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1 In 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, 2 The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. 3 And you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord Almighty: Turn to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will turn to you, says the Lord of hosts. 4 And be you° not as your fathers, whom the prophets before charged, saying, Thus says the Lord Almighty: Turn you° from your evil ways, and from your evil practices: but they listened not, and attended not to listen to me, says the Lord. 5 Where are your fathers, and the prophets? Will they live for ever? 6 But do you° receive my words and my 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. 7 On 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, 8 I 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. 9 And I said, What are these, my lord? And the angel that spoke with me said to me, I will show you what these things are. 10 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. 11 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. 12 Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord Almighty, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem, and the cities of Juda, which you have disregarded 1 these seventy years? 13 And the Lord Almighty answered the angel that spoke with me good words and consolatory sayings. 14 And the angel that spoke with me said to me, Cry out and say, Thus says the Lord Almighty; I have been jealous for Jerusalem and Sion with great jealousy. 15 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. 16 Therefore thus says the Lord: I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; and my house shall be rebuilt in her, says the Lord Almighty, and a measuring line shall yet be stretched out over Jerusalem. 17 And the angel that spoke with me said to me, Cry yet, and say, Thus says the Lord Almighty; Yet shall cities be spread abroad through prosperity; and the Lord shall yet have mercy upon Sion, and shall choose Jerusalem. 18 And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold four horns. 19 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. 20 And the Lord showed

¹ + 1:12 Gr. this seventies year.

me four artificers. ²¹ 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.

2And I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold a man, and in his hand a measuring line. ² And I said to him, Whither go you? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth of it, and what is the length of it. ³ And, behold, the angel that spoke with me stood by, and another angel went forth to meet him, ⁴ 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. ⁵ And I will be to her, says the Lord, a wall of fire round about, and I will be for a glory in the midst of her. ⁶ Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, says the Lord: for I will gather you from the four winds of heaven, says the Lord, ⁷ even to Sion: deliver yourselves, you° that dwell with the daughter of Babylon. ⁸ For thus says 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. ⁹ For, behold, I bring my hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to them that serve them: and you° shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me. ¹⁰ Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Sion: for, behold, I come, and will dwell in the midst of you, says the Lord. ¹¹ 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 you: and you shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. ¹² And the Lord shall inherit Juda his portion in the holy land, and he will yet choose Jerusalem. ¹³ Let all flesh fear before the Lord: for he has risen up from his holy clouds.

3And the Lord showed me Jesus the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the ² Devil stood on his right hand to resist him. ² And the Lords said to the Devil, ³ ³ The Lord rebuke you, O Devil, even the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you: behold! is not this as a brand plucked from the fire? ⁴ Now Jesus was clothed in ⁴ filthy raiment, and stood before the angel. ⁵ 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 your iniquities: and clothe you° him with a ⁵ long robe, ⁶ 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. ⁷ And the angel of the Lord testified to Jesus, saying, ⁸ Thus says the Lord Almighty; If you will walk in my ways, and take heed to my

²+ 3:1 Or, accuser.

³+ 3:3 Jude 9.

⁴+ 3:4 Or, vile, see James 2. 2.

⁵+ 3:5 Or, full length.

charges, then shall you judge my house: and if you will diligently keep my court, then will I give you men to walk in the midst of these that stand here. ⁹ Hear now, Jesus the high priest, you, and your neighbours that are sitting before you: for they are diviners, for, behold, I bring forth my servant The ⁶ Branch. ¹⁰ 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, says the Lord Almighty, and I will search out all the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹¹ In that day, says the Lord Almighty, you^o 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. ² And he said to me, What see you? 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: ³ and two olive-trees above it, one on the right of the bowl, and one on the left. ⁴ And I enquired, and spoke to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these things, my lord? ⁵ And the angel that talked with me answered, and spoke to me, saying, Know you not what these things are? And I said, No, my lord. ⁶ 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, says the Lord Almighty. ⁷ Who are you, the great mountain before Zorobabel, that you should prosper? whereas I will bring out the stone of the inheritance, the grace of it the ⁷ equal of my grace. ⁸ And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁹ The hands of Zorobabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands shall finish it: and you shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. ¹⁰ 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 ⁸ that look upon all the earth. ¹¹ And I answered, and said to him, What are these two olive-trees, which are on the right and left hand of the candlestick? ¹² 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 ⁹ pipes that pour into and communicate with the golden oil funnels? ¹³ And he said to me, Know you not what these are? and I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴ And he said, These are the two ¹⁰ anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

5And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked and behold a flying sickle. ² And he said to me, What see you? And I said, I see a flying sickle, of the length of twenty cubits, and of the breadth of ten cubits. ³ And he said to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth:

⁶ + 3:9 See Luke 1. 78.

⁷ + 4:7 Gr. equality, see Jno. 1. 16.

⁸ + 4:10 Alex. + 'of the Lord.'

⁹ + 4:12 Gr. nostrils.

¹⁰ + 4:14 Gr. sons of fatness. Rev. 11. 4.

for every thief shall be punished with death on this side, and every false swearer shall be punished on that side. ⁴ And I will bring it forth, says 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. ⁵ And the angel that talked with me went forth, and said to me, Lift up your eyes, and see this that goes forth. ⁶ 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. ⁷ And behold a talent of lead lifted up: and behold ¹¹ a woman sat in the midst of the measure. ⁸ 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. ⁹ And I lifted up my 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. ¹⁰ And I said to the angel that spoke with me, Whither do these carry away the measure? ¹¹ 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 ¹² base.

⁶And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, four chariots coming out from between two mountains; and the mountains were brazen mountains. 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 piebald and ash-coloured horses. ⁴ And I answered and said to the angel that talked with me, What are these, my Lord? ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ And the ash-coloured went out, and looked to go and compass the earth: and ¹³ he said, Go, and compass the earth. And they compassed the earth. ⁸ And he cried out and spoke to me, saying, Behold, these go out to the land of the north, and they have quieted my anger in the land of the north. ⁹ And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ¹⁰ Take the things of the captivity from ¹⁴ the chief men, and from the useful men of it, and from them that have understood it; and you shall enter in that day into the house of Josias the son of Sophonias that came out of Babylon. ¹¹ And you shall take silver and gold, and make crowns, and you shall put them upon the head of Jesus the son of Josedec the high priest; ¹² and you shall say to him, Thus says the Lord Almighty; Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall spring up ¹⁵ from his stem, and build the house of the

¹¹ + **5:7 Heb.** and Gr. one woman. see ver. 9.

¹² + **5:11 Gr.** preparation.

¹³ + **6:7 Or,** one said.

¹⁴ + **6:10 Heb.** proper names. See A. V.

¹⁵ + **6:12 Gr.** from beneath him.

Lord. ¹³ And he shall receive ¹⁶ power, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and there shall be a priest on his right hand, and a peaceful counsel shall be between them both. ¹⁴ And the crown shall be to them that wait patiently, and to the useful men ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁵ And they that are far from them shall come and build in the house of the Lord, and you° shall know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you: and this shall come to pass, if you° will diligently listen 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. ² And Sarasar and Arbeseer the king and his men sent to Bethel, and that to propitiate the Lord, ³ 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. ⁴ And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, ⁵ Speak to the whole people of the land, and to the priests, saying, Though you° fasted or lamented in the fifth or seventh months (yes, behold, these seventy years) have you° at all fasted to me? ⁶ And if you° eat or drink, do you° not eat and drink for yourselves? ⁷ 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? ⁸ And the word of the Lord came to Zacharias, saying, ⁹ Thus says the Lord Almighty; Judge righteous judgement, and deal mercifully and compassionately every one with his brother: ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ But they refused to attend, and madly turned their back, and made their ears heavy, so that they should not hear. ¹² And they made their heart disobedient, so as not to listen 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. ¹³ And it shall come to pass, that as he spoke, and they listened not, so they shall cry, and I will not listen, says the Lord Almighty. ¹⁴ And I will cast them out amongst all the nations, whom they know not; and the land behind them shall be made utterly destitute of any going through or returning: yes they have made the choice land a desolation.

8And the word of the Lord Almighty came, saying, ² Thus says 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. ³ Thus says 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.

¹⁶ + 6:13 Lit. virtue.

¹⁷ + 6:14 Gr. of it.