

# Zacharias



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1In the eighth month, in the second year of the reign of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zacharias, the son of Barachias, the son of Addo, the prophet, saying,

2The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. <sup>3</sup> And thou shalt say to them, Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Turn to me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn to you, saith the Lord of hosts. <sup>4</sup> And be ye not as your fathers, whom the prophets before charged, saying, Thus saith the Lord Almighty: Turn ye from your evil ways, and from your evil practices: but they hearkened not, and attended not to hearken to me, saith the Lord.

5Where are your fathers, and the prophets? Will they live for ever? <sup>6</sup> But do ye receive my words and mine ordinances, all that I command by my Spirit to my servants the prophets, who lived in the days of your fathers; and they answered and said, As the Lord Almighty determined to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our practices, so has he done to us.

7On the twenty-fourth day in the eleventh month, this is the month Sabat, in the second year of the reign of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zacharias, the son of Barachias, the son of Addo, the prophet, saying,

8I saw by night, and behold a man mounted on a red horse, and he stood between the shady mountains; and behind him were red horses, and grey, and piebald, and white. <sup>9</sup> And I said, What are these, my lord? And the angel that spoke with me said to me, I will shew thee what these things are. <sup>10</sup> And the man that stood between the mountains answered, and said to me, These are they whom the Lord has sent forth to go round the earth. <sup>11</sup> And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood between the mountains, and said, We have gone round all the earth, and, behold, all the earth is inhabited, and is at rest.

12Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord Almighty, how long wilt thou have no mercy on Jerusalem, and the cities of Juda, which thou hast disregarded <sup>1</sup> these seventy years? <sup>13</sup> And the Lord Almighty answered the angel that spoke with me good words and consolatory sayings.

<sup>14</sup> And the angel that spoke with me said to me, Cry out and say,

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<sup>1</sup> + 1:12 Gr. this seventieth year.

Thus saith the Lord Almighty; I have been jealous for Jerusalem and Sion with great jealousy. <sup>15</sup> And I am very angry with the heathen that combine to attack her: forasmuch as I indeed was a little angry, but they combined to attack her for evil. <sup>16</sup> Therefore thus saith the Lord: I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; and my house shall be rebuilt in her, saith the Lord Almighty, and a measuring line shall yet be stretched out over Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup> And the angel that spoke with me said to me, Cry yet, and say, Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Yet shall cities be spread abroad through prosperity; and the Lord shall yet have mercy upon Sion, and shall choose Jerusalem.

2And I lifted up mine eyes and looked, and behold four horns. <sup>2</sup> And I said to the angel that spoke with me, What are these things, my lord? And he said to me, These are the horns that have scattered Juda, and Israel, and Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> And the Lord shewed me four artificers. <sup>4</sup> And I said, What are these coming to do? And he said, These are the horns that scattered Juda, and they broke Israel in pieces, and none of them lifted up his head: and these are come forth to sharpen them for their hands, even the four horns, the nations that lifted up the horn against the land of the Lord to scatter it.

5And I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man, and in his hand a measuring line. <sup>6</sup> And I said to him, Whither goest thou? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth of it, and what is the length of it. <sup>7</sup> And, behold, the angel that spoke with me stood by, and another angel went forth to meet him, <sup>8</sup> and spoke to him, saying, Run and speak to that young man, saying,

Jerusalem shall be fully inhabited by reason of the abundance of men and cattle in the midst of her. <sup>9</sup> And I will be to her, saith the Lord, a wall of fire round about, and I will be for a glory in the midst of her.

10Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, saith the Lord: for I will gather you from the four winds of heaven, saith the Lord, <sup>11</sup> even to Sion: deliver yourselves, ye that dwell with the daughter of Babylon. <sup>12</sup> For thus saith the Lord Almighty; After the glory has he sent me to the nations that spoiled you: for he that touches you is as one that touches the apple of his eye. <sup>13</sup> For, behold, I bring my hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to them that serve them: and ye shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me.

14Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Sion: for, behold, I come, and will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And many nations shall flee for refuge to the Lord in that day, and they shall be for a people to him, and they shall dwell in the midst of thee: and thou shalt know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to thee. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord shall inherit Juda his portion in the

holy land, and he will yet choose Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup> Let all flesh fear before the Lord: for he has risen up from his holy clouds.

3And the Lord shewed me Jesus the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the <sup>2</sup> Devil stood on his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said to the Devil,

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> The Lord rebuke thee, O Devil, even the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: behold! is not this as a brand plucked from the fire?

3Now Jesus was clothed in <sup>4</sup> filthy raiment, and stood before the angel. <sup>4</sup> And the Lord answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy raiment from him: and he said to him, Behold, I have taken away thine iniquities: and clothe ye him with a <sup>5</sup> long robe, <sup>5</sup> and place a pure mitre upon his head. So they placed a pure mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments: and the angel of the Lord stood by. <sup>6</sup> And the angel of the Lord testified to Jesus, saying, <sup>7</sup> Thus saith the Lord Almighty;

I f thou wilt walk in my ways, and take heed to my charges, then shalt thou judge my house: and if thou wilt diligently keep my court, then will I give thee men to walk in the midst of these that stand here. <sup>8</sup> Hear now, Jesus the high priest, thou, and thy neighbours that are sitting before thee: for they are diviners, for, behold, I bring forth my servant The <sup>6</sup> Branch. <sup>9</sup> For as for the stone which I have set before the face of Jesus, on the one stone are seven eyes: behold, I am digging a trench, saith the Lord Almighty, and I will search out all the iniquity of that land in one day. <sup>10</sup> In that day, saith the Lord Almighty, ye shall call together every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig-tree.

4And the angel that talked with me returned, and awakened me, as when a man is awakened out of his sleep.

2And he said to me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and behold a candlestick all of gold, and its bowl upon it, and seven lamps upon it, and seven oil funnels to the lamps upon it: <sup>3</sup> and two olive-trees above it, one on the right of the bowl, and one on the left. <sup>4</sup> And I inquired, and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these things, my lord? <sup>5</sup> And the angel that talked with me answered, and spoke to me, saying, Knowest

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<sup>2</sup>+ 3:1 Or, accuser.

<sup>3</sup>+ 3:2 Jude 1. 9.

<sup>4</sup>+ 3:3 Or, vile, see Jas. 2. 2.

<sup>5</sup>+ 3:4 Or, full length.

<sup>6</sup>+ 3:8 See Luke 1. 78.

thou not what these things are? And I said, No, my lord. <sup>6</sup> And he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the Lord to Zorobabel, saying,

Not by mighty power, nor by strength, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord Almighty. <sup>7</sup> Who art thou, the great mountain before Zorobabel, that thou shouldest prosper? whereas I will bring out the stone of the inheritance, the grace of it the <sup>7</sup> equal of my grace.

8And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup> The hands of Zorobabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands shall finish it: and thou shalt know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to thee. <sup>10</sup> For who has despised the small days? surely they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet of tin in the hand of Zorobabel: these are the seven eyes <sup>8</sup> that look upon all the earth.

11And I answered, and said to him, What are these two olive-trees, which are on the right and left hand of the candlestick? <sup>12</sup> And I asked the second time, and said to him, What are the two branches of the olive-trees that are by the side of the two golden <sup>9</sup> pipes that pour into and communicate with the golden oil funnels? <sup>13</sup> And he said to me, Knowest thou not what these are? and I said, No, my lord. <sup>14</sup> And he said, These are the two <sup>10</sup> anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

5And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked and behold a flying sickle. <sup>2</sup> And he said to me, What seest thou? And I said, I see a flying sickle, of the length of twenty cubits, and of the breadth of ten cubits. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me,

This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for every thief shall be punished with death on this side, and every false swearer shall be punished on that side. <sup>4</sup> And I will bring it forth, saith the Lord Almighty, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that swears falsely by my name: and it shall rest in the midst of his house, and shall consume it, and the timber of it, and the stones of it.

5And the angel that talked with me went forth, and said to me, Lift up thine eyes, and see this that goes forth. <sup>6</sup> And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the measure that goes forth. And he said, This is their iniquity in all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And behold a talent of lead lifted up: and behold <sup>11</sup> a

<sup>7</sup>+ 4:7 Gr. equality, see John 1. 16.

<sup>8</sup>+ 4:10 Alex. + 'of the Lord.'

<sup>9</sup>+ 4:12 Gr. nostrils.

<sup>10</sup>+ 4:14 Gr. sons of fatness. Rev. 11. 4.

<sup>11</sup>+ 5:7 Heb. and Gr. one woman. see ver. 9.



woman sat in the midst of the measure. <sup>8</sup> And he said, This is iniquity. And he cast it into the midst of the measure, and cast the weight of lead on the mouth of it. <sup>9</sup> And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, two women coming forth, and the wind was in their wings; and they had stork's wings: and they lifted up the measure between the earth and the sky. <sup>10</sup> And I said to the angel that spoke with me, Whither do these carry away the measure? <sup>11</sup> And he said to me, To build it a house in the land of Babylon, and to prepare a place for it; and they shall set it there on its own <sup>12</sup> base.

<sup>6</sup>And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, four chariots coming out from between two mountains; and the mountains were brazen mountains. <sup>2</sup> In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; <sup>3</sup> and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot piebald and ash-coloured horses. <sup>4</sup> And I answered and said to the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

<sup>5</sup>And the angel that talked with me answered and said, These are the four winds of heaven, and they are going forth to stand before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup> As for the chariot in which were the black horses, they went out to the land of the north; and the white went out after them; and the piebald went out to the land of the south. <sup>7</sup> And the ash-coloured went out, and looked to go and compass the earth: and <sup>13</sup> he said, Go, and compass the earth. And they compassed the earth.

<sup>8</sup>And he cried out and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these go out to the land of the north, and they have quieted mine anger in the land of the north.

<sup>9</sup>And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>10</sup> Take the things of the captivity from <sup>14</sup> the chief men, and from the useful men of it, and from them that have understood it; and thou shalt enter in that day into the house of Josias the son of Sophonias that came out of Babylon. <sup>11</sup> And thou shalt take silver and gold, and make crowns, and thou shalt put them upon the head of Jesus the son of Josedec the high priest; <sup>12</sup> and thou shalt say to him, Thus saith the Lord Almighty;

**B**ehold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall spring up <sup>15</sup> from his stem, and build the house of the Lord. <sup>13</sup> And he shall receive <sup>16</sup> power, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and there shall be a priest on his right hand, and a peaceable counsel shall be between them both.

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<sup>12</sup> + **5:11 Gr.** preparation.

<sup>13</sup> + **6:7 Or,** one said.

<sup>14</sup> + **6:10 Heb.** proper names. See A. V.

<sup>15</sup> + **6:12 Gr.** from beneath him.

<sup>16</sup> + **6:13 Lit.** virtue.

14And the crown shall be to them that wait patiently, and to the useful men <sup>17</sup> of the captivity, and to them that have known it, and for the favour of the son of Sophonias, and for a psalm in the house of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And they that are far from them shall come and build in the house of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you: and this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God.

7And it came to pass in the fourth year of Darius the king, that the word of the Lord came to Zacharias on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Cheseleu. <sup>2</sup> And Sarasar and Arbeseer the king and his men sent to Bæthel, and that to propitiate the Lord, <sup>3</sup> speaking to the priests that were in the house of the Lord Almighty, and to the prophets, saying, The holy offering has come in hither in the fifth month, as it has done already many years.

4And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> Speak to the whole people of the land, and to the priests, saying, Though ye fasted or lamented in the fifth or seventh months (yea, behold, these seventy years) have ye at all fasted to me? <sup>6</sup> And if ye eat or drink, do ye not eat and drink for yourselves? <sup>7</sup> Are not these the words which the Lord spoke by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and her cities round about her, and the hill country and the low country was inhabited?

8And the word of the Lord came to Zacharias, saying, <sup>9</sup> Thus saith the Lord Almighty;

**J**udge righteous judgment, and deal mercifully and compassionately every one with his brother: <sup>10</sup> and oppress not the widow, or the fatherless, or the stranger, or the poor; and let not one of you remember in his heart the injury of his brother.

11But they refused to attend, and madly turned their back, and made their ears heavy, so that they should not hear. <sup>12</sup> And they made their heart disobedient, so as not to hearken to my law, and the words which the Lord Almighty sent forth by his Spirit by the former prophets: so there was great wrath from the Lord Almighty. <sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass, that as he spoke, and they hearkened not, so they shall cry, and I will not hearken, saith the Lord Almighty. <sup>14</sup> And I will cast them out among all the nations, whom they know not; and the land behind them shall be made utterly destitute of any going through or returning: yea they have made the choice land a desolation.

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<sup>17</sup> + 6:14 Gr. of it.

8And the word of the Lord Almighty came, saying, <sup>2</sup> Thus saith the Lord Almighty; I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Sion with great jealousy, and I have been jealous for her with great fury.

3Thus saith the Lord; I will return to Sion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a true city, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty a holy mountain.

4Thus saith the Lord Almighty; There shall yet dwell old men and old women in the streets of Jerusalem, every one holding his staff in his hand for age. <sup>5</sup> And the broad places of the city shall be filled with boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6Thus saith the Lord Almighty; If it shall be impossible in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, shall it also be impossible in my sight? saith the Lord Almighty.

7Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and the west country; <sup>8</sup> and I will bring them in, and cause them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be to me a people, and I will be to them a God, in truth and in righteousness.

9Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words out of the mouth of the prophets, from the day that the house of the Lord Almighty was founded, and from the time that the temple was built. <sup>10</sup> For before those days the wages of men could not be profitable, and there could be no hire of cattle, and there could be no peace by reason of the affliction to him that went out or to him that came in: for I would have let loose all men, every one against his neighbour. <sup>11</sup> But now I will not do to the remnant of this people according to the former days, saith the Lord Almighty. <sup>12</sup> But I will shew peace: the vine shall yield her fruit, and the land shall yield her produce, and the heaven shall give its dew: and I will give as an inheritance all these things to the remnant of my people. <sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Juda, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: be of good courage, and strengthen your hands.

14For thus saith the Lord Almighty; As I took counsel to afflict you when your fathers provoked me, saith the Lord Almighty, and I repented not: <sup>15</sup> so have I prepared and taken counsel in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Juda: be ye of good courage. <sup>16</sup> These are the things which ye shall do; speak truth every one with his neighbour; judge truth and peaceable judgment in your gates: <sup>17</sup> and let none of you devise evil in his

heart against his neighbour; and love not a false oath: for all these things I hate, saith the Lord Almighty.

18And the word of the Lord Almighty came to me, saying,

19Thus saith the Lord Almighty, The fourth fast, and the fifth fast, and the seventh fast, and the tenth fast, shall be to the house of Juda for joy and gladness, and for good feasts; and ye shall rejoice; and love ye the truth and peace.

20Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Yet shall many peoples come, and the inhabitants of many cities; <sup>21</sup> and the inhabitants of five cities shall come together to one city, saying, Let us go to make supplication to the Lord, and to seek the face of the Lord Almighty; I will go also. <sup>22</sup> And many peoples and many nations shall come to seek earnestly the face of the Lord Almighty in Jerusalem, and to <sup>18</sup> obtain favour of the Lord.

23Thus saith the Lord Almighty; In those days my word shall be fulfilled if ten men of all the languages of the nations should take hold—even take hold of the hem of a Jew, saying, We will go with thee; for we have heard that God is with you.

9The burden of the word of the Lord in the land of Sedrach, and his sacrifice shall be in Damascus; for the Lord looks upon men, and upon all the tribes of Israel. <sup>2</sup> And in Emath, even in her coasts, are Tyre and Sidon, because they were very wise. <sup>3</sup> And Tyrus built strong-holds for herself, and heaped up silver as dust, and gathered gold as the mire of the ways.

4And therefore the Lord will take them for a possession, and will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be consumed with fire. <sup>5</sup> Ascalon shall see, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be greatly pained, and Accaron; for she is ashamed <sup>19</sup> at her trespass; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ascalon shall not be inhabited. <sup>6</sup> And aliens shall dwell in Azotus, and I will bring down the pride of the Philistines. <sup>7</sup> And I will take their blood out of their mouth, and their abominations from between their teeth; and these also shall be left to our God, and they shall be as a captain of a thousand in Juda, and Accaron as a Jebusite. <sup>8</sup> And I will set up a <sup>20</sup> defence for my house, that they may not pass through, nor turn back, neither shall there any more come upon them one to drive them away: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

<sup>18</sup> + **8:22 Gr.** conciliate the face of the Lord.

<sup>19</sup> + **9:5 Alex.** of her hope.

<sup>20</sup> + **9:8 Or,** bulwark. See Zeph. 2. 14.