

## Zechariah

Matthew 23:35

...so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

Zechariah 1:1-21

<sup>1</sup>In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo: <sup>2</sup>“The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. <sup>3</sup>Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord Almighty. <sup>4</sup>Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? <sup>6</sup>But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors? “Then they repented and said, ‘The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’” <sup>7</sup>On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo. <sup>8</sup>During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses. <sup>9</sup>I asked, “What are these, my lord?” The angel who was talking with me answered, “I will show you what they are.” <sup>10</sup>Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, “They are the ones the Lord has sent to go throughout the earth.” <sup>11</sup>And they reported to the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees, “We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace.” <sup>12</sup>Then the angel of the Lord said, “Lord Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?” <sup>13</sup>So the Lord spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. <sup>14</sup>Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, <sup>15</sup>and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.’” <sup>16</sup>“Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the Lord Almighty. <sup>17</sup>“Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’” <sup>18</sup>Then I looked up, and there before me were four horns. <sup>19</sup>I asked the angel who was speaking to me, “What are these?” He answered me, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.” <sup>20</sup>Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen. <sup>21</sup>I asked, “What are these coming to do?” He answered, “These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise their head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people.”

1. When the Lord speaks, we confess and r\_\_\_\_\_. We say, “Yep, you’re right Lord.” And we a\_\_\_\_\_. (1:6)

2. The word of the Lord stands f\_\_\_\_\_ (1:5)

Psalm 119:89

Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

Luke 1:37

For no word from God will ever fail.

1 Peter 1:23-25

<sup>23</sup>For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup>For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

3. What the nations think of as “\_\_\_\_\_” is not what the Lord thinks of as p\_\_\_\_\_. (1:11)

2 Peter 3:3-7

<sup>3</sup> Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>6</sup> By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. <sup>7</sup> By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

Jeremiah 8:11

... "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-4

<sup>2</sup> ...the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

Revelation 6:10

<sup>9</sup> When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup> They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

Acts 9:3-5

<sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

**4. Angels are i\_\_\_\_\_ (1:12)**

**5. The Lord uses the nations to dispense his justice, but they are a\_\_\_\_\_ to him for it. (1:15)**

Joel 2:25

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—

Deuteronomy 32:35-36

<sup>35</sup> It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them." <sup>36</sup> The Lord will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone

Jeremiah 51:24

"Before your eyes I will repay Babylon and all who live in Babylonia for all the wrong they have done in Zion," declares the Lord.

**6. The Lord is committed to showing his g\_\_\_\_\_ to his people, and blessing them with p\_\_\_\_\_ (good things) (1:17)**

Psalms 79:10

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Before our eyes, make known among the nations that you avenge the outpoured blood of your servants.

**7. The strength of those who seek to destroy God's people is defeated by those who b\_\_\_\_\_ the t\_\_\_\_\_ (1:18-21)**

Zechariah 4:6

... "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.

Psalms 119:97-100

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. <sup>98</sup> Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. <sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. <sup>100</sup> I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.