

# Zechariah

## (1) Overview of the book

### *The setting of the book of Zechariah*

The Jews had rebelled against Jehovah for centuries. He sent prophets, warned, rebuked, then... The Jews have been carried into exile in Babylon by Gentiles, Nebuchadnezzar. Zechariah was a contemporary of Daniel, Haggai, Zerubbabel, Joshua (high priest). Chapters 1-8 are given while the temple is being rebuilt. Chapters 9-14 after temple completed. Key verse: Zech.1:14 "Thus says the Lord Almighty, 'I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion'" Key thought: God always has a Godly remnant! In a nation of rebellion, His chosen ones. From 1:7-6:15 Zechariah records (8) visions of how the Lord is working for Jerusalem/Zion.

### *Zechariah introduced....1:1*

What is revealing about the date in Zechariah 1:1?

**It's all referenced to the Gentile rulers. Israel in exile, the 'times of the Gentiles' begun.**

What was the lineage of Zechariah ("the LORD remembers")? 1:1 see Neh.12:1, 16

**He was the son of Berekiah, the grandson of Iddo, the priest. He was a Levite.**

Accordingly, what (2) offices did Zechariah hold?

**He was both a prophet and a priest. Only Christ is Prophet, Priest, and King.**

What had happened to the Jews prior to Zechariah's ministry? Jer.25:11, 29:15-19; Dan.1:1-7

**God had delivered the Jews/Jerusalem/temple to Nebuchadnezzar, gentile king of Babylon**

Why had God done this to His chosen people? IIChron.36:15-21 see Mt.23:37; Heb.11:32-38

**The Jews had rejected God for hundreds of years, until there was no remedy. God judges.**

What's important for believer's today to remember? ICor.10:1-13; Rev.2:5, 16, 3:3, 3:19

**That God judges His people for unrepentant sin. The nation of Israel is living testimony...**

However, what was true then, as always? Hag.1:12-14

**There was a spiritually-minded remnant that 'obeyed the voice of the Lord their God...'**

How long was the Jewish exile to be? Jer.25:11 What's the promise for Israel? Jer.25:10-14

**It was 70 years. But God forgives, restores. "...plans for welfare, future, and a hope..."**

Comment on Daniel's prayer of Dan.9:1-19

**By study (Jer.'s 70 yr. prophecy) he understood / confessed for his people. Godly prayer**

What vision does Daniel immediately receive after the 70 years/Jeremiah? Dan.9:24-27

**The key 70 "week" prophecy. The Messiah is timed (69 'sevens') from decree/Jerusalem.**

What is the stunning prophecy re the Messiah? vs.26 (note after 69th week, not during 70th; gap)

**The promised Messiah will be 'cut off' after the 69th 'week', after the Triumphal Entry.**

And how can the Messiah be 'cut off' (sacrificed) and still reign over the whole earth?

**This is all fulfilled by (2) comings. One to die for sins. The second, King of Kings...**