

The Prophecy Series: The Book of Zechariah

2 – EIGHT VISIONS IN THE NIGHT – PART 1 (ZECHARIAH 1:1-3:10)

I. The Call to Return (Zechariah 1:1-6)

- The word of Lord came to Zechariah stating that the Lord was angry with Israel's fathers.
- The Lord calls Israel to return to him and he will return to them.
- He calls them to not be like their fathers who did not respond to the prophets.
- The Lord asks where are their fathers now and do the prophets live forever.
- The words of the Lord overtook the fathers in judgment and they repented.

II. The First Night Vision (Zechariah 1:7-17)

- Three months after the call to return, the prophet receives a night vision.
- The prophet sees a man on a red horse among the myrtle trees, and behind him were horses.
- The prophet questions who they are and the angel tells him that he will show him.
- The man on the horse is identified as the Angel of the Lord who has sent out others to patrol the earth.
- He has the others intercede before the Lord on behalf of the people of Jerusalem and Judah.
- The Lord responds with comforting words to the Angel of the Lord.
- The Angel of the Lord tells Zechariah that the Lord is jealous for his people.
- The Lord is also very angry with the nations and promises blessings to Jerusalem.

III. The Second Night Vision (Zechariah 1:18-21)

- Zechariah saw a vision of four horns and asked the angel what they are.
- The angel identified them as the four horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.
- The Lord showed the prophet four craftsmen and the prophet inquired about them.
- These craftsmen are come to cast down the horns that scattered Judah.
- The horns and craftsmen represent nations who oppressed Judah and each other.

IV. The Third Night Vision (Zechariah 2:1-13)

- Zechariah sees a vision of man with a measuring line and he asks about him.

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- He is told that this man is to measure Jerusalem.
- Another angel comes and tells the prophet that Jerusalem will be a city without walls.
- The Lord will protect the city and fill it with his glory.
- Those remaining in exile in Babylon are to return to Zion or Jerusalem.
- The Lord will send one who will judge the nations that plundered Judah.
- Many nations will join themselves to the Lord and they will be his people.
- The Lord will dwell with his people as he has inherited Judah and Jerusalem.

V. The Fourth Night Vision (Zechariah 3:1-10)

- The Prophet sees a vision of Joshua the High Priest standing before the Angel of the Lord.
- Satan is standing at his right-hand accusing Joshua.
- The Lord rebukes Satan proclaiming that Joshua is a brand plucked from the fire.
- The angel calls for Joshua dirty garment to be replaced with pure vestments.
- He proclaims that he has taken Joshua's iniquity from him.
- He tells Joshua that if he walks in his ways, he will be given responsibility and standing.
- The Lord proclaims that he will bring his Branch, the Messiah, and he will cleanse the land.
- The land will be blessed as each will sit under his own vine and fig tree.