

# Book of Zechariah

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## Read Paragraph > Zechariah 1:7-11 The Vision of the Horses and Riders

Working Outline > Zechariah 1:7-11 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

II. The word of the Lord came to Zechariah the Prophet, 1:7-11 ¶ (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>) (519BC) (at Night)

- A. 7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month,
  1. which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius (I),
- B. the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the prophet, 1:7
  1. the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, 1:7as follows:
- C. 8 I (Zechariah) saw (Vision) at night, 1:8
  1. and behold, a man was riding on a red horse, 1:8
  2. and he (a man on red horse) was standing among the myrtle trees 1:8
    - a. which were in the ravine, 1:8
  3. with red (horses), sorrel (red brown, horses) and white horses behind him (a man). 1:8
- D. 9 Then I (Zechariah) said, “My lord, what are these (horses/rider)?” 1:9
  1. And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, 1:9
  2. “I (the angel) will show you what these (horses/riders) are.” 1:9
- E. 10 And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, 1:10a
  1. “These (horses/riders) are those whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth.” 1:10b
  2. 11 So they (horses/riders) answered the angel of the Lord 1:11a
    - a. who (the angel of the Lord) was standing among the myrtle trees and said, 1:11b
  3. “We (horses/riders) have patrolled the earth, 1:11c
    - a. and behold, all the earth is peaceful and quiet.” 1:11d

## Questions of the Text: Zechariah 1:7-11 The Vision of the Horses and Riders

Immediate Audience: Zechariah

Intended Audience: Nation of Israel

Immediate Application: Nation of Israel

Personal Application: Don't You be Like Israel

Q1: Who was Riding a Red Horse, in 1:8? A: a man

Q2: How many Horses were there, in 1:8? See Chart A: 1 Horse + 3 Horses behind = 4 Horses OR

OR Septuagint says, 1 Horse + 4 Horses behind = 5 Horses, with 4 Colors

Q3: Who was “speaking with” Zechariah, in 1:9? A: “the angel”

Q4: Who will show Zechariah what these (horses/riders) are, in 1:9 A: “the angel”

Q5: Who actually showed what these (horses/riders) are, in 1:10b? A: “the man”

Q6: Who are (horses/riders), in 1:10b? A: “those the Lord sent to patrol the earth” 1:10, Angels

Q7: Who answered Zechariah's Question, in 1:10a? A: the man “answered and said”, in 1:10b

Q8: Who answered Zechariah's Question, in 1:10c? A: “they (horses/riders, Angels) answered”, See Chart

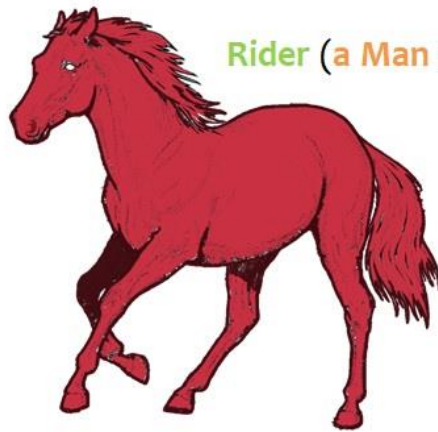
Q9: Who did the (horses/riders) answer, in 1:10c? A: “the angel of the Lord” 1:10c

Q10: Who “was standing among the myrtle trees”, in 1:10d? A: who (the angel of the Lord) 1:10d

Q11: Who “was standing among the myrtle trees”, in 1:8 AND in 1:10? A: “the man”

Q12: Is “the man”, the “Red Horse Rider”, and also “the angel of the Lord”? A: Probably Yes!

A Man Riding a Red Horse, was standing among the myrtle trees, Zech 1:8

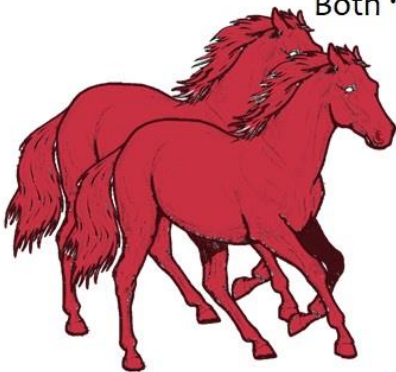


Rider (a Man > the angel of the Lord)

a Man Riding a Red Horse, was standing among the myrtle trees, in the ravine, Zech 1:8  
the Man who was standing among the myrtle trees, Zech 1:10  
the angel of the Lord was standing among the myrtle trees, Zech 1:11

Horses & Riders, whom The Lord Has Sent to Patrol the Earth, Zech 1:10

Riders [Not said, But probably Angels (4 spirits), like Zech 6:1-7]  
Both "patrolled the earth"



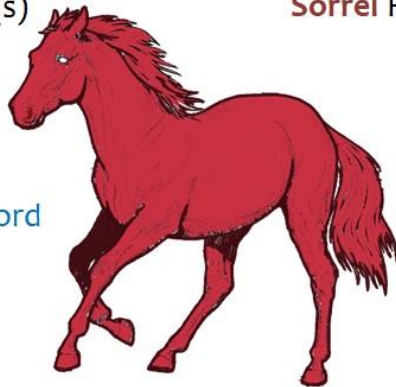
Red Horse(s)



Sorrel Horse(s)



White Horse(s)



Rider (a Man) >  
the angel of the Lord

A Man Riding a Red Horse

Septuagint (LES) says, 4 Horse Colors, Not 3  
"behind him were (1) red and (2) dapple gray  
and (3) multicolored and (4) white horses"

"We Horses & Riders (Angels = spirits)  
have patrolled the earth", Zech 1:10

"four spirits (Angels) of heaven", Zech 6:5  
"patrol the earth", Zech 6:7

## Read Paragraph > Zechariah 1:12-17 The Vision of the Horses and Riders

### Working Outline > Zechariah 1:12-17 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- II. **the angel of the LORD** to the **LORD of hosts**, How Long will **You** be **Angry**, **1:12-17** ¶ (**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**) (519BC)
  - A. **12** Then **the angel of the LORD** (**Jesus**) said, “O **LORD of hosts** (**the Father**), **1:12a**
    - 1. how long will **You** (**Father**) have **no compassion** for **Jerusalem** and the cities of **Judah**, **1:12b**
    - 2. with which **You** (**Father**) have been **indignant** these **seventy years** ?” **1:12c**
  - B. **13** **The LORD** (**the Father**) **answered the angel** (**of the Lord, Jesus**) **who** was speaking with **me** **1:13**
    - 1. with gracious words, comforting words. **1:13**
  - C. **14** So **the angel** (**of the Lord, Jesus**) who was speaking with **me** (**Zechariah**) said to **me**, **1:14**
    - 1. “**Proclaim**, saying, ‘Thus says **the LORD of hosts** (**the Father**), **1:14**
    - 2. “**I** (**the Father**) **am** exceedingly **jealous** for **Jerusalem** and **Zion**. **1:14**
  - D. **15** “But **I** (**the Father**) **am very angry** with **the nations** who are at ease; **1:15**
    - 1. **for** (**Reason**) while **I** was only a **little angry**, **they** (**the nations**) furthered the disaster.” **1:15**
  - E. **16** ‘**Therefore** (because of that) thus says **the LORD** (**the Father**), **1:16**
    - 1. “**I will** (**the Father**) **return** to **Jerusalem** with compassion; **1:16**
    - 2. **My house** (**Temple**) will be **built** in **it** (**Jerusalem**),” declares **the LORD of hosts**, **1:16**
    - 3. “and a **measuring line** will be stretched over **Jerusalem**.” ’ **1:16**
  - F. **17** “Again, proclaim (**Zechariah**), saying, ‘Thus says **the LORD of hosts** (**the Father**), **1:16**
    - 1. “**My cities** will again overflow with prosperity, **1:16**
    - 2. and **the LORD** will again comfort **Zion** and again choose **Jerusalem**.” ’ **1:16**

### Interpretation of: The Vision of the Horses and Riders

- II. **The word of the Lord** came to **Zechariah** the **Prophet**, **1:7-11** ¶
  - A. **7** On the **twenty-fourth day** of the **eleventh month**, (**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**)
    - 1. which is the **month Shebat**, in the second year of **Darius** (I), (519BC)
  - B. **the word of the Lord** came to **Zechariah** the **prophet**, **1:7**
    - 1. the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, **1:7**(the Vision was) as follows:
  - C. **8** **I** (**Zechariah**) saw (a Vision) at **night**, **1:8**
    - 1. and behold, **a man** (**the angel, the angel of the Lord, Jesus**) was **riding** on a **red horse**, **1:8**
    - 2. and **he** (**the angel, the angel of the Lord, Jesus**) was **standing** among the **myrtle trees** **1:8**
      - a. which were in the **ravine**, **1:8**
    - 3. (**the angel of the Lord, Jesus** was **riding** on a **red horse**) with **red** (horses), **sorrel** (red brown, horses) and **white horses** behind **him** (**Jesus**), **1:8**
  - D. **9** Then **I** (**Zechariah**) said, “**My lord**, what are **these** (horses/rider) ?” **1:9**
    - 1. And **the angel** (**the angel of the Lord, Jesus**) who was speaking with **me** said to **me**, **1:9**
    - 2. “**I** (**the angel of the Lord, Jesus**) will show **you** what **these** (horses/riders behind me) are.” **1:9**
  - E. **10** And **the man** (**the angel of the Lord, Jesus**) who was (riding on a Red Horse) **standing** among the **myrtle trees** answered and said, **1:10a**
    - 1. “**These** (horses/riders behind **Jesus**) are **those** (Angels) whom **the Lord** has sent to **patrol** the **earth**.” **1:10b**
    - 2. **11** So **they** (the Angels on horses behind **Jesus**) answered **the angel of the Lord** (**Jesus**), **1:10c**
      - a. **who** (the Man, **the angel, the angel of the Lord, Jesus**) was **standing** among the **myrtle trees** and said, **1:10d**
    - 3. “**We** (the Angels on horses behind **Jesus**) have **patrolled** the **earth**, **1:10e**
      - a. and behold, all the **earth** is peaceful and quiet.” **1:10f**
- III. **the angel of the LORD** to the **LORD of hosts**, How Long will **You** be **Angry**, **1:12-17** ¶
  - A. **12** Then **the angel of the LORD** (**Jesus**) said, “O **LORD of hosts** (**the Father**), **1:12a**



1. how long will **You (Father)** have **no compassion** for **Jerusalem** and the cities of **Judah**, **1:12b**
2. with which **You (Father)** have been **indignant** these **seventy years** (of Exile)?" **1:12c**
- B. **13 The LORD (the Father) answered the angel (of the Lord, Jesus) who** was speaking with **me** **1:13**
  1. with gracious words, comforting words. **1:13**
- C. **14 So the angel (of the Lord, Jesus) who** was speaking with **me (Zechariah)** said to **me**, **1:14**
  1. "**Proclaim**, saying, 'Thus says **the LORD of hosts (the Father)**, **1:14**
  2. "**I (the Father) am** exceedingly **jealous** for **Jerusalem** and **Zion**. **1:14**
- D. **15 "But I (the Father) am very angry** with **the nations** who are at ease; **1:15**
  1. **for** (Reason) while **I** was only a **little angry**, **they (the nations)** furthered the disaster." **1:15**
- E. **16 'Therefore** (because of that) thus says **the LORD (the Father)**, **1:16**
  1. "**I will (the Father) return** to **Jerusalem** (during the Millennial Kingdom, Rev 20) with **compassion**; **1:16**
  2. **My house (Ezekiel's Temple, Ezek 40-48) will be built in it (Jerusalem),**" (about 875 feet sq.) (during the Millennial Kingdom, Rev 20) declares **the LORD of hosts**, **1:16**
  3. "and a **measuring line** will be stretched over **Jerusalem.**" ' **1:16**  
(City will be 4500 cubits (6750 feet) square, Ezek 48:16.
- F. **17 "Again, proclaim (Zechariah), saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts (the Father), 1:16**
  1. "**My cities** (during the Millennial Kingdom, Rev 20) will again overflow with prosperity, **1:16**
  2. and **the LORD** will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem." ' **1:16**

## Questions of the Text: **Zechariah 1:12-17** The Vision of the Horses and Riders

Immediate Audience: **Zechariah**

Intended Audience: **Nation of Israel**

Immediate Application: **Nation of Israel**

Personal Application: Don't **You** be Like **Israel**

**Q1:** Whom was the **conversation** between, **1:12** ? **A:** **the angel of the LORD (Jesus) + LORD of hosts (Father)**

**Q2:** What was **the angel of the LORD's (Jesus')** question , in **1:12b** ?

**A:** **how long** will **You (Father)** have **no compassion** for **Jerusalem** and the cities of **Judah** ? **1:12b**  
with which **You (Father)** have been **indignant** these **seventy years** ?" **1:12c**

**The LORD (the Father) answered the angel (of the Lord, Jesus),** who was speaking with (Zechariah), **the angel (of the Lord, Jesus)** said to **me** with gracious words, comforting words. **1:13**

**Q3:** What was **LORD of hosts (Father's) answer**, as spoken by **the angel (Jesus)** to **Zechariah**, in **1:14** ?

**A:** "**I (the Father) am** exceedingly **jealous** for **Jerusalem** and **Zion**. **1:14**

**Q4:** What was **LORD of hosts (Father's) answer**, as spoken by **Jesus** to **Zechariah**, in **1:15** ?

**A:** But **I (the Father) am very angry** with **the nations** who are at ease; **1:15**  
**for** (Reason) while **I** was only a **little angry**, **they (the nations)** furthered the disaster." **1:15**

**Q5:** Because (Therefore) **the Lord** was **very angry** with **the nations**, what **3 Things** will **He** do, in **1:16** ?

1: "**I will (the Father) return** to **Jerusalem** with **compassion**; **1:16** **Read** Zech 8:3

2: **My house (Temple) will be built in it (Jerusalem),** **1:16** **Read** Ezek 40:1-4 & Ezek 43:1-5

**Ezekiel's Temple: Ezek 40 to Ezek 48** (9 chapters)

3: "and a **measuring line** will be stretched over **Jerusalem.**" ' **1:16** **Read** Ezek 40:3 & Zech 2:1-2

**Q6:** Because (Therefore) **the Lord** was **very angry** with **the nations**, what **2 More Things** will **He** do, in **1:17** ?

4: "**My cities** will again overflow with prosperity, **1:16** **Read** Isa 44:26 & Isa 61:4

5: **the LORD** will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem." **1:16** **Read** Isa 53:1

## “the angel of the LORD” in Old Testament

“the angel of the Lord” or “the angel of (Yahweh)” is found 57 times in the Old Testament.

“the angel of God”, is found 7 times in the Old Testament.

Is “the angel of the Lord” just a “created spirit being”, “an angel” with wings?

OR

Is “the angel of the Lord”, “the Lord” Himself (Jesus) as “the pre-incarnate Lord”.

### Jesus was Not Created

Micah 5:2 700BC

2 “But as for you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of **Judah**,  
From **you** (**Bethlehem**) **One** (person) will go forth for **Me** to be **ruler** in **Israel**.  
**His** (Jesus’) goings forth are **from long ago, From the days of eternity.**”

Jude 25

25 to the only **God our Savior**, through **Jesus Christ** our **Lord**, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,  
**before all time and now and forever.** Amen.

1 Peter 1:20

20 For **He was foreknown before** the foundation of the world,  
but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

2 Timothy 1:9

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works,  
but according to **His** own **purpose** and **grace** **which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,**

### What is an Angel?

We need to start with the definition of the word “angel”.

The word “angel” means “messenger” or “agent” or “sent one”  
when applied to the Bible a “messenger from God”.

So “the angel of the Lord” would mean the “messenger of the Lord”.

**Q:** So what is a messenger?

Anyone who delivers or official dispatches a **message** for another, as a matter of **obedience** or **duty**.

### Concerning Created Angels:

Notice some of the things **angels** are noted for:

Psalm 103:20

20 Bless **the LORD**, you **His angels**, Mighty in strength, **who perform His word,**  
**Obeying the voice of His word!**

Psalm 91:11

11 For **He** will give **His angels** **charge concerning you,** **To guard you** in all your ways.

Hebrews 1:14

14 Are **they** (angels) not all **ministering spirits,** **sent out** **to render service**  
**for the sake of** **those who** will inherit **salvation?** (YES)

Concerning “**the angel of the Lord**”, in **Genesis 16**

**Read Genesis 16:7–13**

7 Now **the angel of the LORD** found **her** by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

8 **He** said, “**Hagar, Sarai’s maid**, where have **you** come from and where are **you** going?”

And **she** said, “**I am** fleeing from the presence of **my mistress Sarai**.”

9 Then **the angel of the LORD** said to **her**, “Return to **your mistress**, and submit **yourself** to **her** authority.”

10 Moreover, **the angel of the LORD** said to **her**,

“**I will** greatly multiply **your descendants** so that **they** will be too many to count.”

11 **The angel of the LORD** said to **her** further,

“Behold, **you** are with **child**, And **you** will bear **a son**;

And **you** shall call **his** name **Ishmael**, Because **the LORD** has given heed to **your** affliction.

12 “**He** (**Ishmael**) will be a wild donkey of a man, **His** hand will be against everyone,

And everyone’s hand will be against **him**; And **he** will live to the east of all his (12) brothers.”

13 Then **she** called **the name of the LORD** who spoke to **her**, “**You are a God** who sees”;

for **she** said, “Have **I** even remained alive here after seeing **Him**?”

**Q:** Who will greatly multiply **Hagar’s descendants**, in 16:10 ?

**A:** “**the angel of the Lord**”

**Q:** What did **Hagar** call “**the name of the LORD**”, in 16:13 ?

**A:** “**You are a God** who sees”;

Concerning “**the angel of the Lord**”, with **Abraham, Genesis 22**

**Read Genesis 22:10–12**

10 **Abraham** stretched out **his** hand and took the knife to slay his **son**.

11 But **the angel of the LORD** called to **him** from **heaven** and said, “**Abraham, Abraham!**”

And **he** said, “Here I am.”

12 **He** (**the angel of the LORD**) said, “Do not stretch out your hand against **the lad**, and do nothing to **him**;

for now **I** (**the angel of the LORD**) know that you fear **God**, since you have not withheld **your son**,  
**your only son**, from **Me** (**the angel of the LORD**).”

**Q:** Whom did **Abraham** Not withhold his son from, “**the angel of the Lord**” OR “**the Lord**” **Himself** ?

**A:** “**the Lord**” **Himself**

Notice that **the angel of the Lord** called from **Heaven**

and said that **Abraham** had not withheld **his son** from **Him**.

Only **God** can receive a **sacrifice** from **a man** and never is it allowed for **a man** to **sacrifice** to **an Angel** !

## Concerning “the angel of the Lord”, with Moses, Exodus 3

Listen in these verses to hear who the angel of the Lord is and what name He wants to be called.

### Read Exodus 3:1-6

- 1 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (Mt. Sinai)
- 2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.
- 3 So Moses said, “I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.”
- 4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”
- 5 Then He (the Lord) said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”
- 6 He (the Lord) said also, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**Q:** Who “appeared to him (Moses) in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush”, in Verse 2 ?

**A:** “the angel of the Lord”

**Q:** Who “called to him (Moses) from the midst of the bush”, in Verse 4 ?

**A:** “God called to him (Moses)” So God is “the angel of the Lord”

**Q:** Who “said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet”, in Verse 5 ?

**A:** “He (the Lord) said So He (the Lord) is “the angel of the Lord”

**Q:** By what did “He (the Lord) Call Himself, in Verse 6?

**A:** “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”  
So God here is “the angel of the Lord”

### Read Exodus 3:13-15

(continuing the conversation with the angel of the LORD, who appeared to him in the burning Bush)

- 13 Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them,  
‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’

Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’

What shall I say to them?”

- 14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said,

“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

- 15 God, furthermore, said to Moses,

“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel,

‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,  
has sent me to you.’

This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

**Q:** By what name(s) did “God say for Moses to call Him, to the sons of Israel, in Verses 13, 14, 15?

**A1:** Verse 13 The God of your fathers

**A1:** Verse 14 “I AM WHO I AM”; “I AM has sent me to you”

**A1:** Verse 15 ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob

All 8 names for God are self-proclaimed by The LORD as declared by “the angel of the Lord”  
from the Burning Bush, Exodus 3:2