

Zechariah 2

Review – 1st and 2nd visions

- 1st: Four horsemen patrolling the earth (declaring peace)
- 2nd: Four horns and four craftsmen (to rebuild Jerusalem and destroy the enemies of Jerusalem)

Zechariah 2.1-5

V1 – **What did Zechariah see at this time?** A man with a measuring line in his hand

- See *Leviticus 1.16* for a reference to a measuring line
- Now the measuring line is about to be used

V2 – **What question did Zechariah ask the man?** Where he was going

- Answer?** To measure Jerusalem (its width and length)
- The man seems to be measuring the old dimensions of Jerusalem (in other words, the returned exiles could not see that Jerusalem would be better than before)

V3 – **As the man went out to measure the city, what happened?** Another angel stopped him

V4 – **What was the message?** Jerusalem would be a city without walls

- In other words, it would expand to grow beyond its former dimensions
- This refers to the literal city of Jerusalem, but also refers to the eternal city of Jerusalem (*Revelation 7.9*)

V5 – **What would God do for the city of Jerusalem?** Be a wall of fire around it and a glory in the midst of the city - **Read Revelation 21.1-3**

- Many similarities between *Zechariah* and *Revelation*

Zechariah 2.6-13

V6 – **What did God recommend?** That the exiles still in Babylon should return to Jerusalem

- Why?** Because God was going to disperse the Jews still in Babylon – Persia (we see this in the book of *Esther*)

V7 – Another exhortation for them to leave Persia and return to Jerusalem

V8 – **What promise was God making to the Jews here?** That He would punish any nation that mistreated the Jews in Jerusalem

- “The apple of His eye” - very interesting

V9 – God had already started, so the Jews needed to flee to Jerusalem

- Remember the persecution of Daniel and Elisha (to all Jews in Persia) – so Persia would be punished

V10 – **Where would God dwell?** In the midst of Jerusalem

V11 – An immediate fulfillment, but two other way of looking at this verse:

-1. Day of Pentecost: *Acts 2*, people from 14 nations, 2. Heaven – *Revelation 7.9*, all in heaven

V 12 – The only time in that Bible that we find the phrase “the Holy Land”

V 13 – A beautiful “doxology” – no one has a right to question God in this matter

Chapter 2: Great words of encouragement for the Jews to return to Jerusalem

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