

ZECHARIAH

A 5 Day Bible Study



Read Zechariah 1-3

A contemporary of Haggai, Zechariah wrote to Jewish exiles to Babylon who had returned to their land. A priest as well as a prophet, he prophesied not only regarding Jerusalem and the temple, but also the first and second coming of the Messiah.

1. Summarize Zechariah's message to the people about their ancestors and what they were to learn from history. (1:1-6)
2. Zechariah received a series of bizarre visions. Describe the first four, including a summary and the meaning of the vision (if provided), and the hope or encouragement attached to each one.

<i>Passage</i>	<i>Summary/Meaning</i>	<i>Encouragement</i>
1:7-17		
1:18-21		
2:1-13		
3:1-10		

What message of hope is God offering to you today? Choose one phrase or verse to write down as a reminder.

Read Zechariah 4-6

1. Four more visions were given to Zechariah. Summarize each one and record what the visions reveal about God.

<i>Passage</i>	<i>Summary/Meaning</i>	<i>Character of God</i>
4:1-14		
5:1-4		
5:5-11		
6:1-8		

2. From 6:9-15, specify what God commanded Zechariah to do regarding Joshua the high priest, and the encouraging message he was to relay. (note: Joshua/Jeshua are different spellings used interchangeably for the same person)

God's character remains the same throughout generations. As you review who he was in Zechariah's day, what will you choose to remember about God as it relates to your circumstances today?

Read Zechariah 7-8. Notice the passage of time (1:1, 1:7, 7:1) between the revelations given to Zechariah.

1. In response to the people's question about fasting (7:3), what did Zechariah explain God truly desired? (7:8-10, 8:16-17)
2. How did Zechariah's words expose what had been in their hearts, and what was the result? (7:4-7, 11-14)
3. In God's jealous fervor for his beloved people, list the marvelous promises delivered in chapter 8.
4. Has this happened yet, or when do you think these promises might be fulfilled?

As you ponder what God wants from his people in question 1, how are you challenged to put one of those expectations into action this week?

Read Zechariah 9-11

1. While Israel's enemies could expect judgment (9:1-8, 11:1-3), a future Redeemer was prophesied throughout Zechariah's book. Identify below what Zechariah foretold and how it came to pass. (Remember some prophecies may have double meanings.)

<i>Passage</i>	<i>Prophecy</i>	<i>Fulfillment</i>
3:8, 6:12-13 (also see Isa 11:1-2, Jer 23:5-6)		Lk 1:32-33, Heb 4:14, Rev 19:16 & 22:16
9:9		Jn 12:12-15
10:4		1 Pet 2:4-6
11:12-13		Mt 26:14-16 & 27:3-10
12:10		Jn 19:33-37
13:1		1 Jn 1:7
13:7		Mt 26:31-34, Jn 10:11

What do you find most striking about what you studied today?

