
Zechariah 1:18-21

Zechariah 2:1-13

Setting: Zechariah is having visions. His city, Jerusalem, is in ruins. He's in the midst of lots of destruction of the city of Jerusalem. The question of the location of Jerusalem has never been an issue; who owns it has.

Vs18: Jerusalem is destroyed, they were enslaved, and so much misery and hopelessness has been tossed on Jerusalem. Vs 18 is a message of hope. The horns in scripture always mean "power, government, and/or leadership".

Vs19: the horns are Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. The gentile empires scattered these horns, governments. These 4 horns are Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greek Empire, and Roman Empire. We are told in the book of Daniel and Revelation.

Vs20: carpenter means an artesian, someone who works with their hands.

Vs21: 4 horns, 4 tradesman, these tradesmen are also horns, and they're going to beat up the other 4 gentile horns – the Babylonian empire is taken over by the Medo-Persians, and they are taken over by the Greek Empire, and they in turn are taken over by the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire today still exists in a different form. It's scattered right now, but it will consolidate again according to the Word of God. The United States is a daughter of the Roman Empire. This message is giving Zechariah hope. God is saying that Zechariah's home nation, Israel, will be restored. All the gentile nations will be destroyed and the nation of Israel will encompass the whole earth.

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Vs1-3: here's another vision: a man is measuring the size of Jerusalem. This is probably Christ himself.

Vs4-5: there's coming a day, Zechariah, that Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls. They won't need protection anymore. The protection will come directly from Christ, like a wall of fire, and no one will be able to touch His city again, the New Jerusalem. So far, Jerusalem has been laid to waste 13 times throughout history.

Vs6: "ho, ho" is a Hebrew word, means whoa, stop, wait, listen, pay close attention to this message of utmost importance. I've spread you out to the ends of the earth.

Vs7: you better get out of there, because something's getting ready to happen there.

Vs8: Lord of Hosts: God's strength is about to be administered. Whoever is kind and loving to Israel will be most blessed. Anyone that attacks Israel attacks God. "Apple" means "pupil" of the eye, the most delicate, sensitive portion of the eye.

Vs9: those who made slaves of Israel will become Israel's slaves. You sow what you reap.

Vs10-12: this is the only place in the bible you see "Holy Land" used. When the Lord comes back and dwells there, the land will be Holy again, but it's not holy now because they crucified the savior there.

Vs13: when the Lord comes and dwells in the land of Jerusalem, nobody will touch the Israelites again. "Be silent" means "shut up." God is telling the gentiles "shut up."