

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)



ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS

Vision	Reference	Meaning
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	1:7-17	God's anger against the nations & blessing on restored Israel.
The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen	1:18-21	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel.
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	Chapter 2	God's future blessing on restored Israel.
The Cleansing & Crowning of Joshua the Hight Priest.	Chapter 3	Israel's future cleansing from sin & reinstatement as a priestly nation.
The Golden Lampstand & the Two Olive Trees	Chapter 4	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest.
The Flying Scroll	5:1-4	The severity & totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites.
The Woman in the Ephah	5:5-11	The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God.
The Four Chariots	6:1-8	Divine judgment on Gentile nations.

II. Eight Night Visions

(1:7–6:15)

1. Riders & horses among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)
 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)



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A. Question

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1. Date (1)
2. Questioner (2)
3. Question (3)



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1. Empty Ritualism

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- a) Israel's insincerity (4-5)
- b) Israel's selfishness (6-7)



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2. Covenant Rebellion

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- a) Covenant requirements (8-10)
- b) Covenant rebellion (11-12)
- c) Covenant judgment (13-14)



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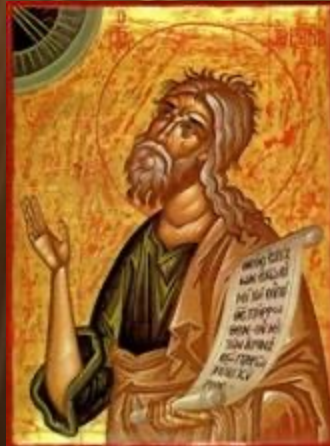
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Jeremiah 30:7

“Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress (Gen. 32:8; 35:10), But he will be saved from it.”



Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath/anger (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15)



WRATH

Revelation 11:8

“And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.”



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Deuteronomy 28:49-50

⁴⁹ “The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down; a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation with a defiant attitude, who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.”



Ralph L. Smith

Smith, Ralph L. *Micah-Malachi*. Word Biblical Commentary series.
Waco, Tex.: Word Books, Publisher, 1984. p. 233.

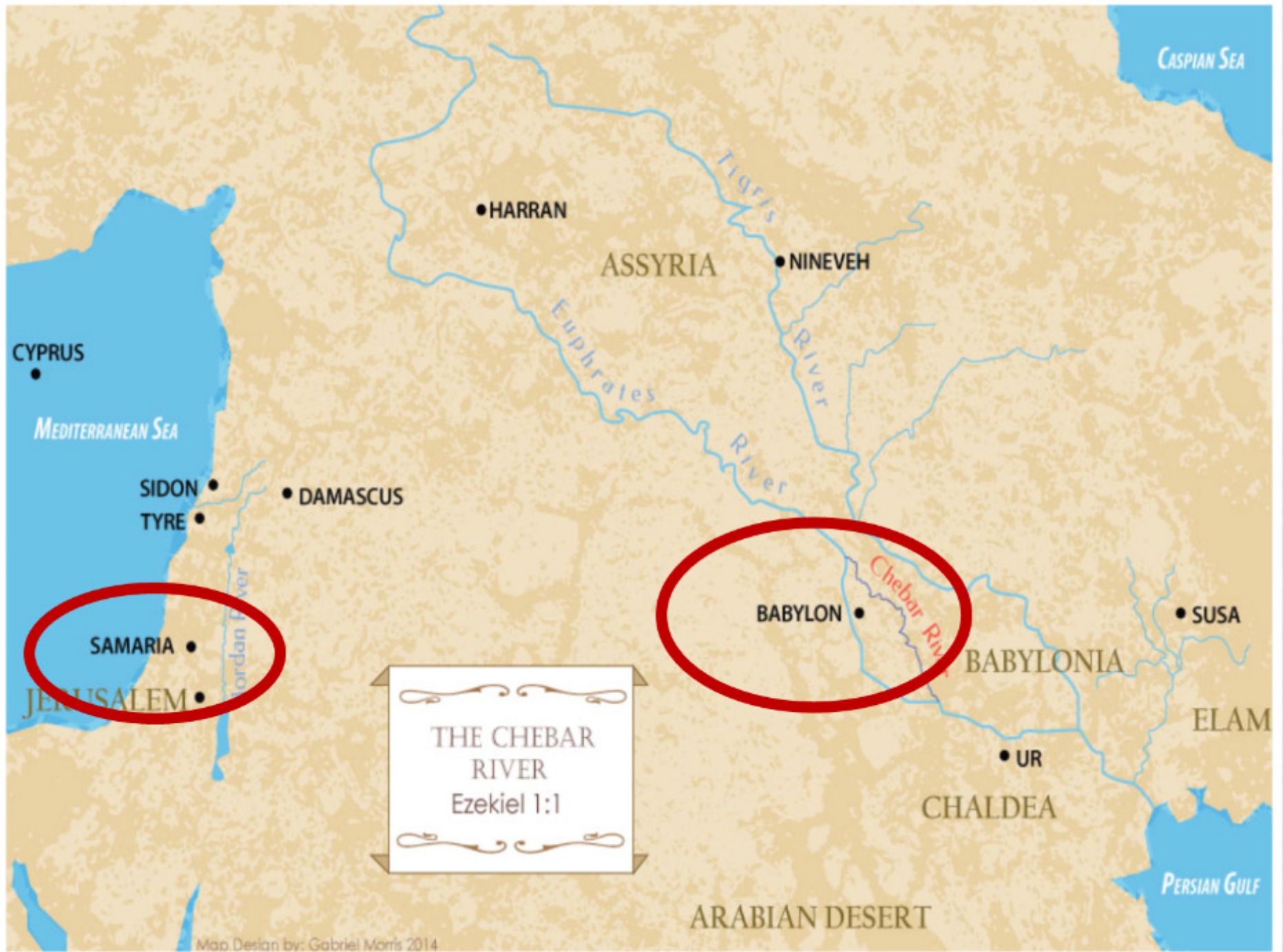
“In one of the most amazing and challenging statements about measurement of the health of society, Zechariah suggests that we look at the place the old and the young have in that society.”

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THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1

Israel's Judgments

- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
- Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C. (2 Kgs. 25)
- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)



ISRAEL'S TWO REGATHERINGS

THE PRESENT (FIRST) REGATHERING

Return to part of the land

Return in unbelief

Restored to the land only

Sets the stage for Tribulation
(discipline)

THE PERMANENT (SECOND) REGATHERING

Return to all the land

Return in faith

Restored to the land and the Lord

Sets the stage for Millennium
(blessing)

Adapted from: Price, *Jerusalem In Prophecy*, 219

Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴ “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



Ezekiel 37:7-11

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; **but there was no breath in them.** ⁹ Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.””” ¹⁰ **So I prophesied as He . . .**



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... commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’”



3. Prediction of Jerusalem's Restoration (8:1-17)

- a) Prediction (1-8)
- b) Application (9-17)



TRUE GLOBAL WARMING IS COMING TO PLANET EARTH!

2 Peter 3:10

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
in which the heavens will pass away with a
roar and the elements will be destroyed with
intense heat, and the earth and its works will
be burned up. (NASB)**

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The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



Patmos

By: Gabriel Morris

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