

## Zechariah 2

Zechariah 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. <sup>2</sup>I asked, "Where are you going?" He answered me, "To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is." <sup>3</sup>While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him <sup>4</sup>and said to him: "Run, tell that young man, 'Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. <sup>5</sup>And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, 'and I will be its glory within.' <sup>6</sup>"Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the Lord, "for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven," declares the Lord. <sup>7</sup>"Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!" <sup>8</sup>For this is what the Lord Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— <sup>9</sup>I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me. <sup>10</sup>"Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the Lord. <sup>11</sup>"Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. <sup>12</sup>The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

### 1. God has big p \_\_\_\_\_ for his people.

Zechariah 1:14-16

<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.

Isaiah 54:2-3

<sup>2</sup>"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup>For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

Exodus 3:4

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

Psalms 46:4-5

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. <sup>5</sup>God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

### 2. God has big l \_\_\_\_\_ for his people

### 3. God has big r \_\_\_\_\_ for his people.

Exodus 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>...you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.' <sup>19</sup>But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. <sup>20</sup>So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. <sup>21</sup>"And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-

handed. <sup>22</sup> Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians.”

Exodus 12:31-36

<sup>31</sup> During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. <sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.” <sup>33</sup> The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” <sup>34</sup> So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. <sup>35</sup> The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. <sup>36</sup> The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

#### 4. God has big j\_\_\_\_\_ for his people.

Luke 19:37-40

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to **praise God in loud voices** for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Matthew 21:8-16

<sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed **shouted**, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children **shouting** in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. <sup>16</sup> “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’”

#### 5. God has big r\_\_\_\_\_ for his people

Zechariah 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> ...‘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.’

Psalms 91:1-16

<sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” <sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, <sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. <sup>9</sup> If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, <sup>10</sup> no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; <sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. <sup>14</sup> “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. <sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”