

Zechariah (“Yahweh remembers”)

Introduction: thanks to David Dorsey. Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai.

- 1) Overview of the entire book
 - a) **call to repentance** (1:1–6)
 - i) Second year, eighth month, or Oct.-Nov. 520 BC
 - b) **Zechariah’s nighttime vision** (1:7–6:8)
 - i) Second year, eleventh month, or Feb. 15, 519 BC
 - c) **symbolic-action message:** silver and gold crown (6:9–15)
 - d) **message about fasting and call to repentance** (7:1–8:23)
 - i) Fourth year, ninth month, or Dec. 7, 518 BC
 - e) **Israel’s future restoration** (9:1–11:3)
 - f) **symbolic-action message:** shepherd and two staffs (11:4–17)
 - g) **Israel’s future restoration** (12:1–14:21)
- 2) Overview of Israel’s future restoration—12-14
 - a) **all the nations of the earth will *gather* (*’sp*)** against Jerusalem, but *Yahweh will defeat them* (12:1–4)
 - i) **Judah’s leaders will be strengthened;** they will be “like a *blazing* (*’ēs*) pot in the midst of wood, like a *flaming* (*’ēs*) torch among sheaves” (12:5–9)
 - (1) **repentance of house/dynasty of David** and the people (12:10–14)
 - (a) **FOCUS: cleansing from sin and uncleanness** (13:1–2)
 - (i) This will be a day both of judgment and restoration.
 - (ii) As a result of the cleansing/chastening during the Tribulation, Israel, through individual repentance, will turn to God in Christ when He comes to set up His kingdom. (McCune)
 1. Cf. Heb. 9:13
 - (iii) Their **internal** cleansing will result in the **external** elimination of their idolatry and false prophets.
 - (2) **repentance of prophets** (13:3–6)
 - ii) **Judah’s leader/Christ will be struck and the sheep scattered;** one-third will remain; “and I will put this third into the *fire* (*’ēs*)” (13:7–9)
 - b) **all the nations will *gather* (*’sp*)** against Jerusalem; but *Yahweh will defeat them* and become their king; he will have them assemble every year in Jerusalem to worship him (14:1–21)
 - i) This has to be a future event.
 - 3) **Things we need to remember (think, feel, do)**
 - a) This fountain is abundant and ongoing, sufficient for all who turn in repentance from sin and in faith to God in Christ.
 - b) What hope! This is what Paul refers to in Rom. 11:25-36.