

INTRODUCTION TO Zechariah

BOOK BASICS



DATE
520-480 BC



TYPE
Prophecy



AUTHOR
Zechariah

Zechariah used a simple structure of eight visions (chapters 1-6), four messages (chapters 7-8), and two oracles (chapters 9-14) to anticipate the completion of the temple and, ultimately, the future reign of the Messiah from Jerusalem. For a people fresh from captivity, Zechariah provided encouraging prophecies about their immediate and distant future. Their nation would still be judged for sin (chapter 5), but they would also be cleansed and restored (chapter 3), and God would restore His people (1:7-17).

Zechariah concludes by looking into the future, first at the rejection of the Messiah by Israel (chapters 9-11), and then at His eventual reign when Israel will finally be delivered (chapters 12-14).

READ ALONG

- 08/04-07 Zechariah 1-12
- 08/10 Zechariah 13-14

WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 35. HABAKKUK
- 36. ZEPHANIAH
- 37. HAGGAI
- 38. **ZECHARIAH**
- 39. MALACHI
- 40. MATTHEW
- 41. MARK

KEY VERSES

- **Zechariah 9:9**, *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*
- **Zechariah 1:3**, *“Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Return to Me,” says the Lord of hosts, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord of hosts.”*
- **Zechariah 7:9-10**, *“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.”*
- **Zechariah 12:10**, *“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”*

KEY THEMES

- God Remembers – God will rebuild His people (1:7-17)
- The nation will be judged for sin (5:1-11)
- The Messiah will be rejected (9:1-11:17)
- The Messiah will eventually reign, and Israel will be delivered (12:1-14:21)
- Return from indifference to repentance and follow God knowing the hope of our future Messiah

BASIC STRUCTURE

14 CHAPTERS

