

Zechariah 1:18 – 3:10

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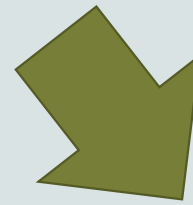
- 931 BC - Splitting of the Kingdom into the 10 Northern Tribes and 2 Southern Tribes
- 722 BC - The 10 Northern Tribes are conquered and taken off by Assyria
 - Note: The 2 Southern tribes were not taken because Isaiah 37:36 tells us that the Angel of the Lord struck down 185,000 Assyrian soldiers causing a retreat (cf. 2 Kings 19:35, 2 Chronicles 32:21)
- 586 BC - Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians capture Jerusalem, destroy the Temple, and take Judah into captivity.
 - Note: the taking of Daniel and many of the other choice youths to Babylon occurred in 605 BC.
- 539 BC - Cyrus II (the Great) of Persia wins the Battle of Opis against Nabonidus, king of the Chaldeans (aka, Neo-Babylonians). Soon after Cyrus' troops enter Babylon unopposed.
- 538 BC - Cyrus decrees Jews should return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple (Ezra 1)
- 537-536 BC - Return of 49,897 Jews to Jerusalem (Ezra 2, Neh 7)
- 536 BC - Altar rebuilt and sacrifices offered (7th month)
- 535 BC - Work on the temple started, but then stopped (Ezra 3:1-4)
- 535 - 520 BC - Hardships, economic depression in Jerusalem; people forget the temple and selfishly focus on their own needs (Hag 1, 2)
- 520 BC - Darius confirms Cyrus' Decree and aids in the construction of the Jewish Temple (Ezra 6:1-14)
- 520 BC - Haggai's and Zechariah's ministries start. Haggai's begins and ends during this time and Zechariah's 8 night-visions occur

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520 BC

- Sixth month (Sept-Oct), 1st day of the month, Haggai's 1st Sermon (Hag 1:3-11)
- Sixth month (Sept-Oct), 24th day of the month, Haggai's 2nd Sermon (Hag 1:12-15)
- Seventh month (Oct-Nov), 21st day of the month, Haggai's 3rd Sermon (Hag. 2:1-9)
- Eighth month (Nov-Dec), day, Zechariah's opening sermon (Zech 1:1-6)
- Ninth month (Dec-Jan), 24th day, Haggai's last sermons (Hag 2:10-23)
- Eleventh month (Jan-Feb), 24th day, Zechariah's night visions (Zech 1:7-6:8)

Haggai & Zechariah



"Is it a time for you to be living in your paneled houses while this house remains in ruin?"

"You have planted much but have harvested little."

"So it is with this nation in my sight: whatever they do and whatever they offer is defiled."

**Moral
Exhortation**

&

**Eschatological
Encouragement**

"This is what the Lord says: I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."

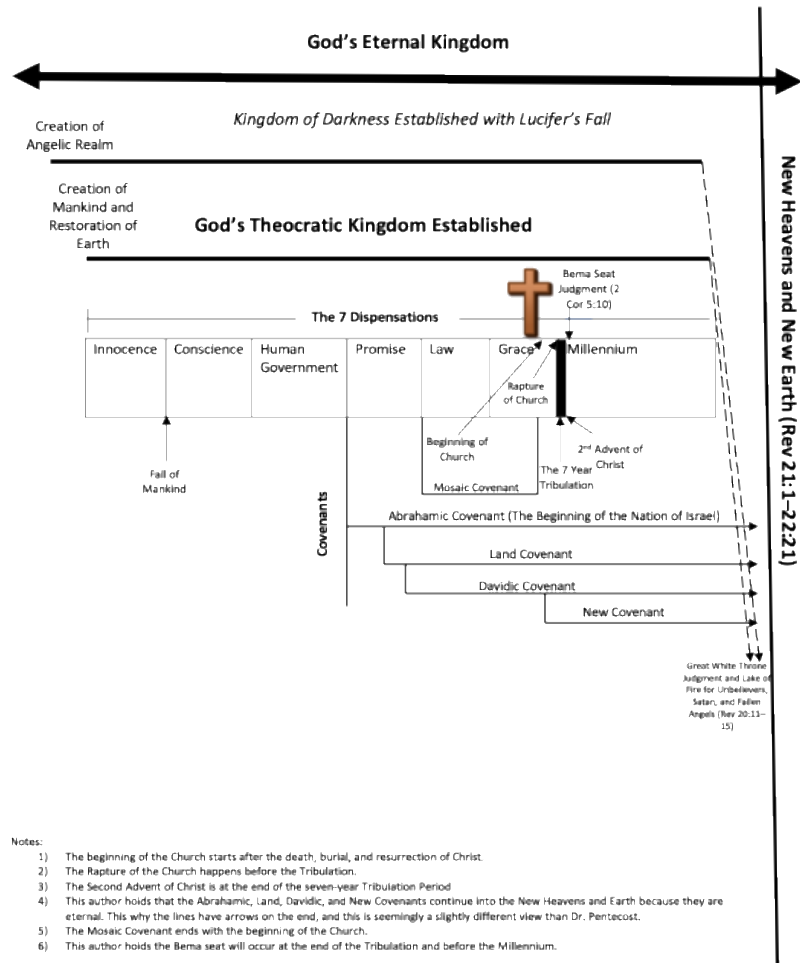
"Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem...the streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there."

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- Why are the Israelites in this condition?

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Kingdom & Covenants Synthetic Chart



- Abrahamic Covenant – Gen 12: 1-3 cf. Gen 15:1-21
 - Land, Seed, and Blessing
- The Land Covenant – Gen 12:7, Gen 13:15, Gen 17:7-8, cf. Deut. 30:1-10 (Amplifies the Land part of the AC)
- The Davidic Covenant – 2 Sam 7:11-17, 1 Chron 17:1-15 (Amplifies the Seed part of the AC)
- The New Covenant – Jer 31:31-34 (Amplifies the Blessing part of the AC)
- The Mosaic Covenant – **Lev 26:14-46 & Deut 28**
 - 613 original commands in Mosaic Law
 - 800 – 1050 commands in the NT

God's Plan to Discipline Israel

Leviticus
26: 14-46
Cycles of
Discipline

I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste...Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

The precarious
position of Gentile
nations that God uses
to punish Israel:

Isaiah 10: 5-12!!


The king's heart *is* in the
hand of the LORD,
Like the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He
wishes. (Proverbs 21:1
cf. Dan 2:21)

...They are horns and carvers! (Zechariah 1: 18-21)

Daniel 2:31-45

The Statue in the Book of Daniel

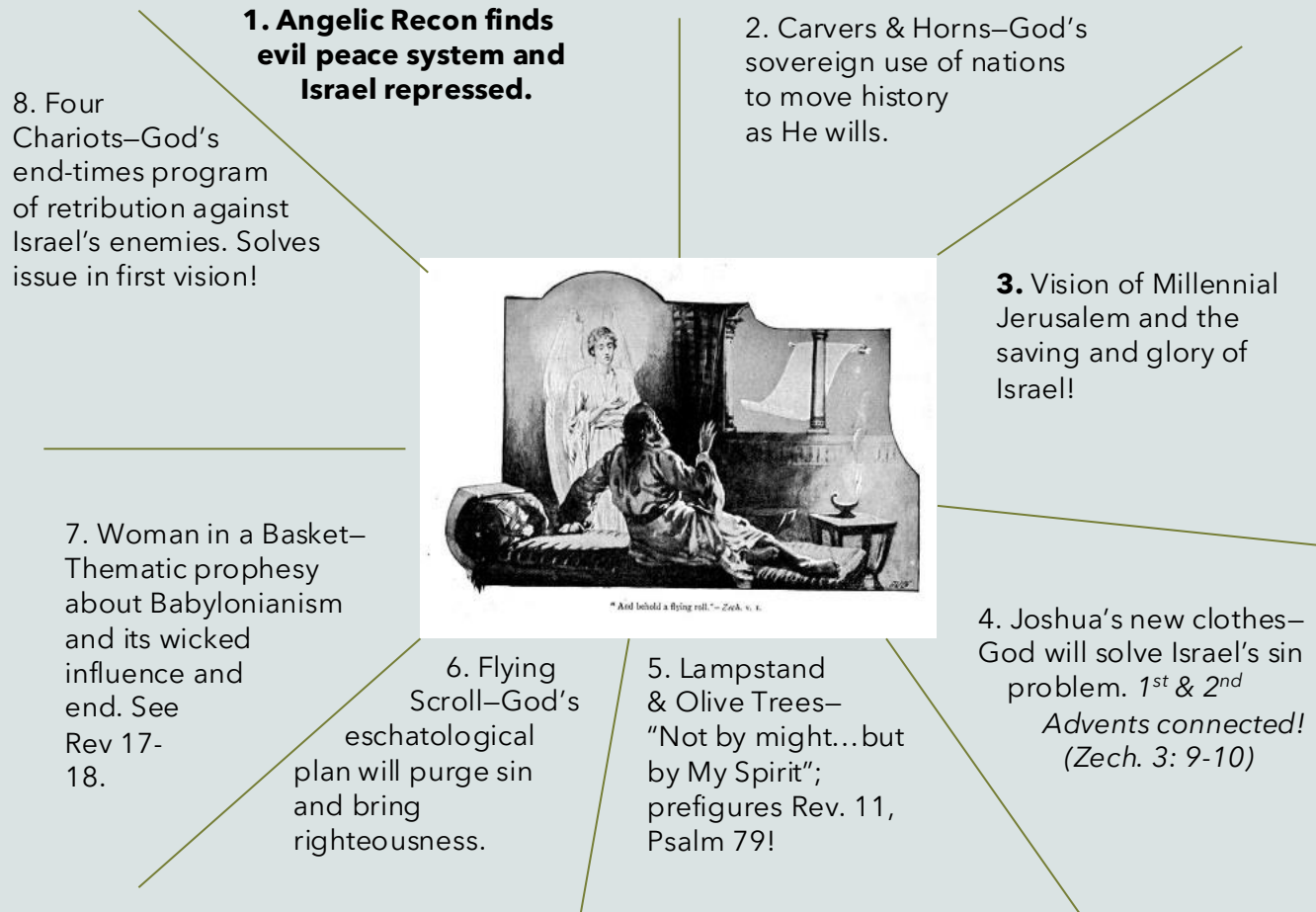
The Kingdoms and King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (Daniel 2)	DANIEL'S VISION (Daniel 7)	THE KINGDOMS (Daniel 2, 7, and 8)	
<p>HEAD (FINE GOLD)</p> <p>The golden head of the statue represents the kingdom of Babylon, which had dominion throughout the world. (Daniel 2:37, 38)</p>	<p>LION With Wings of an Eagle</p> <p>The lion with wings represents the kingdom of Babylon, which was destroyed by the Medo-Persians. (Daniel 7:4)</p>	<p>BABYLONIA 605 BC – 539 BC King Nebuchadnezzar to Belshazzar</p>	800 BC
<p>CHEST AND ARMS (SILVER)</p> <p>The silver chest and arms of the statue represent the kingdoms of Media and Persia, which is the second power that would rise after Babylon falls. (Daniel 2:32, Daniel 7:8)</p>	<p>BEAR With Three Ribs on its Mouth</p> <p>The bear represents the kingdom of Media and Persia, which was the second power to rise after Babylon. (Daniel 7:5)</p>	<p>MEDO-PERSIA 539 BC – 332 BC King Cyrus to King Darius III</p>	400 BC
<p>BELLY AND THIGHS (BRONZE)</p> <p>The bronze belly and thighs of the statue represent the kingdom of Greece, which would rise after the Medo-Persians. (Daniel 2:32)</p>	<p>LEOPARD With Four Wings and Four Heads</p> <p>The leopard represents the kingdom of Greece, which was the third power to rise after the Medo-Persians. (Daniel 7:6)</p>	<p>GREECE 332 BC – 63 BC Alexander the Great and the Four Diadochi</p>	200 BC
<p>LEGS (IRON)</p> <p>The fourth kingdom would be strong as iron and would crush, smash and devour things.</p> <p>FEET (IRON AND CLAY)</p> <p>The fourth kingdom would be a divided kingdom, divided into ten kings, each as strong as iron. The kingdom would have a mixture of people who do not understand. (Daniel 2:41, 42, 43)</p>	<p>BEAST With Iron Teeth and Ten Horns</p> <p>The fourth kingdom would be a major kingdom, strong as iron, which would rise to destroy the human empire. The horns represent the ten kings that would rise from the kingdom. (Daniel 7:7, 8)</p>	<p>A DIVIDED KINGDOM</p> <p>Many scholars believe the kingdom to be Rome, which rose after the kingdom of Greece. (Daniel 2:44)</p>	100 BC
<p>STONE Cut from a Mountain</p> <p>The stone represents the kingdom of God, which will crush all other kingdoms and will remain forever. (Daniel 2:34, 35, 44, 45)</p>	<p>SON OF MAN (Jesus Christ)</p> <p>The Son of Man represents Jesus Christ, who will establish the kingdom of God on earth. (Daniel 7:13, 14, 22)</p>	<p>THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF GOD</p>	50 BC

The Story So Far in Zechariah

Zechariah's 8 Visions: Chapter 1:7 - 6:8



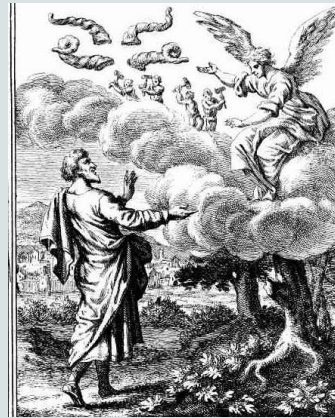
Zechariah 1: 18-21

- **Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."**
- **Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."**

The four *qeren* (horns) and four *charash* (craftsmen/carvers) of Zechariah 1: 18-21

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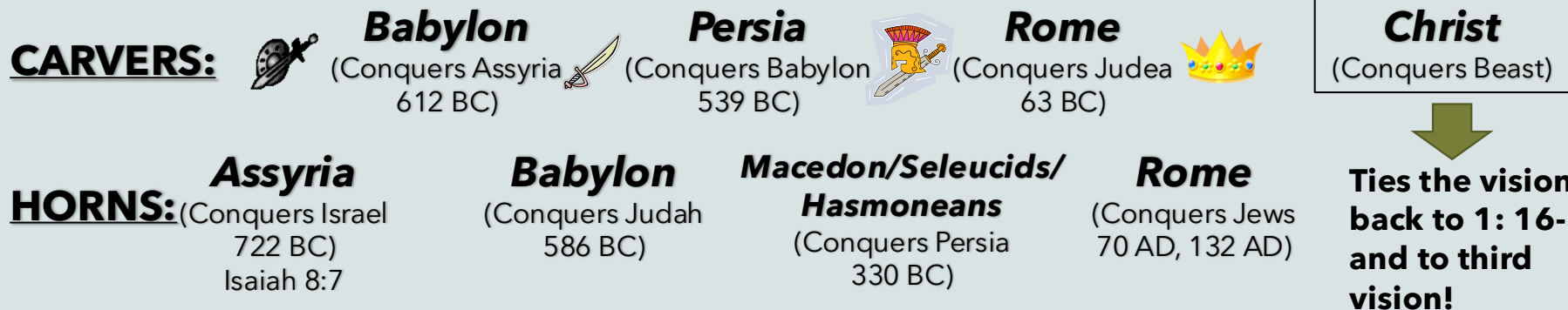
- Assyrians
- Neo-Babylonians (aka Chaldeans)
- Macedonians (Seleucids)
- Romans



I said, "What are these coming to do?" And he said, "These are the horns which have scattered Judah so that no man lifts up his head; but these *craftsmen* have come to terrify them, to throw down the horns of the nations who have lifted up *their* horns against the land of Judah in order to scatter it."

- Neo-Babylonians (Chaldeans)
- Persians
- Romans
- Christ

Cf. Isaiah 10: 5-12!



Zechariah 2: 1-2

- **Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length."**



Solomon's Temple



Temple in Zechariah's Day



Zechariah 2: 3-5

- **And there was the angel who talked with me, going out; and another angel was coming out to meet him, who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. 'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.' "**

Zechariah 2: 6-7

- **“Up, up! Flee from the land of the north,” says the LORD; “for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven,” says the LORD. “Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.”**

Zechariah 2: 8-9

- **For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.**

Zechariah 2: 10-13

- **“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” says the LORD. Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!”**

Houston — We Have a Problem!!!

- What do we think is the problem?

Zechariah 3: 1

- **Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.**

Zechariah 3: 2

- **And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"**

Zechariah 3: 3

- **Now Joshua was attired in excrement-bespattered garments but was standing before the Angel of the Lord.**



“And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty...” (Exodus 28: 2)



“They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they come into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy *place*, that they do not incur iniquity and die. *It shall be* a statute forever to him and his descendants after him.” (Exodus 28: 43)

Zecharia 3: 4

- **Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."**

Zechariah 3: 5

- **And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.**

Zechariah 3: 6-7

- **Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts:
'If you will walk in My ways,
And if you will keep My command,
Then you shall also judge My house,
And likewise have charge of My courts;
I will give you places to walk
Among these who stand here.'"**

Zechariah 3: 8 - 10

- **(8) 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; (or, a sign of things to come) For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.'** **(9) For behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the Lord or hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. (10) In that day, says the Lord of hosts, Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.**

Jesus is the Branch

- Branch = tseh'-makh = נֶחֱמָץ
- Sprout, growth (from the dead Davidic tree)
- Compare Psalm 132, Isaiah 11:1, Isaiah 53:2, Jeremiah 23:5, Jeremiah 33: 15.