

# Book of Zechariah

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**Read Paragraph > Zechariah 8:1-8**

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**Working Outline > Zechariah 8:1-8** (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- XIX. **the LORD, will** return to **Zion** and **will** dwell in **Jerusalem**, with **His People, 8:1-8, ¶ (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) (518BC)**
- A. 1 Then **the word of the LORD of hosts (the Father)** came (to **Zechariah**), saying,
  - B. 2 “Thus says **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**,
    1. ‘**I am** exceedingly **jealous (Zech 1:17)** for **Zion** (Mountain, **Ps 2:6, Joel 2:1**),
    2. yes, with **great wrath I am jealous** for **her** (Mt. Zion, **Zech 1:14**).’
  - C. 3 “Thus says **the LORD (Jesus)**,
    1. ‘**I (Jesus) will** return to **Zion** and **will** dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem**. (**Zech 1:16, 2:10-11, Joel 3:17, Ezek 43:1-5, Isa 2:1-4, Isa 4:2-6**)
    2. Then **Jerusalem** will be called **the City of Truth**,
    3. and **the mountain** (Mt. Zion) of **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**
      - a. (Mt. Zion) will be called **the Holy Mountain**.’ (**Ps 2:6, Joel 2:1**)
  - D. 4 “Thus says **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**,
    1. ‘Old **men** and old **women** will again sit in the streets of **Jerusalem**,
      - a. each **man** with **his** staff in **his** hand because of age. (**Isa 65:20-22**)
    2. **5** ‘And the streets of **the city** (Jer,) will be filled with **boys** and **girls** playing in **its** streets.’
  - E. 6 “Thus says **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**,
  - F. [Q: Rhetorical] ‘If it is **too difficult** in the sight of the **remnant** of **this people** in those days,
    1. will it also be **too difficult** (**Jer 32:17, 27**) in **My sight**?’ declares **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**.
  - G. 7 “Thus says **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**,
    1. ‘Behold, **I am** going to
      - a. **save My people** from the land of the east and from the land of the west; (**Isa 43:5**)
      - b. **8** and **I will** bring **them** (Israel) back and **they** will live in the midst of **Jerusalem**;
      - c. and **they** (Israel) shall be **My people**,
      - d. and **I will** be **their** (Israel’s) **God** in truth and righteousness.’ (**Ezek 37:21-28**)

## Questions of the Text: Zechariah 8:1-8

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In **Zechariah 7: 11-14**, **the Lord** speaks of **His Judgement** on **Israel**, But now **He** speaks of **Blessing**.

Then **the word of the LORD of hosts (the Father)** came (to **Zechariah**), **Zech 8:1**

**Q1:** In **Verse 2**, **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**, is exceedingly **jealous** for **Zion**. What is **Zion**? **Read Ps 2:6**

**A1:** **Zion** is **Mt. Zion**, in **Jerusalem**. “**I** have installed **My** King Upon **Zion**, **My** holy mountain”, **Ps 2:6**

In **Verse 2**, **the Father** **exceedingly jealous** for **Mt. Zion**, with **great wrath**.

**Q2:** What does it mean to be **jealous** in a **Human** relationship, like with a **wife** or a **girl friend** ?

**A2:** **Someone** is **jealous**, when **they** feel **angry** or bitter because **they** think that another person is trying to take a lover, friend, spouse, or a possession, away from **them**, that may lead to a **response**..

**Q3:** In **Verse 2**, in **what sense** is **the Father** **exceedingly jealous** for **Mt. Zion**, with **great wrath** ?

**A3:** **the Father**, with **great wrath**, is **greatly angry** because **He** knows that **someone** has taken **His** beloved **Mt. Zion**, leading to **His** revealing **Mt. Zion’s** future **restoration**.

**Q4:** In Verse 3a, what 2 Major Things will happen ?

**A4:** 'I (Jesus) will (1) return to Zion and I (Jesus) will will (2) dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

**Q5:** In Verses 4 + 5, When will Old men, women and children fill the streets of Jerusalem? **Read** Isa 65:20-22

**A5:** 22 .....”For as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people,

And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.

**Q6:** In Verses 6, What is the answer to the Lord's, Rhetorical Question, about “it” the reclaiming of

Mt. Zion being “too difficult” for “the remnant of this people (Israel) in those days” **Read** Jer 32:17

**A6:** “Nothing is too difficult for You” Jer 32:17, “declares the LORD of hosts (the Father), Zech 8:6

“the remnant of this people” refers to: the portion or remnant of Nation of Israel alive in those days”,

meaning “those days” when the Lord returns to Zion/Jerusalem and “saves” His People Israel and brings

them back to Jerusalem and they will be the Lord's people and the Lord will be their God, Zech 8:6-8

**Q7:** In Verse 7, what 4 Things will the LORD do ?

**A7:** I (the Father), am going to >

(1) save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west.(from everywhere)

(2) I will bring them (Israel) back and they (Israel) will live in the midst of Jerusalem;

(3) and they (Israel) shall be My people,

(4) and I will be their (Israel's) God in truth and righteousness.'

**Read** Ezek 37:21-28, [All in the Millennial Kingdom] Other Passages: Isa 11:11-12, Isa 27:12-13, Amos 9:11-15

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Working Outline > Zechariah 8:9–13 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

XX. Do not Fear, Let **your** hands be strong **Israel**, **You** will be **Saved** and **Blessed**, 8:9–13, ¶ (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) (518BC)

- A. 9 “Thus says **the LORD of hosts** (**the Father**), ‘Let **your** (**Israel’s**) hands be strong, 8:13d
1. **you** (**Israel**) who are listening in **these days** to these words from **the mouth** of **the prophets**,
  2. **those** (**prophets**) who spoke in **the day**
    - a. that **the foundation** of **the house** of **the LORD of hosts** was laid,
    - b. to the end that **the temple** might be built.
- B. 10 ‘**For** (Because) before **those days** there was **no wage** for **man** or **any wage** for **animal**;
1. and for **him** who went out or came in there was **no peace** because of **his** enemies,
  2. and **I** (**the Father**) set **all men** one against another.
- C. 11 ‘**But** now **I will not** treat the **remnant** of **this people** (**Israel**) as in the **former days**,’
- a. declares **the LORD of hosts** (**the Father**).
  1. 12 ‘**For** (Because) there will be **peace** for **the seed**:
  2. **the vine** will **yield** its **fruit**,
  3. **the land** will **yield** its **produce** and
  4. **the heavens** will **give** their **dew**;
  5. and **I will** **cause** the **remnant** of **this people** (**Israel**) to inherit **all these things**.
- D. 13 ‘It will (in future) come about that
1. **just as** (same way) **you** (**Israel**) were a **curse** among **the nations**,
  2. O **house** of **Judah** and **house** of **Israel**,
  3. **so** (Reason) **I will save you** (**both**) (WHY?) that **you** may become a **blessing**.
  4. **Do not** fear; let **your** (**Israel’s**) hands be strong.’ 8:9a

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In **Zech 8:1-8**, **The LORD**, **will** return to **Zion** and **will** dwell in the midst of **Jerusalem**, with **His People**.

Now **the Lord** further speaks of **Israel’s** Future **Blessings** and being **Saved**.

**Q1:** In **Verse 9**, WHO are **the Prophets** who spoke in **the day** that **the foundation** of **the house** of **the LORD of hosts** was laid, to the end that **the temple** might be built. **Read Ezra 5:1-2**

**A1:** “**the prophets**, **Haggai** and **Zechariah**”, **2 years** BEFORE when **they** began Building **Temple**, in **520BC**

**Q2:** In **Verse 10**, WHAT **3 Things** were the Problem, BEFORE **those days**, of starting to Build the **Temple** ?

**A2:** (1) there was **no wage** for **man** or **animal**; (2) there was **no peace** because of **his** enemies, (3) (**the Father**) set **all men** against each another. ALL Explained in **Hag 1:6-11**, in **520BC**

**Q3:** In **Verse 11 + 12**, the word “**But**” contrasts with, what was said in **Verse 10**.

So HOW will **the Lord** **NOT** treat the **remnant** of **this people** (**Israel**) as in the **former days**.

**A3:** (1) there will be **peace** for **the seed**, (2) **the vine** will **yield its** **fruit**, (3) **the land** will **yield its** **produce** (4) and **the heavens** will **give their** **dew**; (5) **the Lord** will **cause** (**Israel**) to inherit **all these things**.

**Q4:** In **Verse 13**, WHAT will come about in the Future, concerning **Cursing** and **Blessing**, of **Israel** ?

**A4:** (1) in the (same way) (**Israel**) was a **Curse** among **the nations**, **the Lord** will **Save** (**both**) S. **Judah** and N. **Israel**. (WHY?) that **Nation of Israel** may become a **blessing**.

**Q5:** WHY was **Israel** **Cursed** in the first Place ? **Read Deut 28:15, 20, 25, 36, 45, 48, 49**

**A5:** “if **you do not obey** (**Sin**) **the LORD your God**”, “all these **Curses** will come upon **you**”, **Deut 28:15**

**Q6:** Are **Curses** in the Bible **Permanent** or **NOT** ? Explain ?

**A5:** **Curse** of **Ground** Given, **Gen 3:17**, Removed. **Gen 8:21**. **Curse** of **the Law**, Removed, **Gal 3:10-14**, **Curse** of **Death**, **Gen 1:17**, Removed, **Rev 22:3**. **Curse** of **Creation**, **Rom 8:19**, Removed, **Hos 2:18**, **Isa 11:6**

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XXI. As I purposed to do harm to you, so now I purposed to do good to you, 8:14–17, ¶ (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) (518BC)

- A. 14 “For thus says the LORD of hosts (the Father).
1. ‘Just as I purposed to do harm to you (Israel)
    - a. when your fathers (Israel’s) provoked Me to wrath,’ says the LORD of hosts,
      - i. ‘and I have not relented (in doing harm),
- B. 15 so I (the LORD) have again purposed in these days
1. to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.
  2. Do not fear!
- C. 16 ‘These are the things which you should do:
1. speak the truth to one another;
  2. judge with truth and
  3. judgment for (make) peace in your gates.
4. 17 ‘Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another,
5. and do not love perjury (lie under oath);
    - a. for (Because) all these (things) are what I hate,’ declares the LORD.”

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In Zech 8:14–17, The LORD, will purpose in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

**Q1:** In Verses 14 + 15, WHAT did the Lord purpose to do BEFORE and THEN purpose in these days of Israel ?

**A1:** the Lord purposed to do harm, to you (Israel) BEFORE

THEN in these days > the Lord purposed to do good, to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah

**Q2:** In Verses 16 + 17, WHAT “things” should Israel do, according to the Lord ?

**A2:** (1) speak the truth to one another; (2) judge with truth and (3) (make) peace in your gates.

(4) let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, (5) do Not love perjury (lie under oath)

**Q3:** In Verse 17, WHAT is the REASON Given by the Lord for NOT Doing, these last 2 things ?

**A3:** (Because) all these (things) are what I hate,’ declares the LORD.”

## Read Paragraph > Zechariah 8:19–23

Your Fasts will be turned to Joy and Feasts, All Nations will seek the Lord

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- XXII. Your Fasts will be turned to Joy and Feasts, All Nations will seek the Lord, 8:19–23, ¶ (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) (518BC)
- A. 19 “Thus (in this way) says the LORD of hosts (the Father),
  - B. ‘The fast of the fourth, ... of the fifth, ... of the seventh and ... of the tenth months
    - 1. (the fasts) will become (future) joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah;
    - a. so love truth and peace.’ 8:16
  - C. 20 “Thus (in this way) says the LORD of hosts,
    - 1. ‘It will yet be (future) that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities.
  - D. 21 ‘The inhabitants of one (city) will go to another (city), saying,
    - 1. “Let us (men) go at once to entreat (earnestly request) the favor of the LORD, 8:22
    - 2. and to seek the LORD of hosts; I (myself) will also go.”
  - E. 22 ‘So (Reason) many peoples and mighty nations will (future)
    - 1. come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem
    - 2. and to entreat the favor of the LORD.’ 8:21
  - F. 23 “Thus (in this way) says the LORD of hosts,
    - 1. ‘In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying,
      - a. “Let us (men) go with you (Jews), for we (men) have heard that God is with you (Jews).”

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The LORD waited till now to answer the question raised by the Bethel delegates (7:2–3) about the commemorative 4 fasts they had been doing for the last 70 years. Commemorating the siege and capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. These fasts are still observed by some Jews today. But at the Lord’s Second Coming these fasts will be turned into feasts, as part of Joy in the Millennium. See Study on Zech 7

Q1: In Verses 20 + 21 + 22, WHAT Things, in the Future, will the Peoples of the Nations, come to do ?

A1: the peoples will come, to entreat (earnestly request) the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts;

Q2: In Verse 23, WHAT will the men, in the Future, of All Nations do, concerning the Jews ?

A2: In those days (when men seek the Lord, in Jerusalem, 8:22)

ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying,

“Let us (men) go with you (Jews),

for we (men) have heard that God is with you (Jews).” [Want what Jews have]

## The Nation of Israel

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