

CHAPTER 1

IN the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto

us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 ¶ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* red horses, speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *be*.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are they* whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the

earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

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.

18 ¶ Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

CHAPTER 2

LLIFTED up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multi-

tude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 ¶ Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 ¶ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be 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.

12 And the LORD shall inherit

Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

CHAPTER 3

AND he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is not this* a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

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.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAPTER 4

AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven

pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:

3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with*

those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 ¶ Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

THEN I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be

cut off *as* on that side according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

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.

CHAPTER 6

AND I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and

sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of *them* of the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

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:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a

priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jediah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu;

2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regemelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,

3 *And* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of

the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?

7 *Should ye not hear* the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the south and the plain?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 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.

11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 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.

13 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:

14 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.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Zechariah ministered with Haggai during the difficult days when 50,000 Jews had returned to Palestine to reestablish their city and their Temple worship. The remnant went back in 536 B.C., and laid the foundation of the Temple in 535 B.C. We must remember, however, that opposition arose and work stopped. In 530 B.C., the Lord raised up Haggai and Zechariah to stir up the people and the leaders; and in 525 B.C., the work was finished.

Zechariah was both a prophet and a priest (see Nehemiah 12:4,16) and from Zechariah 2:4 we learn that he was a young man. His name means “Jehovah remembers”; his father’s name, Berechiah, means “Jehovah blesses”; and his grandfather’s name, Iddo, means “His time.” Putting them together we have “Jehovah remembers to bless in His time.”

The theme of the Book of Zechariah is, “One that unveils God’s future plan for the Jews.” This book actually ranks next to Daniel as an Old Testament revelation for God’s future plan for the Jews. The city of Jerusalem is mentioned some 39 times in this book. The key verses are 14-17 of chapter 1. These verses tell us that God is jealous for Jerusalem; that He will punish the heathen for what they did to His city; and that He will one day restore the city in glory and peace. The fact that God, in His grace, has chosen Jerusalem is mentioned often (see 1:17; 2:12; 3:2). He will have mercy on the city (chapter 1:12), and one day will dwell in the city (chapter 8:3-8).

In chapter 1 Zechariah warns the people against the evident rising tendency to return to the ways of their dishonest fathers who had brought them to their present pitiful condition. He then encourages them with visions which God had given him of the future. In chapters 1—4 we see several visions given by God, and each have a meaning relative to Jerusalem or the people of Jerusalem.

As with most Old Testament prophecies, we must

distinguish between the near and the distant meanings of what Zechariah says. In one verse he will be describing the fall of Jerusalem under the Romans, and in the next he will picture the coming of the Messiah to reign.

Zechariah’s favorite name for God is “Lord of hosts.” He sees the Lord coming to defeat Israel’s enemies and establish Jerusalem in peace and glory. To apply these magnificent prophecies to the Church Age is to rob this book of its meaning and power. Certainly there are spiritual applications for all ages, but the basic interpretation must be for the Jewish nation and Jerusalem.

In chapters 1—6 the prophet describes eight visions of encouragement, all of which summarize the message of Zechariah. The rider (chapter 1:7-17) is encouragement that God has not forgotten Jerusalem; the horns and craftsmen (chapter 1:18-21) is a promise that God will destroy Jerusalem’s enemies; the surveyor (chapter 2:1-13) is a promise that Jerusalem will be restored; the cleansing of Joshua the high priest (chapter 3:1-10) is a picture of the future cleansing of the nation; the candlesticks and the trees (chapter 4:1-14) is a promise that God’s power will enable Joshua and Zerubbabel to finish their difficult task; the flying roll (chapter 5:1-4) promises that sin will be judged in the land; the ephah (chapter 5:5-11) is a picture of wickedness carried from the land of Babylon, which is the source of all idolatry and religious error. The last vision, the four chariots (chapter 6:1-8) promises that God controls the nations and Jerusalem is safe.

We see the crowning of the Priest-King in chapter 6:9-15. This is the climax of God’s plan for the restoration of Israel under Messiah King-Priest.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death” (Proverbs 13:14).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 30: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 11.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

**EARTHA BRIDGEWATER
DELSHONE CLARK**

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1542

CALIFORNIA WAS DISCOVERED.

AMERICAN INDIAN DAY.

Let us thank God for the Indians and pray for the work among them. Pray for the missionaries who labor with them and pray that God will help them to win many to Himself.

1839

FRANCES WILLARD WAS BORN.

Frances Willard was the founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. May we thank God for this group and the fight it has taken against liquor in all forms. The last words of this saint were, "I love the New Testament."

1934

THE SWORD OF THE LORD WAS BORN.

The SWORD OF THE LORD has been for many years America's largest independent Christian bi-weekly. Dr. John R. Rice was its editor for the first 46 years of its existence. The first edition was 5,000 copies. Only God knows the influence this paper has had upon America. Recently a leading liberal seminary asked for back copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD from many years back, not because they agree with its stand, but because they recognize it as the voice of fundamentalism for our generation.

Let us thank God today for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Dr. Curtis Hutson (its present editor), and those who have helped in the work of THE SWORD through the years. We should not forget the many SWORD workers. May God bless them.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1785

DAVID WALKER BORN FREE in Wilmington, North Carolina.

1829

WALKER'S APPEAL, RACIAL ANTISLAVERY PAMPHLET, PUBLISHED in Boston by David Walker. Appeal denounced slavery and called for slave revolt.

1833

DEATH OF REV. LEMUEL HAYNES (88), Revolutionary War veteran and pioneer black preacher, in Granville, New York. Elections for delegates to the conventions were held in other Southern states in October and November.

1868

OPELOUSAS MASSACRE, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA. Republicans said Democratic terrorists killed two or three hundred blacks.

1895

THESE BAPTIST GROUPS, the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States, the American National Baptist Convention, the Baptist National Education Convention, merged and established the National Baptist Convention at an Atlanta meeting.

1961

PURLIE VICTORIOUS, A FARCE BY PLAY-WRIGHT OSSIE DAVIS, OPENED on Broadway.

1962

GOVERNOR BARNETT FOUND GUILTY OF CIVIL CONTEMPT of the federal court. United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ordered Barnett to purge himself of contempt or face arrest and a fine of \$10,000 a day.

1972

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY CLEARED THE MILITARY RECORDS of 167 soldiers who were dishonorably discharged in 1906 because they refused to identify alleged participants in the Brownsville Raid.

1981

JOSEPH PAUL FRANKLIN, AN AVOWED RACIST, SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT for killing two black joggers in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hymn of the Week

“SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS”

Fanny Crosby

The following is the most heart-warming story that this writer has ever encountered while studying hymnology.

One day in 1868 William Howard Doane made a quick business trip to New York. He hurriedly took care of the pending business matter and rushed on to Brooklyn to the home of Fanny Crosby. He found her talking to Mr. William Bradbury, one of the great sacred song writers of the past. He told her that he had written a tune and that he wanted her to hear it. He played it for her on a small organ. When he had finished she excitedly expressed that the tune said, “safe in the arms of Jesus.”

She quickly returned to another room and in a matter of minutes had composed the words to what became her favorite hymn. Little did she realize the peace and joy that would be brought to many hearts by this great song.

For many years this song has been used at funerals, but Fanny Crosby did not mean for it to be used primarily in that way. You can be sure that it was her prayer that everyone who heard her song would soon be able to say with her:

*Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o’ershaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.
Hark! ‘tis the voice of angels,
Borne in a song to me,
Over the fields of glory,
Over the jasper sea.*

*Jesus, my heart’s dear refuge,
Jesus has died for me;
Firm on the Rock of Ages,
Ever my trust shall be.
Here let me wait with patience,
Wait till the night is o’er;
Wait till I see the morning,
Break on the golden shore.*

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

**EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:
SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY OF SCRIPTURES**

(Assignment 30)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

The earth a round ball. (740 B.C.)

() Isaiah 40:22

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants therefore are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.

The earth hangs out in space on nothing. (1600 B.C.)

() Job 26:7

He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Night time on one part of the globe when Christ returns.

() Luke 17:34

I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

Day time on the other part of globe when Christ returns.

() Luke 17:36

Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Christ holds the earth in its orbit.

() Colossians 1:17

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. (hold together)