

The Book of Zechariah

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

Today we study the book of **Zechariah**, the eleventh book of "The Minor Prophets" and the second-last book of the Old Testament. Like Haggai, Zechariah ministered as a young man (**2:4**) during the early period of the rebuilding of the Temple. And like Haggai, Zechariah brings a rebuke and challenge to the people in post-exile Judah. In fact, **Zechariah 4:6-10** closely matches **Haggai 1-2**.

The first six chapters of **Zechariah** list a total of eight night visions:

- ☞ **1:7-17** – The horseman among the Myrtle trees
- ☞ **1:18-21** – The four horns and the four craftsmen
- ☞ **2:1-13** – The measuring line
- ☞ **3:1-10** – Clean garments for Joshua, the High Priest
- ☞ **4:1-14** – The two olive trees
- ☞ **5:1-4** – The flying scroll
- ☞ **5:5-11** – The woman in a basket
- ☞ **6:1-8** – The four chariots

The last half of **Zechariah** applies these visions to Judah's present condition, and also foresees the coming of the Messiah. In fact, **Zechariah** contains no less than seven messianic prophecies:

- ☞ **3:8-9** – The coming of the Branch
- ☞ **9:9-10** – The coming of Judah's king upon a donkey
- ☞ **11:7-13** – The betrayal of the shepherd
- ☞ **12:10-14** – The pierced one
- ☞ **13:6** – The wounded one
- ☞ **13:7** – The striking of the shepherd
- ☞ **14:3-9** – The return of the conquering Messiah

Zechariah is a book rich in prophetic imagery and messianic significance. With this in mind, let's now read this book in one sitting.

Memory Verse

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word
and believes him who sent me has eternal life
and will not be condemned; he has crossed
over from death to life.

John 5:24

Your Fishing Kit

This is the twenty-third verse in your fishing kit. In this one verse, Jesus establishes the eternal security of those who believe in him. Jesus is very specific. Through faith in Christ, a person crosses over from eternal condemnation into eternal life.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16	Isaiah 55:6-7	John 1:12	2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	2 Corinthians 5:21
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	Matthew 10:32-33
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	Romans 2:4-5
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 8:32	Acts 17:30
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 8:36	1 John 5:10
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	John 10:10	1 John 5:11-12
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	John 10:28	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	Romans 10:9	John 16:33
Isaiah 64:6	1 John 1:10	Romans 10:13	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.