

Zechariah – 14 Chapters

Title:

Zechariah- after its author.

Author:

Zechariah, son of Berechiah, son of Iddo. Zechariah was a Levite, among the first wave of return from Babylon, who served as both a priest and a prophet. Zechariah means “The Lord remembers”.

Occasion and Purpose:

At the first return, the Temple reconstruction was begun. Because of external opposition and lack of motivation, the reconstruction was halted. Zechariah helped encourage the people to complete the temple. This occasion led Zechariah to look forward past the immediate restoration to the full restoration and full consummation of God’s rule under the Messiah.

Theme:

1. God Will Return to Bless His People
2. Messiah is Coming

Summary:

A series of oracles and visions from the prophet Zechariah in the same time as Haggai. These were encouragement and exhortation to the people of Israel in hard times reminding them of their glorious future.

Organization:

Intro: Return to the Lord – 1:1-6			
Visions	Four Horses and God’s Comfort – 1:7-17		
	Four Horns and blacksmiths – 1:18-21		
	Measuring line – 2:1-13		
	Clean Garments for the Branch – 3:1-10		
	Golden lampstand and olive trees – 4:1-14		
	Flying scroll – 5:1-4		
	Woman in a basket – 5:5-11		
Four Chariots – 6:1-8		1:7-6:8	
Interlude	Joshua (the Branch) to build the temple – 6:9-15		
	Administer True Justice – 7:1-14		
	Promise to bless – 8:1-23		6:9-8:23
The Coming Kingdom	1 st Oracle	Judgment on enemies – 9:1-8	
		Coming of the humble King – 9:9-13	
		The Lord will appear – 9:14-17	
		The Lord will strengthen Judah – 10:1-11:3	
		Two shepherds – 11:4-17	9:1-14:21
		Judgment on enemies – 12:1-9	
		Spirit of Grace and Supplication – 12:10-14	
		Cleansing from sin – 13:1-6	
		The Sheep scattered – 13:7-9	
		The reign of the Lord – 14:1-21	

Key Verses:

4:6-8; 6:12-13; 9:9-10; 12:10; 13:1-2