

# The Gospel of Zechariah

Zechariah 14:1-21  
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# Redemptive History





# Darius: Chronology of the Persian Period<sup>1</sup>

Persian King	Dates	Biblical Correlation	Context
Cyrus	539-530	<b>Declaration of Cyrus</b> (539) Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	Stirred up to rebuild the temple
Cambyses	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	Discouraged and afraid to rebuild
<b>Darius I</b>	522-486	Haggai and <b>Zechariah</b> prophecy (520) <b>Zechariah</b> prophecy (518) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6)	Rebuilding of the Temple begins again
Xerxes	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	
Artaxerxes I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	

1. Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament, John H. Walton, 1994, p. 70



# Gospel of Zechariah (Themes)

Call to repentance

Return of YHWH

Restoration of the temple

The coming of the branch

Coming judgement on the nations

Day of the Lord



## Zechariah 14:1-21

**14**<sup>1</sup> Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. **2** For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. **3** Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. **4** On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. **5** And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.



## Zechariah 14:1-21

**6** On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. **7** And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

**8** On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

**9** And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

**10** The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. **11** And it shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction. Jerusalem shall dwell in security.



## Zechariah 14:1-21

**12** And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

**13** And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other. **14** Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance. **15** And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.



## Zechariah 14:1-21

**16** Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. **17** And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. **18** And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. **19** This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.





## Zechariah 14:1-21

**20** And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, “Holy to the LORD.” And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar. **21** And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.



# battle

- picture of the consummation
- a day
  - final battle - all the nations
  - violent language
    - spoil divided
    - all the nations
    - battle
    - city taken
    - houses plundered
    - women raped
    - exile
- remnant preserved
- Yahweh as champion

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(Zechariah 14:1-3 ESV)



# his feet

- Mount of Olives
  - Yahweh ready for battle
  - [Luke 22:39-47](#) - Jesus before the battle
- earthquake
  - dramatic shifting of the earth
  - power of Yahweh
  - path for escape
  - famous earthquake - [Amos 1:1](#)
- Yahweh will come
  - holy ones - angels or covenant people?

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(Zechariah 14:4-5 ESV)



# living waters

- unique day
  - no light, cold, or frost
  - known to Yahweh - [Mark 13:32](#)
  - neither day nor night
  - continuous light
- Jerusalem
  - source of life - [Revelation 22:1](#)
- Yahweh will be king
  - all the earth
  - on that day
- Yahweh will be one - [Deuteronomy 6:4-5](#)

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**9** And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

(Zechariah 14:6-9 ESV)



# security

- picture of peace
  - whole land ... a plain
  - Jerusalem aloft
  - inhabited
  - never again a decree of utter destruction
  - dwell in security

**10** The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. **11** And it shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction. Jerusalem shall dwell in security.

(Zechariah 14:10-11 ESV)



# plague

- judgment
  - on that day
  - plague
  - peoples that wage war
  - consuming disease
  - panic from Yahweh
  - unity of the enemy disrupted

**12** And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

**13** And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other.

(Zechariah 14:12-13 ESV)



# wealth

- Judah will fight - God's people emboldened
- world defeated
  - wealth plundered
  - animal wealth destroyed

**14** Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance. **15** And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.

(Zechariah 14:14-15 ESV)



# feast of booths

- nations subjugated
  - feast of booths
    - [Leviticus 23:33-36,43](#)
    - remembrance of Exodus
    - native Israelites
    - survivors
  - consequence
    - no rain - no life
    - family of Egypt - irony
    - plague - historical reference

**16** Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. **17** And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. **18** And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

(Zechariah 14:16-18 ESV)





# punishment

- nations subjugated
  - punishment
    - not conversion
  - order restored
- defeat of the nations
  - [Matthew 28:16-20](#) - Great Commission

**19** This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

(Zechariah 14:19 ESV)



# Holy to the LORD

- everything holy
  - inscribed on common bells
    - High Priest's turban - [Exodus 28:36-38](#)
  - every pot in temple
    - like sacred bowls
  - every pot in Jerusalem and Judah
    - holy
  - purpose of ceremonial law
    - separation from Yahweh
    - no longer a reality
  - trader
    - those who profits from the Temple

**20** And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "Holy to the LORD." And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar. **21** And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.

(Zechariah 14:20-21 ESV)



## Luke 22:39-47

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.” And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him... (ESV)

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# Amos 1:1

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. (ESV)

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## Mark 13:32

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (ESV)

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# Revelation 22:1

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (ESV)

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# Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (ESV)

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# Leviticus 23:33-36,43

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” (ESV)

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## Exodus 28:36-38

“You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, ‘Holy to the LORD.’ And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban. It shall be on Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD. (ESV)

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# Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV)

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