

The Prophet Zechariah

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I. Seven Visions (1.7-6.15)

These oracles of Zechariah take only months after the prophecies and admonitions of Haggai who ends his prophecy with God's declaration that major powers were shifting politically in the world and would be chaotic, confirming the prophecies of Daniel (chs. 7ff) and the succession of powers in this turbulent time of history after Judah's captivity.

A. The Rider Among the Myrtles (1.8-17)

⁷Upon 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, ⁸I 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. 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." 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?" ¹³And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. 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. 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."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." ¹⁷Cry 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."'"

See Revelation 6: What are these riders doing?

Peace; no turmoil yet; hopelessness of Judah.

Two 70's.

Whence jealousy? Peace does not denote God's pleasure.

Line; what's that?

Purpose of vision?