

Zechariah

CHAPTER 1

Verse 17: “Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.” All of this will be done when Jesus returns. The comforting of Zion is in accordance with Isaiah 40:1-2:

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.”

CHAPTER 2

Verses 10-11: “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be

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my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee." The words "lo, I come" clearly deal with the Second Coming of Christ when many nations will be "joined to the LORD" after the judgment of the nations of Joel 3 and Matthew 25.

CHAPTER 3

Verse 8: **"Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH."** This one of four different ways in which Christ is likened to a branch in the Old Testament. He is God's "servant" the BRANCH here, corresponding to the gospel of Mark. Other references that correspond to the other gospels are Isaiah 4:2, 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15, and Zechariah 6:12. These references also line up with the faces on Ezekiel's four cherubim.

CHAPTER 4

Verse 14: **"Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."** The "LORD of the whole earth" is the Lord Jesus Christ, and the two anointed ones standing before Him are Moses and Elijah, representing the law and the prophets. See Matthew 17:1-5.

CHAPTER 5

Verse 11: **"And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base."** This refers to the rebuilding of Babylon in the last days prior to Christ's return. Since "this is wickedness" (verse 8) and the "mystery of iniquity" (II Ths. 2:7), Jesus will destroy the whole system with the beast that will be wedded to it just as Babel was originally judged in Genesis chapter eleven prior to the commencement of a new Jewish dispensation in Genesis chapter twelve. When it's all over, heaven will rejoice and say, **"he hath judged the great whore"** (Rev. 19:2).

CHAPTER 6

Verse 12: **"And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD."** As mentioned in chapter three, Christ is likened unto a Branch in four

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different ways in the Old Testament with each way corresponding to one of the four gospels. Here the Branch is “the man” corresponding to the gospel of Luke which presents Christ as the Son of Man.

CHAPTER 7

Verses 8-14: **“And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts: But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.”** This whole narrative was repeated in the New Testament. Jesus came preaching the gospel of the kingdom to Israel, including the sermon on the mount, which matches verses nine and ten. But Israel rejected His message, matching verse eleven, and also the kingdom message of the early Acts period. In fact, the phrase “stopped their ears” is repeated in Acts 7:57 when Stephen is preaching the final offering of the kingdom to Israel. The last thing he saw was Christ standing at the right hand of God while the Jewish leaders were stopping their ears.

CHAPTER 8

Verses 1-3: **“Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.”** Jerusalem certainly is not the city of truth today. Revelation 11:8 calls her “Sodom and Egypt.” She will be the city of truth and the holy mountain when Christ returns and establishes His kingdom.

Verse 13: **“And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.”** He will save them by the blood of Christ their Messiah at the Second Coming.

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CHAPTER 9

Verse 9: **“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”** The verse was partially fulfilled when Jesus entered Jerusalem in Matthew 21:5, although the words “having salvation” are omitted by Matthew since He was rejected by Israel. The “having salvation” part will be fulfilled at the Second Coming, at least for Israel.

CHAPTER 10

Verses 10-12: **“I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them. And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.”** This is God’s deliverance of Israel in the Great Tribulation when the nation is “born at once” and “in one day” by receiving Christ as Messiah (Isa. 66:7-8).

CHAPTER 11

Verses 12-13: **“And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”** The prophetic reference is to the events of Matthew 27:3-10 where Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and then later returned the money.

CHAPTER 12

Verse 10: **“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”** The reference is obviously to Israel looking upon Christ when He returns and realizing that He’s the “only son” that they “pierced.” The New Testament reference is Revelation 1:7. Also, this is a great verse on the deity of Christ since the Father says here that He (God) is the one that they pierced.

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CHAPTER 13

Verse 1: **"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."** A great spiritual application can be made to Christ's blood, the fountain that cleanses from sin. As the hymn says, *"There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins . . ."*

Verse 7: **"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones."** According to the words of Jesus in Matthew 26:31, the prophecy refers to Jesus' disciples forsaking Him the night before the crucifixion.

CHAPTER 14

Verses 1-21: The whole chapter deals with the Second Coming and the Millennial Kingdom. For the amillennialist who believes that Jesus will never set foot on earth again, verse four informs us that "his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives." The whole passage is on the battle of Armageddon, the Lord destroying His enemies, and the glorious kingdom. Those who refuse to come up to Jerusalem to worship the King in the Millennial Kingdom will experience weather trouble back home, according to verses sixteen through nineteen.