station or means, shall be a saint and fit for the Lord's use.

The merchant is often translated as Canaanite. The "Canaanite" here means any unclean person who had not accepted the religion and consecrated himself to the service of Yahovah.

There will be no unholiness in Yahovah's house, only holiness.



Some of these prophecies have been fulfilled. Some have had intermediate fulfillments. Some will only be fulfilled in the "last days".

Do you want to be here for that time?

In Part 4 of this series, we will investigate The Meaning Of Zechariah's 6th and 7th Visions and a modern (and maybe more accurate) definition of what is being described in Zechariah Chapters 5 & 6.

In that final teaching on the Book of Zechariah we will look at a more controversial interpretation of his writings:

What is the flying roll? Why is a lady sitting in a basket? What is the plague going out over the land? What are the mountains of brass?

Hopefully, you will be as amazed and fulfilled as I was when I saw the depth of Zechariah's prophecy of events 500 years into the future as well as 2500 years into the future. You will see it is quite remarkable.

