

A Tour Through the Divine Library
(Zechariah)

I. General Introduction to Zechariah

-Title/Author: the prophet Zechariah (1:1, 7; 7:1, 8) See also Ezra 5:1; 6:14; Matt. 23:35.

-Date: 520 and 518 BC, the second and fourth years of Darius I (1:1, 7; 7:1, 8)

-Purpose: to stir up the people to finish rebuilding the temple (Ezra 1:1-3; 3:8; 4:4, 5, 24; 5:1-3, 6; 6:6, 7; Hag. 1:3, 4, 9)

-Structure:

- I. Introduction: A Call to Repentance (1:1-6)
- II. Nine Night Visions (chs. 1-6)
- III. Four Messages: Fasting (chs. 7, 8)
- IV. Two Prophecies: Israel's Future (chs. 9-14)

II. General Overview of Zechariah

-Call to Repentance (1:1-6)

-Night Visions: Man Among the Myrtle Trees (1:7-17); Four Horns and Four Craftsmen (1:18-21); Man with Measuring Line (2:1-13); Joshua the High Priest and Angel of the Lord (3:1-10); Golden Lampstand and Two Olive Trees (4:1-14); Flying Scroll (5:1-4); Woman in Basket (5:5-5-11); Four Chariots (6:1-8); Crown on Joshua's Head (6:9-15)

-Messages: Question About Fasting (7:1-3); Answer #1 (7:4-7); Answer #2 (7:8-14); Answer #3 (8:1-17); Answer #4 (8:18-23)

-Prophecies: Israel's Future Triumph (chs. 9-11); The Messianic Age (chs. 12-14)

III. Prominent People and Themes in Zechariah

-People: Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel (1:1, 12, 14; 2:2, 4, 21, 23); Joshua the son of Jehozadak in Haggai and Zechariah (Jeshua the son of Jozadak in Ezra and Nehemiah) (1:1, 12, 14; 2:2, 4)

-Themes: repentance (1:4); God's faithfulness; the Day of the Lord (17 times in chs. 12-14)

IV. Christ in Haggai

-Servant/Branch (3:8 → Matt. 12:18; Rom. 15:12; Rev. 5:5); Builder of the Temple (6:12, 13 → Ps. 110:4; Matt. 16:18; Luke 1:32, 33; Heb. 7:17); Lowly King (9:9, 10 → Matt. 21:4, 5; John 12:14-16); Betrayed One (11:12, 13 → Matt. 27:5); Pierced One (12:10 → John 19:37; Rev. 1:7); Cleansing Fountain (13:1 → Heb. 9; 1 John 1:7); Stricken Shepherd (13:7-9 → Matt. 26:31; Mark 14:27)

V. Practical Lessons in Haggai

1) The Legitimate Variety of Incentives to Christian Living

2) The Folly of Refusing to Repent

3) The Promised Messiah (Acts 26:27)

4) The Use of Zechariah 4:6, 10 (Luke 16:15)

5) The Hope of the Righteous (Phil. 3:20, 21; Col. 3:1, 2)