

Zechariah

God Remembers!



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Structure

- I. Introductory call to repentance (1:1-6)
- II. Eight-night visions (1:7–6:15)
- III. Question and answers about fasting (7–8)
- IV. Two burdens (9–14)



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Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- *Blessings and curses (28)*





Statue & Stone

2. A Statue
and a
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Identification of the Four Kingdoms



Vision in Daniel: Ch. 2

Vision in Ch. 7

Vision in Ch. 8

IDENTIFICATION

BABYLON 2:48

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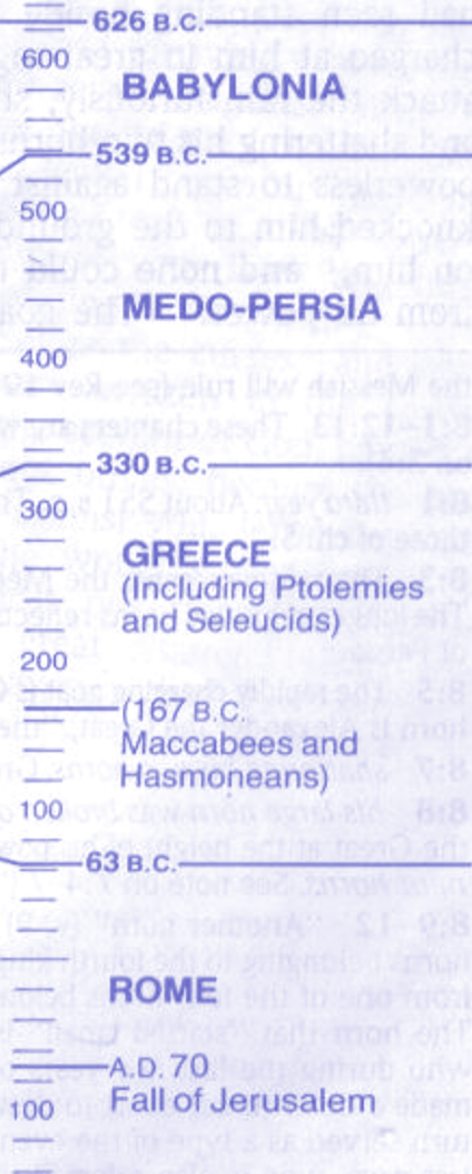
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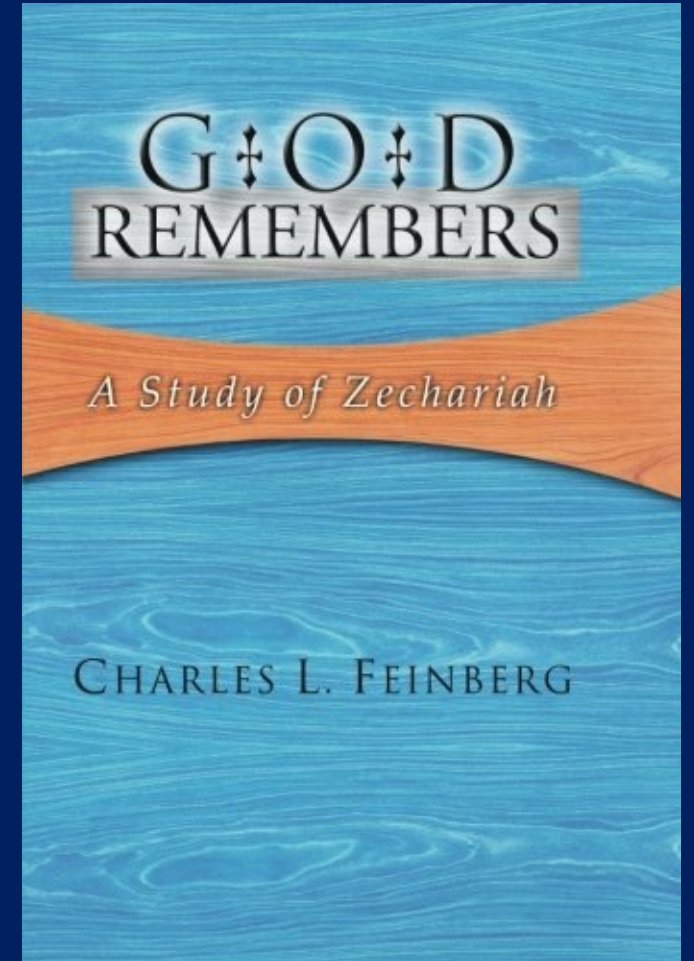




Charles L. Feinberg

God Remembers: A Study of Zechariah (Wheaton: Van Kampen, 1950, p. 39-40).

“First, it is claimed that the horns are contemporaneous, whereas the position just taken would make them successive. The objection falls down completely when we consider that there were not four powers in open opposition to Judah in the time of Zechariah. Those with whom Judah had to deal at this time period were subordinate to the Persian empire.”



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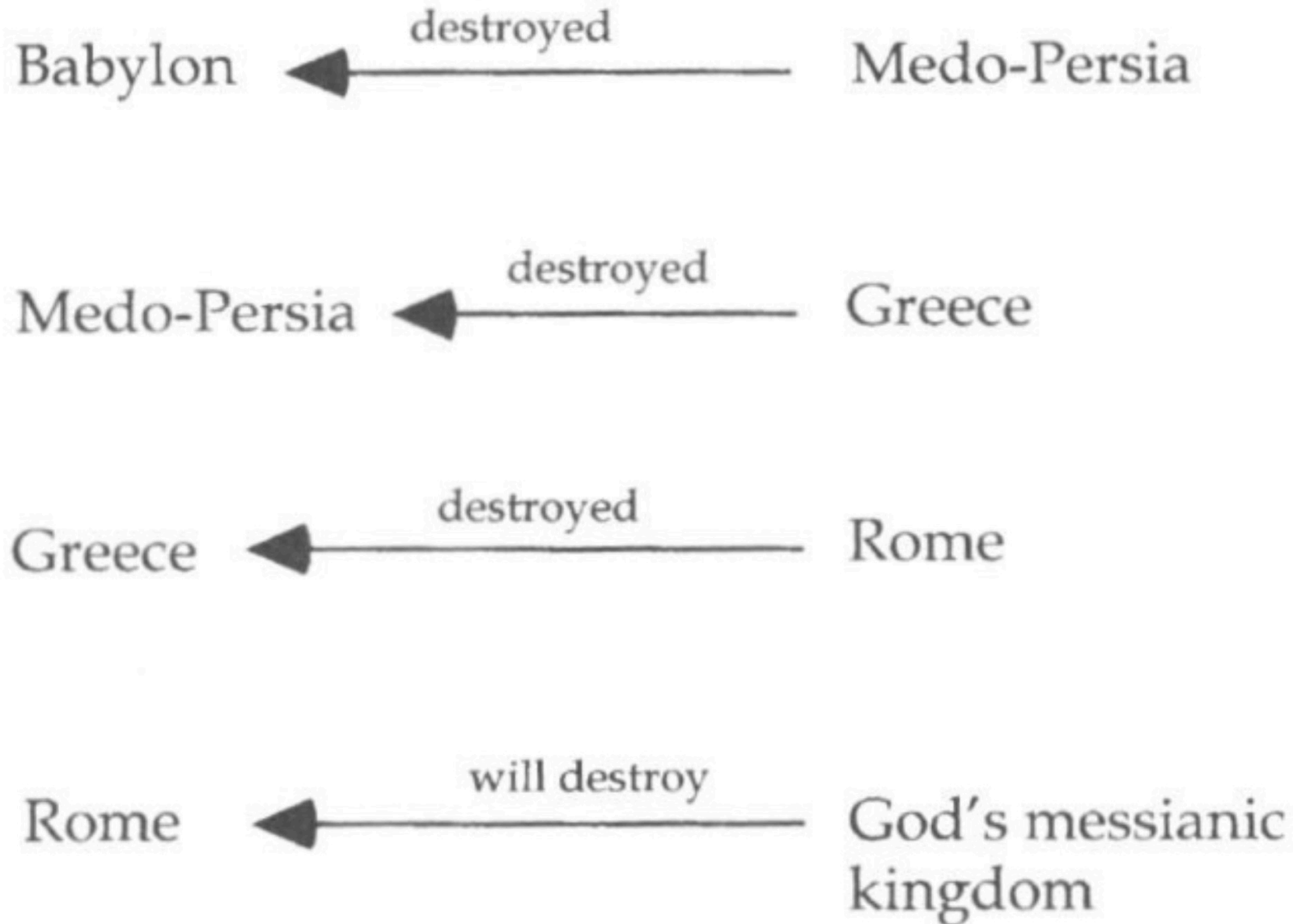
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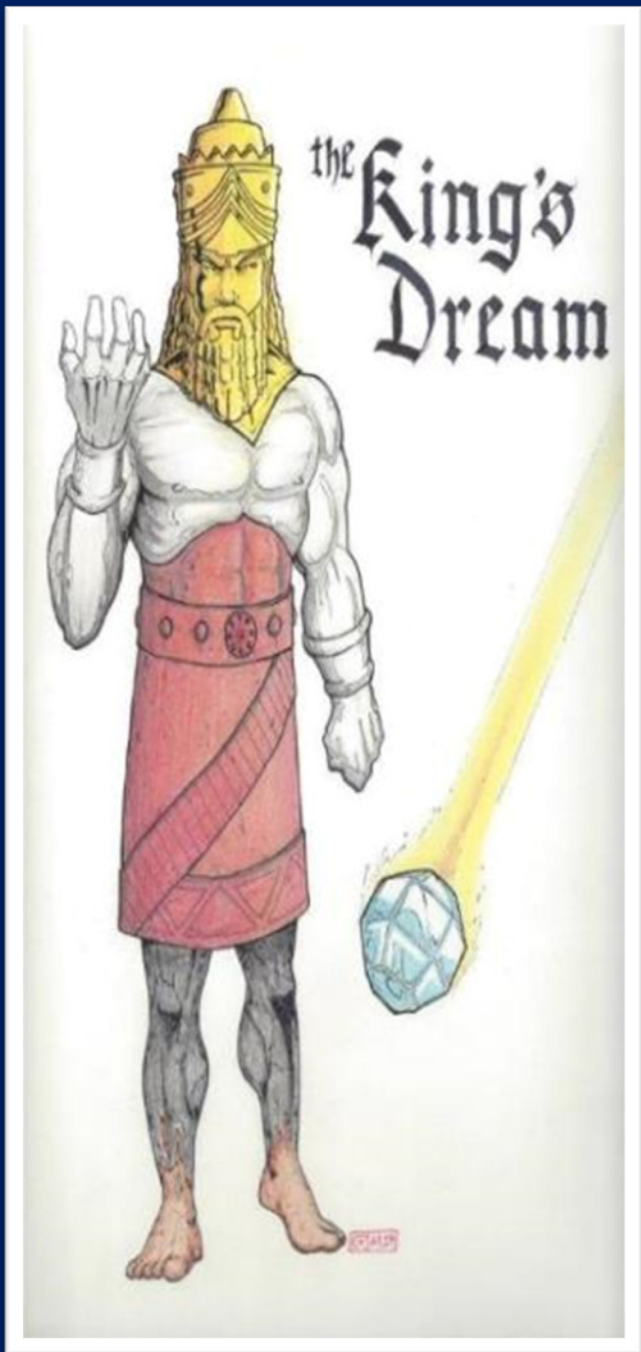
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Herodotus, *Histories*, 1:191 (450 B.C.)

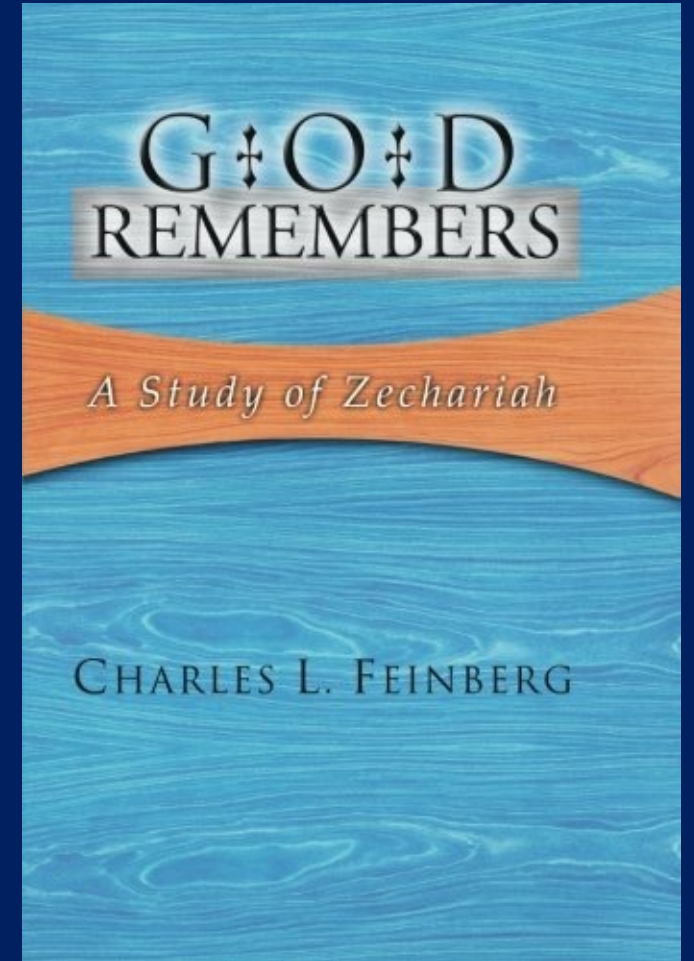
“...he (Cyrus) conducted the river by a channel into the lake...and so he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man’s thigh...those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured...”



Charles L. Feinberg

God Remembers: A Study of Zechariah (Wheaton: Van Kampen, 1950, p. 50).

“An interesting historical fulfillment of the prophecy of the judgment of God upon Babylon, although only a partial one, is the following. In the fourth year of Darius, the Babylonians, after much plotting, revolted and shut themselves up in their city, ready for a long siege.”

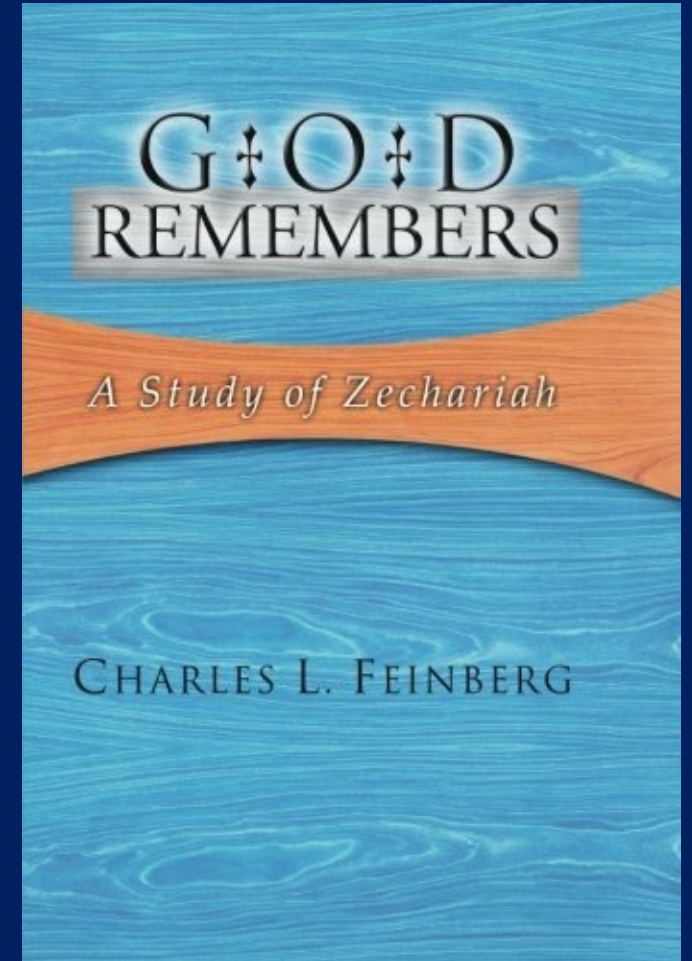




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“Zopyrus, Darius’ friend and general, cut off his own ears and nose, and by pretending that he had been thus mutilated by Darius, gained entrance into the city and the confidence of the besieged ones. By his craft the gates were opened to the Persians, and when the city was mastered thousands of Babylonian nobles were crucified. Surely, uneasy should be the head that plots evil against Israel, and woeful indeed will be the fate of such.”





Charles Ryrie

The Ryrie Study Bible

“Zechariah 1:15 (RSB:NASB1995U): 1:15 they furthered the disaster. Lit., they helped for evil. Though the heathen nations were used of God to punish Israel, they went too far in trying to annihilate her.”

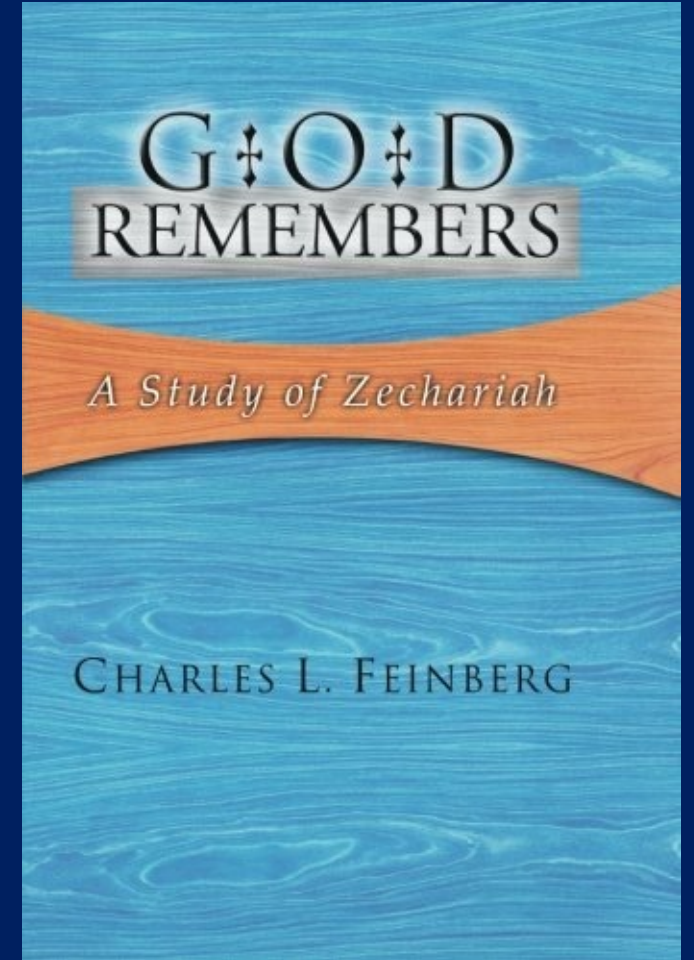




Charles L. Feinberg

God Remembers: A Study of Zechariah (Wheaton: Van Kampen, 1950, p. 42-43).

“Several features are noteworthy in this vision: (1) God takes account of everyone that lifts his hand against Israel; (2) He has complete knowledge of the dejected condition of His people and the extent of their injury; and (3) He has already provided the punishment for every foe of His chosen ones. As a definite matter of history three of the empires or kingdoms symbolized by the horns already know of the visitation of God upon them.”



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3. Biography

- Common name
- Son of *Berechiah* (1:1)
- Called into ministry as a youth (2:4)
- Born during Babylonian Captivity
- Taken to Israel in first return
- A priest
- Member of the Great Synagogue

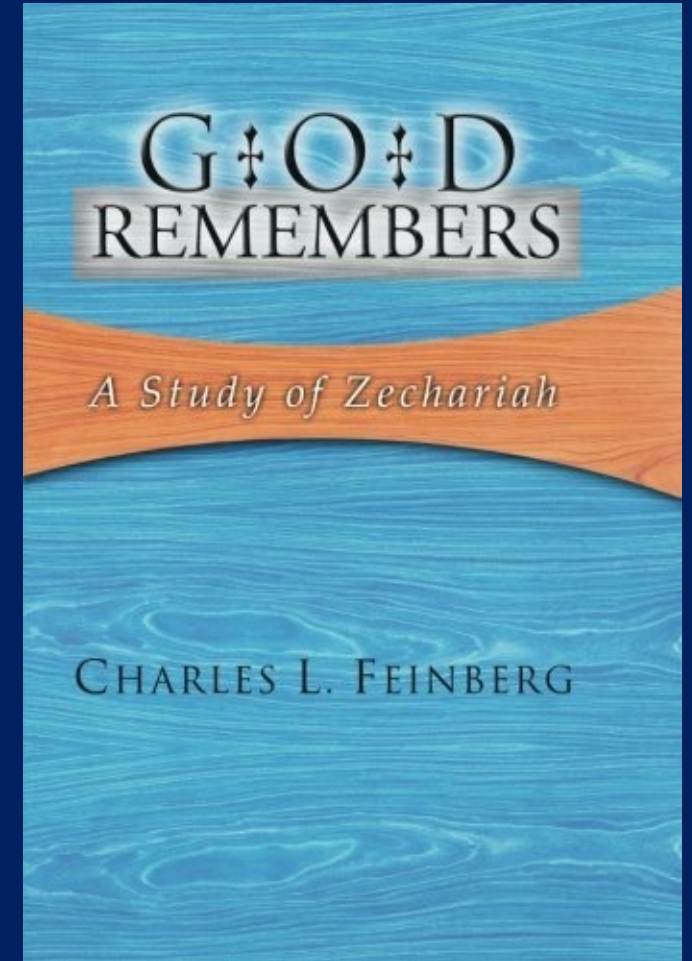




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“The prophet is not designated as *hanna’ar hallaz* because of inexperience or ignorance, as some have inferred, but on account of his youthful age. The statement is not meant to be derogatory. Older men are no more competent to fathom God’s glorious purposes of blessing for Israel without revelation from God himself, then are younger men.”



Ezekiel 38:12

“to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.”

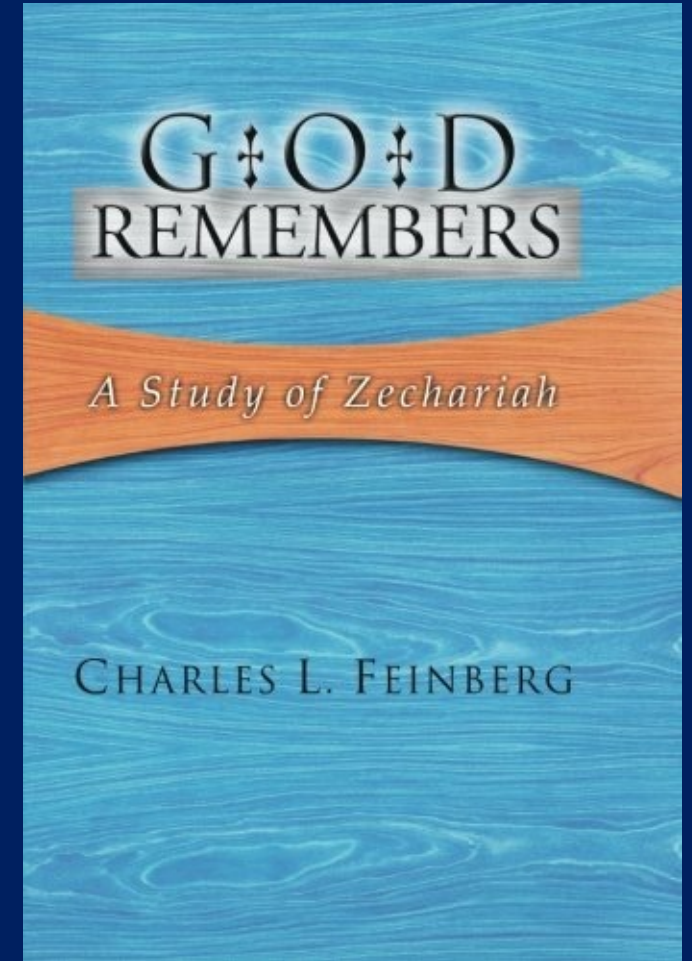




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“What baseless and unfounded hermeneutical alchemy is this which will take all prophecies of judgment upon Israel at their face value, to be understood literally, but will transmute into indistinctness any blessing or promise of future glory for the same people?... The conditions here described have at no time been true in the past since the time of Zechariah.”



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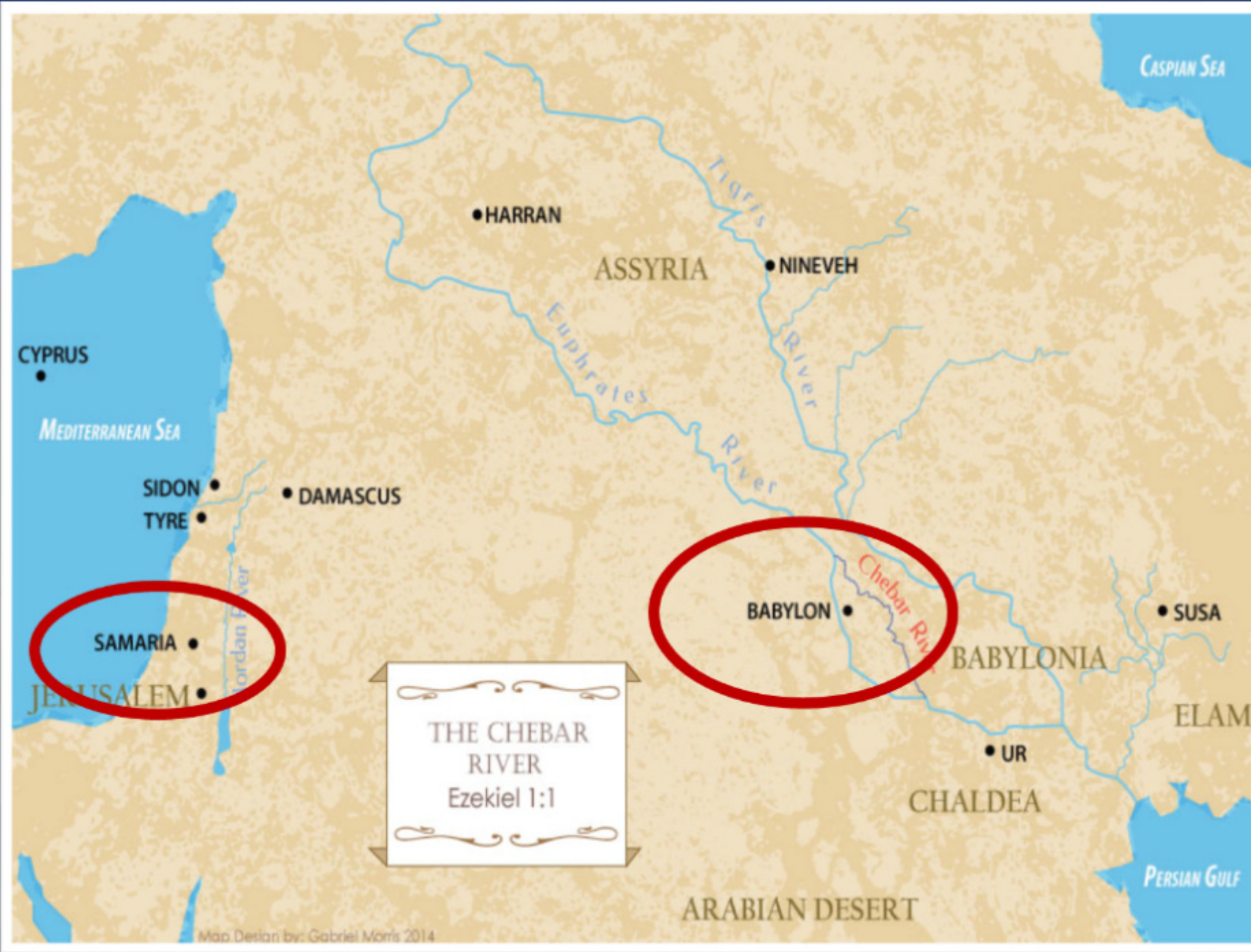
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THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1

Isaiah 11:11-12

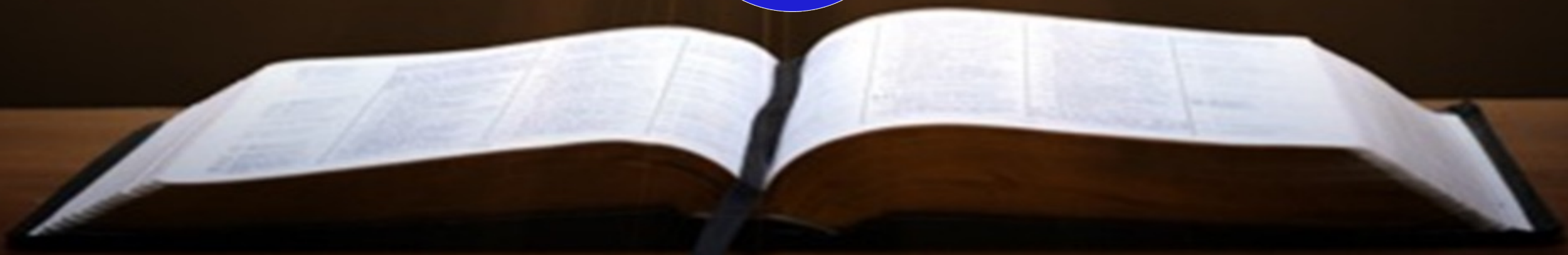
Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.¹² And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.



Isaiah 27:13

“It will come about also in that day that a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.”

RESTORATION
IS COMING!



Matthew 24:31

“And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER [*episynagō*] HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF THE SKY TO THE OTHER.”

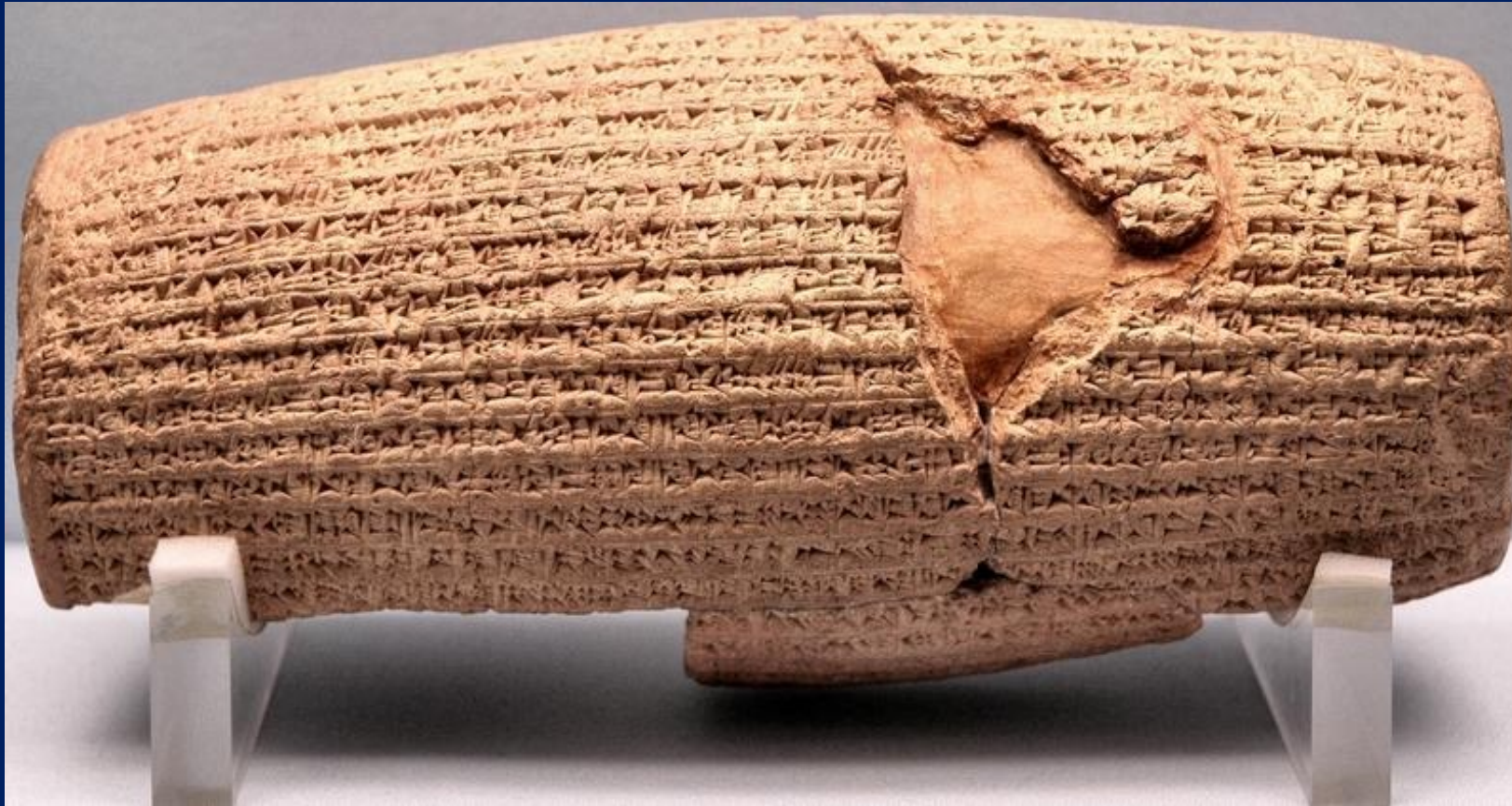


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Cyrus Cylinder



Three Returns

	DATE	DURATION	PERSIAN KING	JEWISH LEADER	SCRIPTURE	PURPOSE	NUMBER OF RETURNEES
1st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

Genesis 11:1-4

¹ Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. ² It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”



Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	MOTHER	CHILD
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

Alexander Hislop, *Two Babylons*

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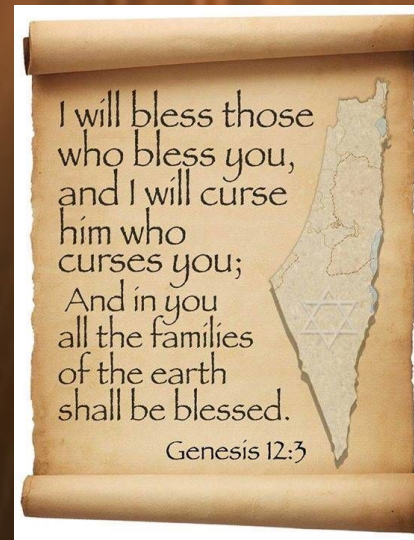
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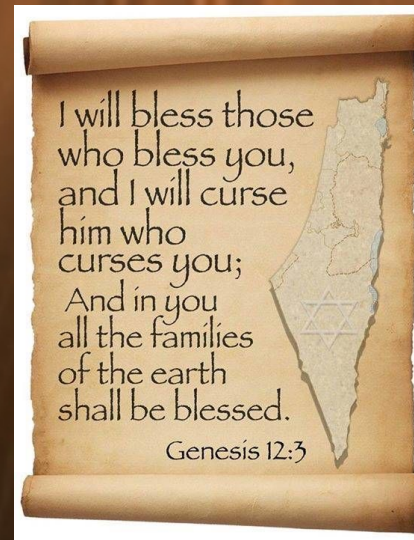
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Zechariah 2:8

“For thus says the Lord of hosts, “After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.”

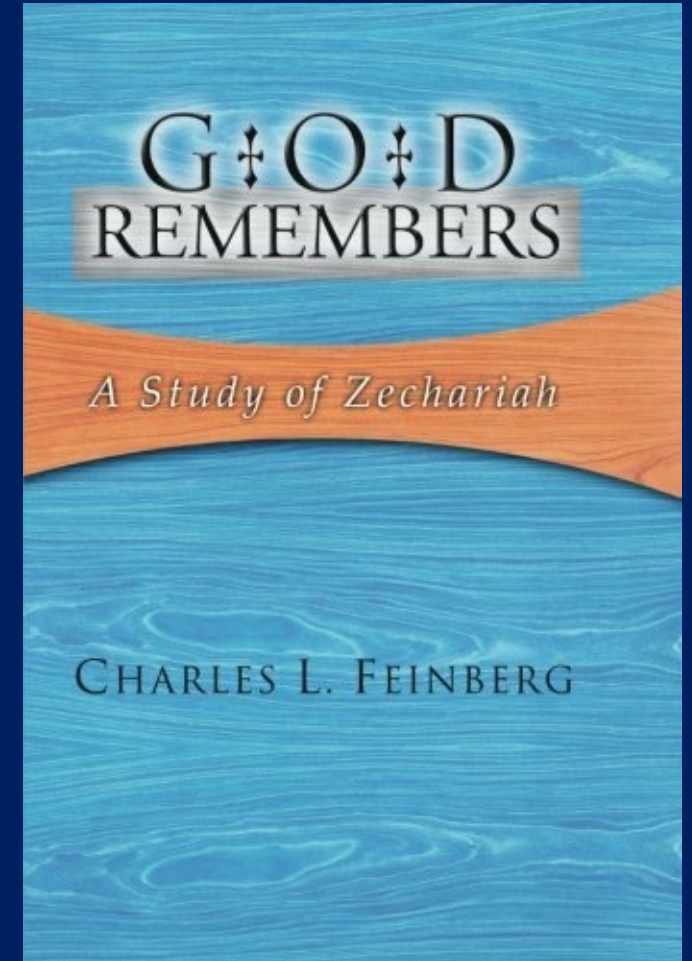




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“Though several MSS. have this reading, the better supported reading is ‘*eno*. Those who contend for the first, claim that the alteration was made that the text might be referred to the apple of a man’s eye; that is, whoever touches Israel, touches the apple of his own eye, doing himself irreparable damage.”

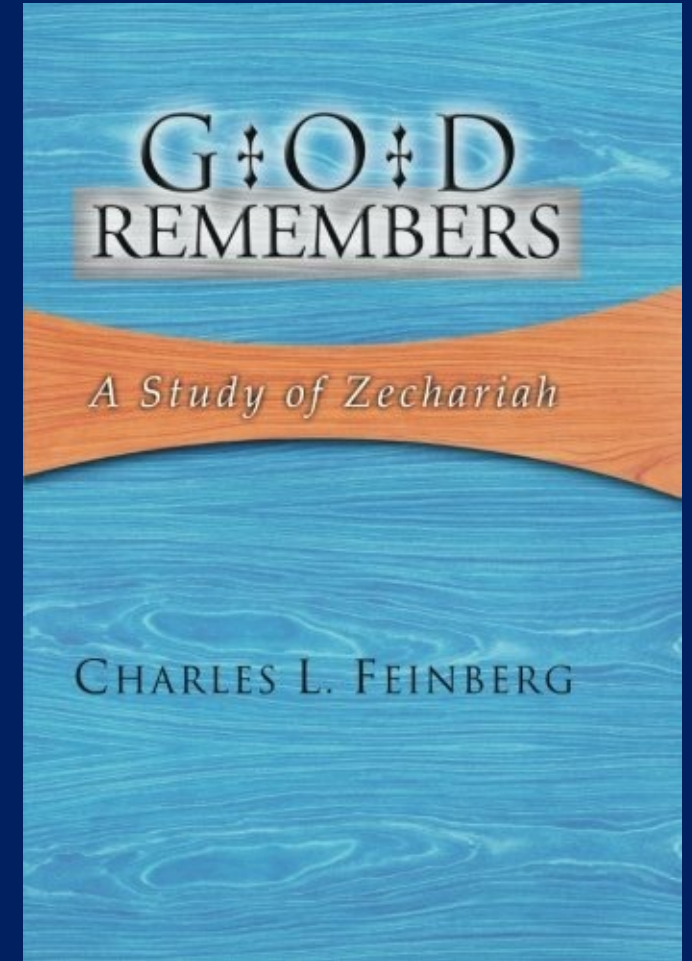




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“In our opinion Deuteronomy 32:10 will allow no such interpretation, nor is it the most forceful here. True, that a man’s touching of the pupil of his own eye will bring him injury in a most sensitive part, how much more is this true if he touch the apple of God’s eye?”



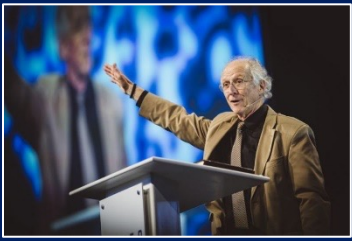
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John Piper

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“[God] has a saving purpose for Israel. All Israel will someday turn to the Lord Christ as a group. This is my deep understanding in belief of Romans 11. The broken off branches will be grafted in one day to the people of God, the bride of Christ, His church.”



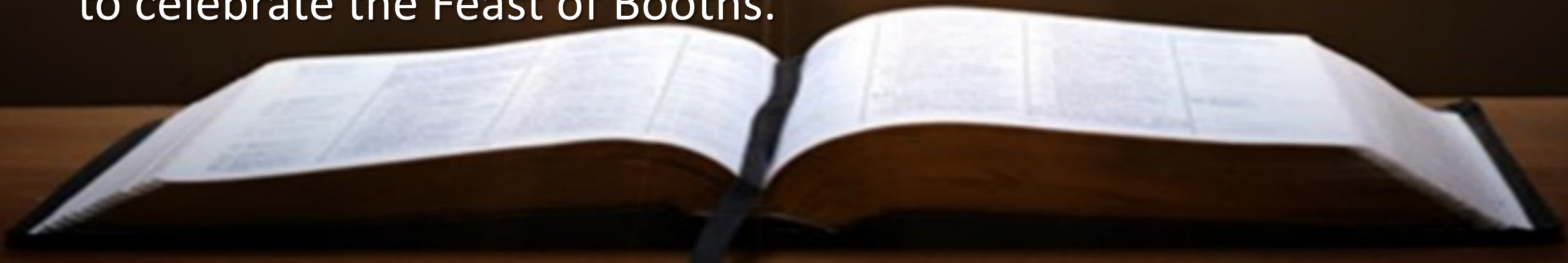
Paul Wilkinson

John Piper, cited in Paul R. Wilkinson, *Israel Betrayed: Volume 2: The Rise of Christian Palestinianism* (San Antonio, TX: Ariel, 2018), 332.

“On the basis of this kind of statement, many in the church are being misled into believing that Piper stands with Israel, but he does not. What Piper said is not what Paul taught. Israel’s destiny as a nation is not one of spiritual incorporation into the church, which is the classic Reformed, Calvinistic teaching. The church comprises individual Jews and Gentiles, not ‘Israel,’ which is a distinct national entity. The appointed destiny for Israel is for her to remain a nation in the sight of God and in the midst of all the nations, for as long as God’s ‘fixed order’ of creation endures (Jer. 31:36).”

Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



Isaiah 2:2-3

“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.³ And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”



Revelation 20:7-9

“⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ **And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city,** and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.





Robert Thomas

Four Views on the Book of Revelation, page 207.

“At the end of the Millennium that city will be Satan’s prime objective with his rebel army, because Israel will be a leader among the nations.”



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Commissioned
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Ezekiel
Recommissioned
(33) mouth opened

↓ Judgment on

↓ Blessing on

Judah (1-24)

Judah (33-48)

-Glory departs

-Glory Returns

Judgment
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Nations
(25-32)

Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

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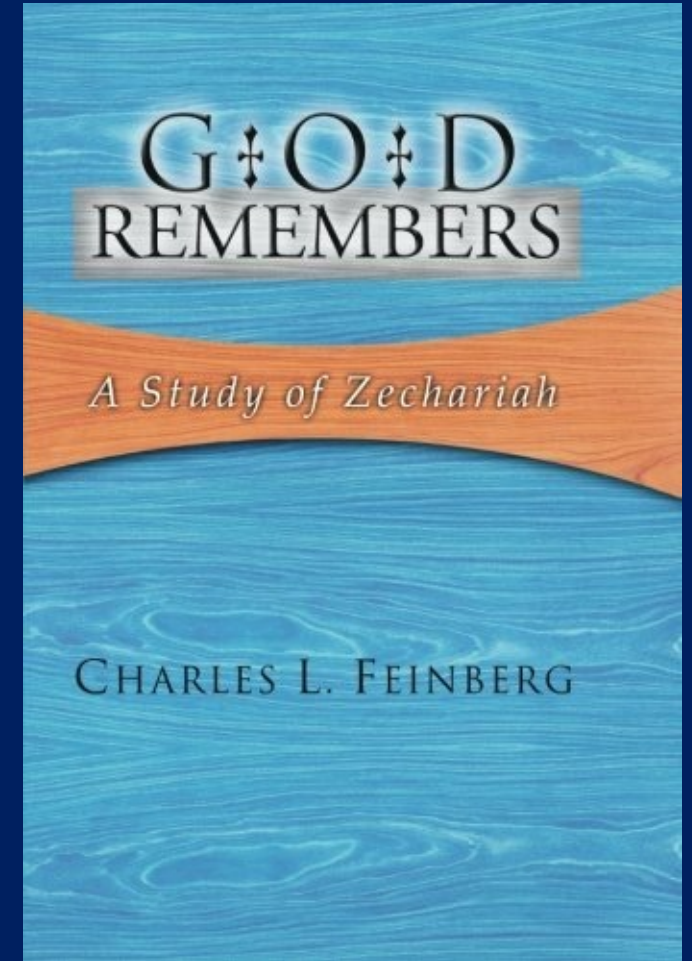




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“The chapter reveals so vividly how little the nations of the earth realize how much their blessing depends upon Israel. They do well to take heed lest they fall into the hands of the living God, which is a fearful thing.”



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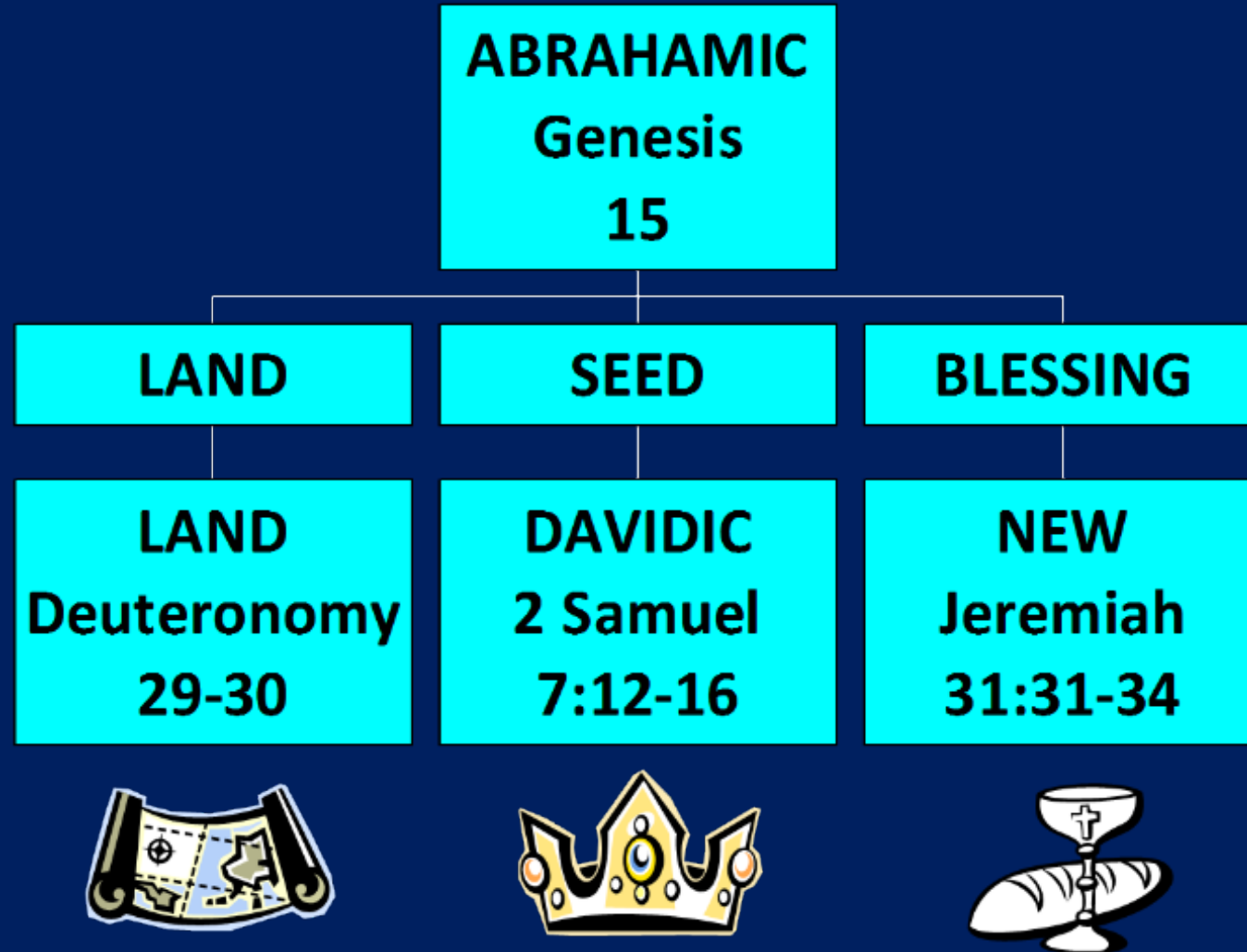
A. God to inhabit Jerusalem (10)

B. Nations to be blessed (11)

C. God to choose Jerusalem (12)



Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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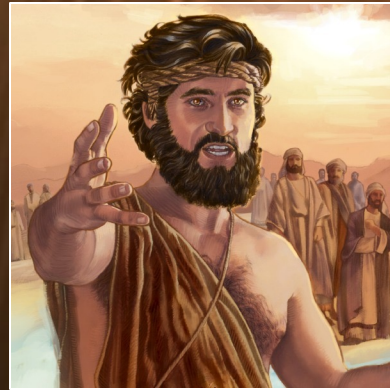
Daniel 2:44

“In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.”



Matthew 3:1-2

“Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”



Messengers of the Kingdom In Matthew



- John the Baptist – 3:2
- Jesus Christ – 4:17
- 12 Apostles – 10:5-7
- Seventy – Luke 10:1, 9

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II. Eight Night Visions

(1:7–6:15)

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2. Four horns & four craftsmen (1:18-21)
3. Man with the measuring line (2)
4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (3)
5. Lampstand & olive tree (4)
6. Flying scroll (5:1-4)
7. Woman in the basket (5:5-11)
8. Four chariots (6:1-8)
- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)

