

## Zechariah Sep 17, 2023

### Summary:

Zechariah was the second of the three prophets to minister to Judah after the Babylonian Captivity. The nature of Haggai's message was one of rebuke dealing with the outward work of rebuilding the temple, while Zechariah's message was one of encouragement to bring about an inward spiritual change in the people. Thus, we see them ministering together (Ezra 5:1). The first two sections of Zechariah were given while the temple was being rebuilt and are partially fulfilled at that time. The third section was given after the temple was rebuilt and overflows into Messianic times.

### Notes:

Zechariah's name means "Jehovah remembers"

There are more specific Messianic predictions in Zechariah than all the other "minor prophets" combined.

### Christ is seen as:

As the Branch (Zec 6:12; Isa 11:1; 53:2; Jer 23:5; 33:15)

Zec 3:8; 'Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the Branch.

Mt 2:23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Nazareth = Branch; Nazarene = A native of Nazareth = Branch

In Matt. 2:23, we find the expression "He shall be called a Nazarene," i.e., according to the meaning of the Hebrew word *netser*, "he shall be called a shoot" or branch. This is in allusion to such passages as Isa 11:1; 53:2; Zec 3:8; 6:12; [from The complete Word Study Dictionary]]

### Jehovah's servant

Zec 3:8 ... I am going to bring in My servant the Branch.

Phil 2:6-7 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

### As the smitten Shepherd

Zec 13:7 "... "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; ...

Mk 14:27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.'

### As the King/Priest

Zec 6:12-13 "Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. 13 "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.'"

Heb 5:5-6 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"; 6 just as He says also in another passage, "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

Heb 7:2 to whom [*Melchizedek*] also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

As the Builder of the spiritual temple

Zec 6:13 "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, ...

Mt 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

As the King over all the earth

Zec 14:9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

Rev 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

### Fulfilled prophecies:

Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey

Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (fulfilled Mt 21:1-11; Jn 12:12-15)

Messiah would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver

Zech 11:12-13 I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. 13 Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Mt 26:15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. (Mt 27:3-10 which is used to purchase the potter's field)

Messiah would be pierced.

Zech 12:10 "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; ...

Jn 19:37 another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."