

THE MINOR PROPHETS (Chronological Order)
ZECHARIAH
LESSON ELEVEN

INTRODUCTION:

1. **“Zechariah” means he “whom Jehovah remembers.”**
 - a. Priest and head of father’s house (Neh. 12:4, 16).
 - b. “Son of Iddo” – possibly Berechiah had died shortly after return from Babylonian exile – Zechariah next in line (Ezra 5:1, 6:14).
 - c. Prophesied with Haggai
2. **DATE: 520-518 B.C.**
 - a. 8th. month in 2nd. year of Darius (1:1).
 - b. 11th. month in 2nd. year of Darius (1:7)
 - c. 9th. month of 4th. year of Darius (7:1)
 - d. Two “burdens” not dated: (9-11), (12-14).
3. **CHARACTERIZATION OF BOOK:**
 - a. 70 years exile (606-536 B.C.) and no temple (586-516 B.C.) had plagued God’s people. The returning Jews needed to complete the rebuilding of the Temple (Zech. 1:12, Jer. 25:11, 29:10).
 1. Foundation but no structure (Zech. 1:16, Ezra 3:8-10).
 2. Encouragement and holiness – Zechariah’s message (4:6, 8:14-19).
 - b. Emphasis upon visions to communicate God’s message – apocalyptic symbolism – mediation of angels (1:7-6:8).
 - c. Messianic in scope – God’s kingdom fulfilled in Jesus Christ
 1. The humble King coming to Jerusalem with salvation (9:9-10; Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:19-38, John 12:13-19)
 2. Rejected shepherd sold for price of wounded slave – thirty pieces of silver (11:13; Matt. 27:3-10).
 3. Grace following the piercing of God’s Son (12:10, John 19:37).
4. **OUTLINE OF BOOK:**
 - I. **Visions – Messages of Encouragement (Chapters 1-6)**
 - A. God’s call to repentance (1:1-6)
 - B. Eight night-visions and their interpretation (1:7-6:8)
 1. The rider and horsemen among the myrtle trees – Jehovah’s promise of mercy upon Zion (1:7-17).
 2. The four horns and the four smiths – Hostile nations destroyed by God’s instruments (1:18-21).
 3. The man with a measuring line – Multitude again in Zion (2:1-13).

4. The trial and acquittal of the high priest, Joshua – Cleansing of the sins of the people (3:1-10).
 5. The golden lampstand and the two olive trees – God’s power through leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua will accomplish His work of rebuilding (4:1-14).
 6. The flying roll – curse upon sinners and their houses (5:1-4)
 7. The woman in the ephah – Wickedness transported out of the land (5:5-11).
 8. the four chariots and horses of various colors – God’s judgments upon hostile nations accomplished (6:1-8).
- C. Symbolic crowning of the high priest, Joshua (6:9-15).
1. Children of captivity provide gold and silver for the crown (v. 9-11).
 2. Symbolical of “the branch” – crowned king and priest (v. 12-15).

II. The Questions of Fasting and Jehovah’s Answers (Chapters 7-8).

- A. Fasting not essential, but hearing God’s word is essential (7:1-7)
- B. Learn the lesson from their fathers’ refusal to hearken (7:8-14)
- C. God’s promise of restoration – fasting changed to rejoicing (8:1-23).

III. World Powers and the Kingdom of God (Chapters 9-14)

- A. Burden of judgment upon heathen powers over Israel (9-11).
1. Fall of heathen world – deliverance and glorification of Zion (9:1- 10:12).
 2. Allegories of the good and foolish shepherds (11:1-17).
- B. Burden of refining judgment upon God’s people (12-14).
1. Israel’s conflict and victory – conversion and sanctification (12:1-13:6).
 2. Israel’s refinement and glorious end (13:7-14:21).

QUESTIONS:

1. Zechariah was both a _____ and a _____.
2. How long after Haggai began his prophetic work did Zechariah begin his work?
3. What lessons concerning God’s word should the people have learned from their father’s ways?

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4. Zechariah received God's message through dreams while asleep. (True) (False)
5. Who is the rider standing among the myrtle trees?
6. What did the various colored horses and their riders represent?
7. What did they see?
What was God's reaction?
8. What is connected with God returning with mercy unto Jerusalem?
9. Who were the four horns?
10. What did God have in store for these horns?
11. What was the two-fold message of the vision of the man with the measuring line?
12. When you touch God's people, you "touch the _____ of His _____."
13. What is symbolized by Joshua wearing filthy garments?
14. Why is Satan rebuked as he stands beside Joshua?
15. Who is "the branch" that God would bring forth?
16. What two-fold blessing is connected with the branch coming and the stone being set?

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17. What was the meaning of the seven lamps being supplied oil from seven pipes?
18. What would bring shoutings of “Grace”?
19. What are the “two olive trees” upon the right and left side of the candlestick?
(Be specific).
20. What were the two sins connected with the curse of the flying roll?
21. In the vision, who is the woman in the ephah?
22. What is significant about the place to which she is carried?
23. What is significant about the chariot with the black horses being followed by the chariot with the white horses as they head to the north country?
24. What was placed upon Joshua’s head?
25. The “branch” shall _____ the temple of Jehovah” and “be a _____ upon His _____.

Identify “the branch”:

26. In 7:5 and 8:19, why had the people fasted in the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth month?
27. In 7:8-13 and 8:14-17, what lesson from the Israelites can we learn to avoid displeasing God?

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28. How does Zechariah present the picture of peace and safety for the city of Jerusalem?
29. Give reasons from chapter 8 that God's returning to Zion points beyond the literal city of Jerusalem to a greater fulfillment in spiritual Jerusalem – the church?
30. What is the eye of man directed toward in chapter 9?
31. How had Tyre built herself a stronghold?
32. Who comes to Jerusalem amid crumbling nations that brings great joy?
33. When were the "sons of Zion" stirred up by God against the "sons of Greece"?
34. In chapter 10, describe what it means to "walk up and down in his name, saith Jehovah":
35. In chapter 11, what is the people's estimate of the gracious work of the "prophet-shepherd"?
36. In chapters 12-14 the oracle concerns_____.
38. In 12:1-9, what does the powerful and creative God do for Judah and Jerusalem?
39. When was Zechariah 12:10 fulfilled?
40. When was Zechariah 13:7 fulfilled?
41. What two things does God do when the shepherd is killed?
42. What are the consequences for those who fight against the people of God?
43. Why would the remnant of the nations keep the feast of tabernacles?