

Zechariah 1

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1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, (**Zechariah = remembered of Yahoveh**)

2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers. (**God took care of them, even out of Egypt, and they turned on Him with idolatry and perversion**)

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. (**Return ye unto Me – better translation**) (**If we repent and return to God, HE will forgive us and take us back. That is His promise to us**)

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD. (**God sent prophet after prophet to the people over the centuries, but they refused to listen**)

5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? (**not in the flesh; people die; God's Word is forever; it never changes**)

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us. (**They disobeyed God and were dealt with fairly, according to what they had done**)

7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, (**This is about our February**)

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. (**The 1st vision**) (**The 1st seal in Revelation is a rider on a white horse. He is the antichrist**)

⁹Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

¹⁰And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. (These 3 riders are God's scouts; sent to see what is going on in the Earth)

¹¹And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

¹²Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? (These last 70 years of the captivity by Babylon) (In the Book of Daniel, there is a gap between the 69th and 70th week. This is the time that antichrist will appear and deceive the world)

¹³And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. (God's plan will proceed as predicted. There is no need to worry; God is in charge. HE protects those that love Him)

¹⁴So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. (Because they have abandoned God and turned to idolatry)

¹⁵And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. (God used the heathen to correct Israel, but they took it way past the point of correction; and they enjoyed persecuting Israel)

(In the end times, the heathen and perverted will turn morality on its head in favor of political correctness. Those who will object will be called bigots and will be shunned by the governments and by the masses)

¹⁶Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. (a straight line; a plumb bob; symbolic for judgment and re-building. God's house is the many

member body of Christ. It is the Christians of the world. As more people join, the house gets larger)

¹⁷ Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. (This will happen during the millennium)

¹⁸ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. (The 2nd vision) (Horns are symbolic of powers. 4 horns are to surround)

¹⁹ And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. (These 4 horns are the enemy – education, financial, political and religion – the 4 dynasties antichrist will use to deceive the whole world) (In the manuscripts, Judah, Israel and Jerusalem are prefixed with the word "eth" which means "the"; it is meant to point out the specific entities – The Judah, The Israel, The city Jerusalem. It means – the house of Judah, Israel and Jerusalem – the people of the 12 tribes)

²⁰ And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. (These 4 go against the enemies of God. They are God's Elect. Carpenters build, and also fix things)

²¹ Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it. (The carpenters will destroy the 4 horns of the antichrist; they are the Elect, through whom, the Holy Spirit will speak truth to the world. Those who lifted up their horn over Judah to scatter it are the Kenites – the progeny of Satan, through Cain)