

Zechariah

Breakdown

- Sometimes called “The Apocalypse of the Old Testament,” this book contains the messages of the prophet Zechariah, a contemporary of Haggai.
- Many messianic prophecies are found in this book, and Zechariah prophesies the Day of the Lord, when Israel will be restored fully to the Promised Land of Israel, the nations will be judged, and God’s kingdom will be established on earth by the Messiah ruling in Jerusalem.

Main Points

- We now find Judah still a remnant, Jerusalem far from restored, and the surrounding Gentile nations feeling secure (see Zechariah 1:14–16).
- Zechariah, a young prophet who had stood alongside the aged Haggai, strengthened the children of Israel as they rebuilt the Temple; and he warned them not to disappoint God as their fathers had done.
- He pictured God’s love and care for His people. He revived their hopes by painting in glowing colors the time of perpetual blessings that would come to Israel in the future.

Did you know?

- Zechariah foretold the Savior more than any other prophet except Isaiah:
 - Christ, “the Branch”—Zechariah 3:8
 - Christ, “my servant”—Zechariah 3:8
 - Christ’s entering Jerusalem on “a colt”—Zechariah 9:9
 - Christ, the good Shepherd—Zechariah 9:16; 11:11
 - Christ, the stricken Shepherd—Zechariah 13:7
 - Christ betrayed for “thirty pieces of silver”—Zechariah 11:12–13
 - Christ’s hands “pierced”—Zechariah 12:10
 - Christ’s people saved—Zechariah 12:10; 13:1
 - Christ wounded “in the house of [His] friends”—Zechariah 13:6
 - Christ’s coming on the Mount of Olives—Zechariah 14:3–8
 - Christ, as King—Zechariah 14:9

Further Thought

- Christ will come the first time as the lowly One, riding upon a colt, the foal of a donkey (see Zechariah 9:9). But we see that this lowly One will become a mighty Sovereign (see Zechariah 14:8–11). The Messiah in all His glory and might will destroy all of Israel’s enemies, and He will establish His kingdom in Jerusalem and sit upon the throne of David. “His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10).