

# *Zechariah*

## (3) The First and Second Vision

### *The First Vision continues...1:7-17*

What does Christ ask of the Father (Lord Almighty)? vs.12

**How long will You withhold mercy from Jerusalem/towns of Judah..."**

What kind of reply was given? vs.13

**The Lord spoke to the (intercessory) angel, kind and comforting words. No anger here.**

And what was the very important word (which Zechariah was to proclaim)? vs.14 Mt.23:37-39

**The Lord Almighty (Father) says, "I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion".**

What is the basic issue here? Ps.132:13-18

**The Lord has chosen Zion (Jerusalem) as His habitation, forever. See Rev.21:1-4**

If the Lord has chosen Zion, why has there always been so much strife there?

**Precisely because He has chosen Zion! Satan attempts to destroy, usurp, replace, etc...**

What else does the Lord Almighty say? vs.15 see 1:11

**He says that He is very angry with the (gentile) nations that feel secure (at peace).**

The Babylonians had overrun Jerusalem. Why was He angry with them? vs.15 Is.54:8; Ps.83:2-5

**Because they had destroyed way beyond what was appropriate! They added calamity.**

What principle is clearly taught here as well as in the NT? Obadiah 1:10-16; Mt.7:1-2

**Be very gracious in your judging. You will be judged by your own actions. Sober thoughts.**

What does the Lord Almighty now proclaim re Jerusalem? vs.16

**I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, rebuild My house, use measuring line (ownership).**

And Zechariah is further to proclaim that the Lord Almighty declares what? vs.17

**My towns (vs.12) will again overflow w/prosperity. I will again comfort/choose Jerusalem.**

Put into a summary, what is absolutely clear from the Lord Almighty?

**He is going to restore Jerusalem/temple/people/towns. It all belongs to Him.**

While partially fulfilled (Ezra 6:15; Neh.6:15), perfect fulfillment awaits what? Ez.43:5-9

**It will be perfectly completed during the Millennial reign of Christ. See Rev.20:6**

### *The Second Vision, details of the First...1:18-21*

What does Zechariah now see? 1:18 What do they represent? 1:18 Ps.75:4-5

**He sees 4 horns (ram or goat?). Represent the powers of the conquering gentile nations.**

What is one of the most likely interpretations of this vision?

**Likely Assyria, Egypt, Babylonia, and Medo-Persia since 'scattered' is past tense.**

Then what are the four craftsmen representing?

**The God appointed means of judging / removing these temporary gentile powers.**

What is the summary interpretation of this vision? see Gen.12:3

**God will preserve Jerusalem/Zion/Jews. He will judge those who 'curse' them.**