

Bible Snapshots



Zechariah – Looking to the Future Author – Zechariah (1:1, 7; 7:1)

Facts

- Zechariah means “one whom Jehovah remembers.” He was the son of Berechiah,” which means “Jehovah blesses,” and he was the son of Iddo, which means “the appointed time.” There is richness in meaning here. God will remember his promised blessings and bring them to their ultimate fulfillment at the appointed time.
- He is the prophet of final things and sees the “root of Jesse” in the coming age of glory and in judgment and justice. Zechariah is a visionary prophet who deals primarily with spiritual ideas. He was also a priest (Nehemiah 12:16) and mentioned by Christ (Mt. 23:35). He was contemporary with Haggai (520-518 BC). Largest book of the minor prophets – 14 chapters.

Contents

- Zechariah is the prophet of the remnant of Israel who stirred them to build the temple. As a priest he restored true worship to God. He also wrote to encourage their faith and hope in the coming of the Messiah. The book contains numerous visions and prophecies relating to Christ, his coming, His gospel and His kingdom.

Messianic Prophecy

- His coming (3:8); speaking peace to the gentiles (9:10); triumphal entrance (9:9); betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (11:12); deserted by His disciples (13:7); hands and feet pierced (12:10); potter’s field (11:13); his second coming (14:4-21).

Christ in Zechariah

- The branch (3:8; 6:12) – our servant (Mark 10:45)
- Priest and king (6:13) – our intercessor and authority (Heb. 7:25)
- The corner (10:4a) – our foundation (1 Cor. 3:11)
- The nail (10:4b) – our burden-bearer (Mt. 11:28)
- The battle –bow (10:4c) – our defense (Rom. 8:37)
- The fountain (13:1) - our cleanser (John 15:3)
- The shepherd (13:7) – our guide (Psalm 23:1)
- King of all earth (14:9) – our ruler (Rom. 14:9)
- The king (14:16) – our object of worship (Col. 1:18)

Key phrase / word / thought

- I am jealous (1:14) / turn / God’s love and care for His people

Key chapters/verse

- 14, coming of Christ / 1:3

Outline of Zechariah

- A warning (1:1-7)
- A night of visions (1:7-6:15)
- A question about fasting (7, 8)
- A prophet’s burden (9-14)

Lessons

Hope to overcome sin. Christ is the ultimate hope for the struggling sinner. By Him we can be cleansed and made whole when we build our life on His foundation, let him guide us and protect us and worship Him. Much is said about Christ and His salvation in this book.

Christ has been and will be fully revealed to us in his coming and return. We ought to so live that when He comes he will be pleased. He wants to fully bless us and will.