

I Can See Clearly Now
Chapter #11

The Prophet Zechariah

Time of Ministry: 520 B.C.

Author:

The prophet *Zechariah* whose name can be translated as “*The LORD Yahweh Remembers*” was born into a priestly Hebrew family this connection makes it very possible he could have been a *Hebrew Priest* himself.

This *priestly position* and education would make *Zechariah* remarkably familiar with the “*Written Law*” and teachings of the “*Holy Prophets of Yahweh*” .

The earlier *Prophets of God* just as *Zechariah* were *flesh and blood* men who as *Zachariah* had been chosen and “*Called*” to deliver the prophetic words of *Father God’s Wisdom!*

The prophet *Zechariah* started his life in *Babylon* as the son of an “*Exiled*” *Hebrew*, because of this *unnatural situation* he lived a *complicated* Hebrew life that was *restricted* by laws and regulations that were *Babylonian*.

The prophet *Zechariah* was a contemporary of *Haggai Zerubbabel* and *Joshua* and because of the motivational *Prophecy* of “*Rebuilding*” delivered from *Yahweh* he developed a close personal and *Spiritual* relationship with all of them.

They all became willing and *Enthusiastic* leaders in the movement to *Return* “*The Remnant*” to *Israel* so that the “*Rebuilding*” of the walls of their homes and *The Temple of Yahweh* would be *undertaken* and *Completed*.

The author of the *Bible book* of *Zechariah* was *Zechariah*, but the authorship of the last section of the book is *questioned* by some men because of what they call “*a difference in writing style*”. This *Prophetic Bible book* is *under attack* from *misguided* men using (Textual Criticism), they question the *correctness* of this book just as they have done to other *Books* in the *Holy Bible*.

Note:

Because of this questioning of authenticity and correctness of *Bible* books, they are sometime subjected to some form of (Textual Tradition) such as (Textual Criticism) where the content of the *Bible book* is “*nit-picked*” as to the “*correctness*” of dates and authorship of the *Bible* book in question.

In the use of *Textual Criticism*, the educated “*Inquisitors*” look for *errors* in the “*Accepted*” modern-day translations of the *Holy Bible*.

They use as their “*correct source documents*” two *Greek* manuscripts, they are titled the (Codex Sinaiticus) and the (Codex Vaticanus).

These “*highly*” *educated* men believe only they can read *correctly* and *understand* the small number of existing old *Greek* manuscripts.

These manuscripts are the same *Greek* manuscripts that are considered “*Aberrant*” (a deviation – in error or mistaken) by most “*Knowledgeable*” *Bible scholars*.

The two documents are *Old Greek manuscripts* whose authorship is “*Questionable*”, books that may or may not be *Correct* or *Complete*!

Textual Criticism is just one of the *Textual Traditions* that have been adopted by so called “*Educated*” men, who *mistakenly think* and feel they can and should decide what *Truly Belongs* in the *Holy Bible*.

The men who want to correct “*errors*” in the *Holy Bible* are religiously educated “*High Thinkers*” that for the most part have *good intentions* as they “*Take Apart*” the *Holy Bible* by *Questioning* the *Correctness* of dates and authorship of *Bible* books.

The “*Worldly*” educated men who question the *Correctness* of *Scripture* forget or do not know that the words in the *Holy Bible Books* they question are the *Inspired Words* “*Breathed*” by *The Holy Spirit* into men who were chosen by *Father God* to record --- *His Wisdom*!

This “*Ego*” driven *eroding* of the foundation of “*Christian Faith*” is done with little or no regard for the “*Damage*” that is inflicted on the “*Necessity*” for “*The Total Correctness*” of the *Holy Bible*.

They are *small-minded* men that only want to prove how *intelligent* they are, they have *Failed* to *understand* that any so-called “*Error*” in *Scripture* can be used by *Satan* and *nonbelievers* to “*Question*” the *Authenticity* and *Correctness* of the “*Entire*” *Holy Bible*.

Thankfully today we are “*Blessed*” with the “*Power*” of “*The Helper*” *The Holy Spirit*, who on the day of “*Pentecost*” made *Biblical Wisdom* available to all men and women who read the *Holy Bible* with *Prayer* and an open *childlike* mind that is *willing* to *listen* to *The Holy Spirits* “*Teaching*”!

Anyone who thinks that it is of *little consequence* to “*Undermine*” the *Soundness* of the *Holy Bible* is *sadly mistaken*. They are by their lack of “*Belief*” and “*Faith*” *Quenching* and *Diminishing* the “*Power*” of *The Holy Spirit*.

Today we see a growing number of *misguided self-important* “*Educated*” men that tend to forget *The Holy Spirit* They *Diminish* is the same “*With Us Now*” third person of --- “*The Holy Trinity of Eternal God*”!

Is this --- “*The Great Falling Away*”?

The *Old Testament* Hebrews we read about in the book of *Zachariah* had to depend on the willingness and ability of *Priests* *Pharisees*, and *Sadducees* to teach them *correctly* about the “*Written Law*” concerning the “*Will*” of *Father God*.

Wonderfully and thankfully as “*Post-Pentecost*” *Christian Believers*, even the “*Young in Faith*” do not need a *High Priest* or *Prophet* with special instructions to understand the *Wisdom* and *Teaching* that *The Holy Bible* contains, it is all “*Free*” for the asking.

“*The Helper*” *The Holy Spirit* is always “*Listening*” to our *Prayers* for help when it concerns *Biblical* understanding and *Scriptural Wisdom*, it gives Him “*Great Joy*” to teach the “*Truth*” to -- *His children*.

Everyone who is a *Christian Believer* or wants to become a “*Believer*” needs to find and take part in a *Bible Study* that uses the “*Power*” of *The Holy Spirit* to guide them to “*True*” *understanding* of the *Holy Bible*.

Do not *Trust* the *wisdom* of men use your own mind depend only on the *Power of Prayer* *Trusting* in the “*Wisdom*” of *The Holy Spirit*, it will set you --- *Free*!

The Prophecy:

This book of Prophecy that included visions from *Yahweh* was delivered to the prophet *Zechariah* reminding His "*Chosen People*" that *Yahweh* always remembers His "*Promises*" to the *Hebrew people*, and that they should remember to "*Faithfully*" fulfill their part as "*Believers*" and "*Followers*" of the *Mosaic Covenant*.

As *Father God's "Chosen People"* the *Hebrew people* were given the "*Written Law*" this *Law* contains *Instructions* and *Regulations* of how to "*Correctly*" make *Offerings* and *Worship* *Yahweh*.

The *Children of Abraham* were warned by the *Holy Prophets* of *Yahweh* that if they "*Failed*" to follow the "*Rules*" and "*Regulations*" of the *Mosaic Covenant* they would not be under the "*Protection*" and "*Provision*" of --- *Yahweh's Law!*

The *Hebrew people* who are currently living in *Babylon* as *slaves* and *exiles* are sadly and predictably now eating the "*Bitter Fruit*" of their *ancestor's "Failure"* to "*Obey*" the *Lawful* instruction of *Yahweh* --- "*The LORD of Heavens Armies!*"

"*A Man among the Myrtle Trees*" is the first of *eight prophetic visions* that the *prophet Zechariah* was given by *Yahweh* as instructions for "*The Return to their Homeland*".

The *Eternal God Yahweh* is always *watching* and *listening* to His *children*. *Yahweh* has observed that a *sufficient amount* of *Punishment* has been *Delivered* to the *Hebrews* they now understanding the need for attitude "*Correction!*"

It is now the time for *Yahweh's Chosen Peoples "Return"* to *The Promised Land*.

The constant *pain* of *Separation* from *Father God's Love* and *Provision* continuously fill the daily life of the *Hebrew people* who have become *exiles* in *Babylon*.

Now it will be the *correct time* of "*Return*" and "*Restoration*" for the *Remnant* the "*Seed Crop*" the *Hebrew people*, they will be *Returned* to "*Grow*" strong in the *Fertile Earth* that *Yahweh* has provided for their "*Spiritual*" and "*Material*"--- *Abundance!*

In the *second vision "Four Horns and Four Blacksmiths"* *Father God* informs the *prophet Zechariah* that the *Evil Pagan* nations who were used as a tool of *correction* by *Yahweh* to punish His *disobedient children* have taken the intended "*Punishment*" too far.

It is an *undeniable fact* that "*All*" *sin* and *evil* must be *punished* by *Yahweh*, the result of this *sinful "Overuse"* of *God* given power will be that the *Four Evil Pagan Nations* will all be --- *Destroyed!*

The *third vision* is "*The man with the measuring line*" it is a look at the future *Massive Growth* of *Jerusalem*, a time when the *Hebrew people* are again *Living* and *Worshiping* in "*The Land of Promise*" they will be *Blessed* with "*Abundant*" *Growth* and *Prosperity*.

The *Glorious* city of *Jerusalem* and the *Home* of the *Hebrew people* will be *Guarded* and *Protected* by an *Angel* with a --- *Flaming Sword!*

At this time of "*Return*" and "*Rebuilding*" of *Jerusalem* the "*Temple of God*" will be "*Filled*" with "*The Glory*" of their *Father God* --- *Yahweh!*

The fourth vision was "The Cleansing of The High Priest" Jeshua , with this vision Yahweh explained how "Only" He could remove sin with His "Grace" (The unmerited and totally unearned forgiveness of sin) and make "Clean" --- His Servants!

When it is time for you stand at His Father's Throne for Judgement the dark powers of Satan have "No Power" in Father God's Eternal Kingdom if you are a "Believer" who is Represented and Defended by the One and Only Son of God --- Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the "Angle of The LORD" who will speak for all "Redeemed Sinners", His words are the only voice of Defense that Yahweh will Accept at our time of Judgement.

Jeshua the High Priest of the "Returned Remnant" (the Hebrew people) will be made "Clean" of all his sins by The LORD of Heavens Armies.

The readers of this prophesy must remember Jeshua is warned to follow "Yahweh's Ways" The Written law and "Carefully Serve" God as he worships in the "Temple" --- The Holy Place of The LORD!

Jeshua is informed by Zechariah that he and the other High Priest were chosen to be Father God's "Prophetic Symbols" of future things to come for Yahweh's Chosen People.

Yahweh will in the Future provide a "Branch" that will bring "New Fruit" from the Old Root He will be a "Jewel", who at His "First Coming" will provide The path for All the sins of the world to be Removed and Forgiven.

This Glorious Jewel will be engraved with a special name " The LORD of Heavens Armies" He alone will be The Messiah Jesus Christ --- The Prince of Peace!

The fifth vision "A lampstand and Two Olive Trees" is Yahweh's instruction and "Reminder" to His Chosen People that when they Rebuild and Rededicate the "Temple of The LORD" they must "Totally" depend on the "Devine Power" and Resources provided by Yahweh's "Light and Glory" that Shines Brightly from His Rededicated Temple!

The sixth vision "A Flying Scroll" is a "Large Bold Print Banner" for all the Hebrew people to see and read, especially those who "claim" to be Faithful Followers of the "Written law" and "Covenants" that Yahweh made with Moses and Abraham.

Their Heavenly Father is reminding His Children that Breaking any part of "His law" is Breaking the "Covenant" Yahweh formed with His Chosen People.

The seventh vision "A Women in a Basket" instructs the Hebrew people who are living in "Unrepentant" sin why and how all His "Chosen People" must Identify and Remove "sin" and Lawlessness in their life and society if they are to be "True Believers" in the One and Only True God --- Yahweh!

This Universal Truth about the Danger and Severity of "Sin" is an Urgent "Trumpet Call" for All Mankind living on this sinful earth today!

The eighth vision given to the prophet Zechariah is much like the first vision Yahweh delivered to His prophet. What we see in this vision was four chariots and the four horses that pull them. Once again Father God informs the Hebrew people through His prophet Zechariah that His Wisdom and Power are "Ever Present" even if the observation and the observer cannot be seen.

His forgetful "Children" are reminded that Yahweh and only Yahweh is the one "Who Controls" all the events physical and Spiritual that take place in this world that He "Spoke" into existence.

The next section of prophesy is *"The Crowing of Jeshua"* the exiled Hebrew people are told to gather silver and gold to construct a "crown" for Jeshua.

Jeshua will be the king and priest who will help them build the *"Temple of The LORD"* where he will rule as king from his throne.

In the *commentary section* of this chapter, we will investigate the *dulle level* of this *"King-Priest"* Prophetic description of *Jeshua*.

In *Chapter #7 "A Call to Justice and Mercy"* the prophet receives a *"Question"* from *"The LORD of Heavens Armies"*, when the Hebrew people *mourn* for the loss of the *"Temple"* or when they *feast* on their days of celebration with drinking and feasting *who are they feasting for?* *His Chosen People* are instructed to show *Love and Compassion* for their fellow Hebrews by following the *"Written Law"* or they will once again be *"Subjected"* to the *"Wrath"* of *Yahweh!*

Chapter # 8 "The Promised Blessing for Jerusalem" *Yahweh* expresses *His All-consuming Eternal Love* for *"His Chosen People"*.

This *Love* is provided with *His Physical Presence* in *Jerusalem*, then with *"Yahweh's Glory"* *Emanating* from *His Temple* *His "Power"* will bring and guarantee *Peace and Prosperity* for all the Hebrew people.

This *Promised "Land of Milk and Honey"* will be a *step-by-step* process for the Hebrew people, *Yahweh* will make it come to *Total Perfection and Completion* at *His --- Chosen Time!*

Chapter #9 "The Judgement Against Israel's Enemies"

This 9th chapter is the vision of how *Yahweh* will and can *"Deliver"* *His Righteous Judgement* on all the enemies of *His Chosen People*.

The LORD of Heavens Armies will protect *"His Children"* from foreign invaders, *Yahweh's "Unstoppable Power"* will *Destroy* the enemies of the Hebrew people and their kings.

The second part of *Chapter #9* is a look into the future, a time of *"Zion's Coming King"* and this will be the *"First Coming"* of *The LORD, Jesus Christ* as *"The Lamb of God"* who will *"Redeem"* this *Lost and sinful world!*

Then at an *unknown "chosen time"* *The LORD, Jesus Christ* will *"Return"* to correct with *painful punishment* the *"Unrepentant" sinful world* then *Permanently "Restores"* *"The Promised Land"* and *Protect* the *Hebrew People* from all their enemies.

Chapter #10 is a *Warning* to all the *"false prophets"* and Hebrew religious leaders who have *sinfully misled* the Hebrew people with their *"man-made" laws* and not *"Obeyed"* the *"Written Law"* of *Yahweh* that was given to *Moses*.

After all the Hebrew *false prophets* have been punished *Yahweh* will gather up *"His Flock"* the remaining *Hebrew People "Rebuilding"* their homeland and *Empowering* them.

This *"Restoration"* will be the *Undeniable Proof* of *Father God's Compassion and Love* for *His Chosen people!*

The Hebrew People will fight and *Destroy* all their enemies then *True Peace* will be restored to *The Promised Land*. When *True Peace* has come the *scattered displaced* Jewish people, who have been *Returned* and *Restored* will prosper and grow strong.

Chapter# 11 the central topic of this chapter is the vision of the *Obedient "Good"* Hebrew Shepherds and the *Sinful "Bad"* Hebrew Shepherds.

This vision warns about the *sinful Intent* of "*False Prophets*" and the resulting *punishment* of all who *Foolishly Follow* the same path of *sinful Disrespect* of *Yahweh* and *His Written Law*.

All men and women who live in the world were *Warned* with this vision about the coming *Judgement* and *Punishment* for all who will "*Foolishly*" *Trust* in the power of earthly kings and powerful armies.

Disobedient sinful Jews and Gentiles will both *Fall* to their knees under the same *Eternal* and *Corrective Power* of *Yahweh*!

Sin, and *Disrespect* for *Father God's Written Law* and *His Loving Gift* of "*Grace*" cannot go *Unpunished*!

Chapter #12 "The Future Deliverance for Jerusalem" explains the *Future Fate* of *Israel* and "*Who*" is the only "*True*" *Provider* and *Protector* of the *Hebrew People*.

This will be the time of *Judgement* and *Destruction* for all who have raised their hands and swords in *anger* and *hate* against *Yahweh's Chosen People*!

The second section of this chapter deals with "*The Power of The Holy Spirit*" and how much *Regret* and *Pain* will come to the *Hebrew People* when they *Truly Understand* who *Jesus Christ* is and how they *Failed* to understand why *Jesus Christ's "First Coming"* was to *Save --- The Chosen People*.

Chapter #13 "A Fountain of Cleansing" will be a time of the *Spiritual Cleansing* of *Unrepentant sin*. It is a painful history of *Deadly sin* that was the *end result* of following *sinful "false prophets"* and "*Foolish*" *idol worship* by the *Hebrew People*.

The "*Power*" of the *Sinless Blood of The Lamb of God* will *Totally Remove* this *sin stain* from the *Hebrew People*. This *Cleansing* and *Protection* has already begun, and with the passing of time the world will see the *end result* of *Yahweh's Plan* for the *Total Redemption* of all who "*Believe*" in *Jesus Christ* as *LORD*, and *Savior --- The Son of Father God*!

The next section of *Chapter #13 "The Scattering of the Sheep"* tells of the *coming scattering* to the ends of the earth of the *Hebrew People* due to their *idol worship* and lack of --- *Faith*.

This *scattering* will be "*Fatal*" *physically* and *Spiritually* for two-thirds of the *Hebrew people*, but the "*Remnant*" will be "*Refined*" and made *Pure* by the *cleansing fire* from *Father God*.

The "*Lost Sheep*" will once again know through *True Faith* who the "*True Shepherd*" is, and that *Jesus Christ* is --- *The LORD*, and *Savior*!

Chapter #14 "The Lord Will Rule the Earth" this chapter brings both *warnings* of *Death* and *Destruction* for the *Hebrew's*, then it continues with *Yahweh's Promise* of a "*Rebirth*" and "*New Life*" for the *Hebrew People* and their *Homeland*.

After a time of *Scattering Death and Destruction of The Hebrew People*, Yahweh will turn His *“Righteous Anger”* to the *pagan nations* that have *sinfully* subjected His *Chosen People* to acts of *War and Hatred*.

On *“The Day of Life-Giving Waters”* when *The LORD, Jesus Christ “Returns”* to Rule as King in the *Land of Promise (Israel)* *“True Peace”* will Fill the *Homeland* of the Jew, and all the world will come to *worship* at the altar of *Yahweh!*

Chapter #1 Zechariah

Zechariah 1:1–6 (NLT)

A Call to Return to the LORD

In November of the second year of King Darius’s reign, the LORD gave this message to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah and grandson of Iddo:

² *“I, the LORD, was very angry with your ancestors. ³ Therefore, say to the people, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.’ ⁴ Don’t be like your ancestors who would not listen or pay attention when the earlier prophets said to them, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Turn from your evil ways, and stop all your evil practices.’*

⁵ *“Where are your ancestors now? They and the prophets are long dead. ⁶ But everything I said through my servants the prophets happened to your ancestors, just as I said. As a result, they repented and said, ‘We have received what we deserved from the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. He has done what he said he would do.’ ”*

This first section of *Chapter #1* of the prophesy of *Zechariah* is the *Retelling* of the combined messages contained in all the teachings of the *Minor Prophets*.

The Hebrew people must look to the *Hard Lessons* of their past history where Hebrews were so *“Arrogant”* that most of them thought they could *sinfully worship “false gods”* and *“Disobey”* *Yahweh’s “Written Law”* and not be *“Judged”* and *“Punished”* for their *“Unrepentant” sins*.

Hosea 5:5–9 (NLT)

On Your Day of Punishment!

⁵ *“The arrogance of Israel testifies against her;
Israel and Ephraim will stumble under their load of guilt.
Judah, too, will fall with them.*

⁶ *When they come with their flocks and herds
to offer sacrifices to the LORD,
they will not find him,
because he has withdrawn from them.*

⁷ *They have betrayed the honor of the LORD,
bearing children that are not his.
Now their false religion will devour them*

along with their wealth.

- ⁸ *“Sound the alarm in Gibeah!
Blow the trumpet in Ramah!
Raise the battle cry in Beth-aven!
Lead on into battle, O warriors of Benjamin!*
- ⁹ *One thing is certain, Israel:
On your day of punishment,
you will become a heap of rubble.*

Zechariah 1:7–17 (NLT)

A Man among the Myrtle Trees

⁷ *Three months later, on February 15, the LORD sent another message to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah and grandson of Iddo.*

⁸ *In a vision during the night, I saw a man sitting on a red horse that was standing among some myrtle trees in a small valley. Behind him were riders on red, brown, and white horses. ⁹ I asked the angel who was talking with me, “My lord, what do these horses mean?”*

“I will show you,” the angel replied.

¹⁰ *The rider standing among the myrtle trees then explained, “They are the ones the LORD has sent out to patrol the earth.”*

¹¹ *Then the other riders reported to the angel of the LORD, who was standing among the myrtle trees, “We have been patrolling the earth, and the whole earth is at peace.”*

¹² *Upon hearing this, the angel of the LORD prayed this prayer: “O LORD of Heaven’s Armies, for seventy years now you have been angry with Jerusalem and the towns of Judah. How long until you again show mercy to them?” ¹³ And the LORD spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.*

¹⁴ *Then the angel said to me, “Shout this message for all to hear: ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: My love for Jerusalem and Mount Zion is passionate and strong. ¹⁵ But I am very angry with the other nations that are now enjoying peace and security. I was only a little angry with my people, but the nations inflicted harm on them far beyond my intentions.*

¹⁶ “ ‘Therefore, this is what the LORD says: I have returned to show mercy to Jerusalem. My Temple will be rebuilt, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, and measurements will be taken for the reconstruction of Jerusalem.’

¹⁷ *“Say this also: ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: The towns of Israel will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem as his own.’ ”*

The next section of *Chapter #1* is “A man Among the Myrtle trees”, this vision comes *ninety days* after the first prophetic message from *Yahweh*.

This first of eight visions is a *Warning* and at the same time a *Comforting Promise* from *Father God*; He is always “*Watching Over*” *His Children* and --- *His world!*

*Psalm 37:1–6 (NLT)**Trust Him!*

- ¹ *Don't worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.*
- ² *For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.*
- ³ *Trust in the LORD and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.*
- ⁴ *Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you your heart's desires.*
- ⁵ *Commit everything you do to the LORD.
Trust him, and he will help you.*
- ⁶ *He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.*

Now that the Hebrew People have chosen to *Return* to “*The Land of Promise*” and *Rebuild* “*The Temple of The LORD*”, they have taken the “*Correct*” path that will allow *Yahweh* to *Protect* and *Provide* for *His Chosen People*.

The prophet *Zechariah* is told that *Yahweh* has an enduring *Never-ending Love* and *Devotion* for the *Hebrew People* and the *Special Land* that *He* has *Provided* for them to live in.

The prophet *Zechariah* is instructed to “*Shout Out*” this message of “*Love*” to all the *Hebrew People* so that they will know that *The LORD's “Anger”* has been *Quenched* by their decision of *Returning* to the *Promised Land* and the *Recommitment* to *Worshiping* only *Yahweh*.

The *Righteous Anger* of *Father God* has not been *lessened* for the *sinful pagan nations* that have been used as an *iron rod* to *Correct His “Unrepentant” sinful Children*.

The *sinful “Hate Filled”* pagan nations have taken advantage of this situation by *overstepping* their authority when they *Viciously* and *Unmercifully Attacked* and *killed Yahweh's Chosen People*.

It was never *Father God's “Intension”* to *Destroy* and *Permanently Damage His Children*, *Correction*, and “*Repentance*” (The turning away from a life of sin) will always bring “*Forgiveness*” and “*Mercy*” from our *Loving and Eternal Father God!*

In response to the Hebrew people's “*Repentance*”, *Yahweh* will *Restore* the *Health* of the land and *Rebuild* the homes of *His Children*.

*Amos 9:13–15 (NLT)**They Will Never Again Be Uprooted!*

- ¹³ *“The time will come,” says the LORD,
“when the grain and grapes will grow faster
than they can be harvested.
Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel*

will drip with sweet wine!
¹⁴ *I will bring my exiled people of Israel
back from distant lands,
and they will rebuild their ruined cities
and live in them again.
They will plant vineyards and gardens;
they will eat their crops and drink their wine.*
¹⁵ *I will firmly plant them there
in their own land.
They will never again be uprooted
from the land I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.*

Zechariah 1:18–21 (NLT)

Four Horns and Four Blacksmiths

¹⁸ *Then I looked up and saw four animal horns. ¹⁹ “What are these?” I asked the angel who was talking with me.*

He replied, “These horns represent the nations that scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”

²⁰ *Then the LORD showed me four blacksmiths. ²¹ “What are these men coming to do?” I asked.*

The angel replied, “These four horns—these nations—scattered and humbled Judah. Now these blacksmiths have come to terrify those nations and throw them down and destroy them.”

The second vision “*Four Horns and Four Blacksmiths*” is a vision that can be easily understood when we look at who the “*Four Horns*” are and what a “*Blacksmith*” does to the material he works with.

The “*Four Horns*” are the *pagan nations* who *Incorrectly* used their *God given* power to viciously attack and destroy the Hebrew people.

A “*Horn*” in the *Holy Bible* is used as a symbol of “*power*” and *iron horns* are used to describe *the military power* of warlike nations.

The “*Blacksmith*” uses *white hot fire* and a *hammer* to break up iron on his anvil, the “*Blacksmiths*” are the physical tool a “*hammer*” used by the *All-powerful Yahweh*, it is a *Biblical Fact* *Father God* can “*Melt*” solid rock with *His words*!

Father God will not allow *sin* to go “*Unpunished*”, a high price of *Painful Punishment* must be the cost for using “*God Given*” power to *Commit sin*!

This *sinful “Misuse”* of “*God Given*” power is a “*Violation*” of *Father God’s Will* and the *Punishment* for this *sinful misuse* is applied *equally* to all who are given this power over other men and women *Jew and Gentile*.

2 Peter 2:12–14 (NLT)

They Are a Disgrace!

¹² *These false teachers are like unthinking animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and*

destroyed. They scoff at things they do not understand, and like animals, they will be destroyed. ¹³ Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. They delight in deception even as they eat with you in your fellowship meals. ¹⁴ They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained in greed. They live under God's curse.

Chapter #2

Zechariah 2:1–5 (NLT)

Future Prosperity of Jerusalem

¹ When I looked again, I saw a man with a measuring line in his hand. ² "Where are you going?" I asked.

He replied, "I am going to measure Jerusalem, to see how wide and how long it is."

³ Then the angel who was with me went to meet a second angel who was coming toward him. ⁴ The other angel said, "Hurry, and say to that young man, 'Jerusalem will someday be so full of people and livestock that there won't be room enough for everyone! Many will live outside the city walls. ⁵ Then I, myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD. And I will be the glory inside the city!'" "

In Chapter #2 this third vision "The man with the measuring line" delivers to the readers of this prophesy a look into the future growth of "The Land of Promise", this growth will be Delivered in two different time periods.

The first time of Rebuilding and Growth will take place with the "Return" to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. This "Return" to "The Promised Land" and the "Rebuilding" of "The Temple of The LORD" will bring Abundant Blessing and Growth until the Hebrew people Forget why they have "Returned" to their Home and why they must "Obey" Yahweh's Written Law!

Isaiah 65:6–9 (NLT)

I Still Have True Servants!

⁶ "Look, my decree is written out in front of me:

I will not stand silent;

I will repay them in full!

Yes, I will repay them—

⁷ both for their own sins
and for those of their ancestors,"
says the LORD.

"For they also burned incense on the mountains
and insulted me on the hills.
I will pay them back in full!

⁸ "But I will not destroy them all,"
says the LORD.

*“For just as good grapes are found among a cluster of bad ones
 (and someone will say, ‘Don’t throw them all away—
 some of those grapes are good!’),
 so I will not destroy all Israel.
 For I still have true servants there.
⁹ I will preserve a remnant of the people of Israel
 and of Judah to possess my land.
 Those I choose will inherit it,
 and my servants will live there.*

The second time period of “Return” and “Rebuilding” was started when “The Nation of Israel” was Established in the year 1948 AD, Joyfully the Hebrew people have started the Promised “Return” to their Homeland. This Event was the Prophesied “Restarting” of the count-down clock for the “Return” of The LORD, Jesus Christ to our Lost and Broken world. This Nation Building Event has taken Thousands of Years to Test and Refine the Hebrew people so that they would know and “Faithfully” understand the True Value of --- “The Promised Land”!

*Zechariah 1:2–4 (NLT)
 Return to Me!*

² “I, the LORD, was very angry with your ancestors. ³ Therefore, say to the people, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.’ ⁴ Don’t be like your ancestors who would not listen or pay attention when the earlier prophets said to them, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Turn from your evil ways, and stop all your evil practices.’

The Minor Prophets were all voices who proclaimed the “Eternal” plans of Love and Provision for God’s Chosen People. Yahweh’s Eternal plans have included the Promised Providing of “The Unblemished Lamb” who will with His Sinless Blood “Remove” all the sins of “Repentant” sinners. Jesus Christ is “The Spotless Lamb of God” who’s Death and Resurrection will provide the “Only Path” for sinful mankind Jew and Gentile to enter The Eternal Kingdom of --- Father God!

Zechariah 2:6–13 (NLT)

The Exiles Are Called Home!

⁶ The LORD says, “Come away! Flee from Babylon in the land of the north, for I have scattered you to the four winds. ⁷ Come away, people of Zion, you who are exiled in Babylon!”

⁸ After a period of glory, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies sent me against the nations who plundered you. For he said, “Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession. ⁹ I will raise my fist to crush them, and their own slaves will plunder them.” Then you will know that the LORD of Heaven’s Armies has sent me.

¹⁰ The LORD says, “Shout and rejoice, O beautiful Jerusalem, for I am coming to live among you. ¹¹ Many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day, and they, too, will be my people. I will live among you, and you will know that the LORD of Heaven’s Armies sent me to

you. ¹² *The land of Judah will be the LORD's special possession in the holy land, and he will once again choose Jerusalem to be his own city.* ¹³ *Be silent before the LORD, all humanity, for he is springing into action from his holy dwelling."*

This call to flee "Babylon" (sin) Return to Juda and Worship only Yahweh was True at the time of the writing of this prophesy, and it is just as True today in our time.

The Turning Away from sin and our "Turning to Father God" for Forgiveness of our sins is the reason all mankind Jew and Gentile were given the ---"Gift of Life"!

Psalm 65:1-5 (NLT)

You Answer Our Prayers!

¹ *What mighty praise, O God,
belongs to you in Zion.*

*We will fulfill our vows to you,
² for you answer our prayers.*

All of us must come to you.

³ *Though we are overwhelmed by our sins,
you forgive them all.*

⁴ *What joy for those you choose to bring near,
those who live in your holy courts.*

*What festivities await us
inside your holy Temple.*

⁵ *You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds,
O God our savior.*

*You are the hope of everyone on earth,
even those who sail on distant seas.*

The *pagan nations* enjoyed a period of *glory and power* when they *enslaved* the Hebrew people, they will in the end pay an "Exceedingly" High Price for causing Yahweh's Children Sorrow and Pain.

After Yahweh has *Delivered His Righteous Judgement* to the *Pagan nations His Chosen People* and all who come to *Jerusalem to Worship* the "True God" Yahweh will live in "Peace" in *Father God's Chosen Home*.

Zechariah 3:1-7 (NLT)

Cleansing for the High Priest

Then the angel showed me Jeshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD. The Accuser, Satan, was there at the angel's right hand, making accusations against Jeshua. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "I, the LORD, reject your accusations, Satan. Yes, the LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you. This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from the fire."

³ *Jeshua's clothing was filthy as he stood there before the angel. ⁴ So the angel said to the others standing there, "Take off his filthy clothes." And turning to Jeshua he said, "See, I have taken away your sins, and now I am giving you these fine new clothes."*

⁵ *Then I said, "They should also place a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean priestly turban on his head and dressed him in new clothes while the angel of the LORD stood by.*

⁶ *Then the angel of the LORD spoke very solemnly to Jeshua and said, ⁷ "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: If you follow my ways and carefully serve me, then you will be given authority over my Temple and its courtyards. I will let you walk among these others standing here.*

This fourth vision in Chapter #3 of "The Cleansing of the High Priest" Jeshua takes place at "The Throne of God", this is the "Holy Place" where all mankind at some point in time will be called to be *Cleansed* or *Judged*.

Hebrews 4:11–13 (NLT)

The Word of God is Alive!

¹¹ *So let us do our best to enter that rest. But if we disobey God, as the people of Israel did, we will fall.*

¹² *For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.*

At this time of *Cleansing* or *Judgement* Satan will *Attack* you with all your *sins*, the only way you can be found "Not Guilty" is by the *Power* of the "Sinless Blood" of *Jesus Christ* that provides the *Gift* of the --- "Grace of God"!

The *Sinless Blood* of The LORD, *Jesus Christ* will *Wash Away* all the *sins* of every "Repentant" sinner who calls on *Him* as their "Savior". *Jesus Christ* will stand and *Represent* them at *His Father's Throne* as "Washed Clean" of *sin* at their time of *Judgement*.

This "Cleansing" or *Rebirth* of the *High Priest Jeshua* was *Yahweh's Gift* of a *Clean New Start* for the *Return* and *Restoration* of --- *The Promised Land*.

If *Jeshua* is to be a useful and *Effective Servant* of *Yahweh* and *Leader* of the Hebrew people, he must not be "Unclean" and loaded down with the *Burden* of *Unforgiven sin*.

All who are *Appointed* to be useful *Servants* of *Father God* must first be "washed Clean" of *sin* and when they *Fail* to remain *clean*, they must "Repent" and ask for *Father God's Forgiveness*. If as a *Faithful Servant* of *Yahweh* you follow *His "Written Law"* *Father God* will allow you to walk in "The Temple of The Lord" and show others by the "Faithfulness" of your walk how to "Enter" --- *God's Grace*.

Zechariah 3:8–10 (NLT)

A Symbol of Things to Come!

⁸ *“Listen to me, O Jeshua the high priest, and all you other priests. You are symbols of things to come. Soon I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. ⁹ Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets. I will engrave an inscription on it, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day.*

¹⁰ *“And on that day, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, each of you will invite your neighbor to sit with you peacefully under your own grapevine and fig tree.”*

In this section of *Chapter #3 (3:8-10)* is an especially important instruction given to Jeshua and all the other priests who were called to *“Represent” The LORD Yahweh and His Written Law.* The Hebrew priests were instructed to remind the Jews of *Father God’s “Promises” of Renewal* and the *Promise* of the coming *“Messiah” the “Savior”* of the Hebrew people. The Hebrew priests were told that they were to be the *“Living Symbols”* of things to come, they were given the task of *“Breaking The Ground”* for the *“First Coming”* to this world of --- *The LORD, and Savior --- Jesus Christ!*

Isaiah 11:10–12 (NLT)

A Branch from David’s Line

¹⁰ *In that day the heir to David’s throne
will be a banner of salvation to all the world.*

*The nations will rally to him,
and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.*

¹¹ *In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time
to bring back the remnant of his people—
those who remain in Assyria and northern Egypt;
in southern Egypt, Ethiopia, and Elam;
in Babylonia, Hamath, and all the distant coastlands.*

¹² *He will raise a flag among the nations
and assemble the exiles of Israel.
He will gather the scattered people of Judah
from the ends of the earth.*

This *“Jewel” “The Unblemished Lamb” Jesus Christ, The Son of God* was *Provided* by *Yahweh* for the *Benefit and Salvation* of all mankind *Jew and Gentile.*
Father God’s “Gift” of “Grace” the Unearned “Forgiveness” of All sin is yours for the asking.
This *Old Testament Book* was written for men and women of all time periods then and now, the *Old* was made *New* by the *“Coming” of The Messiah, The Savior, The LORD, Jesus Christ!*

Zechariah 4:1–7 (NLT)

A Lampstand and Two Olive Trees

Then the angel who had been talking with me returned and woke me, as though I had been asleep. ² “What do you see now?” he asked.

I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl of oil on top of it. Around the bowl are seven lamps, each having seven spouts with wicks. ³ And I see two olive trees, one on each side of the bowl." ⁴ Then I asked the angel, "What are these, my lord? What do they mean?"

⁵ "Don't you know?" the angel asked.

"No, my lord," I replied.

⁶ Then he said to me, "This is what the LORD says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁷ Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!' "

This *fifth vision "A Lampstand and Two Olive Trees"* starts with a *simple question* from the angel asking the prophet --- "*what do you see*"?

The prophet looked and *observed* a familiar object of his time an oil lamp stand that would be one of the "*golden alter utensils*" used in "*The Temple of The LORD*".

This lamp is different it has a bowl on top of it filled with olive oil, the bowl is connected by tubes to the seven lamps with spouts and wicks. At both sides of the lampstand are olive trees with branches that are supplying a constant supply of golden olive oil to the bowl that is at the top of the lampstand.

The prophet does not understand what this vision represents, so he asks the angle "*what do they mean?*"

The angle tells the prophet the *vision* is a *physical representation* of the "*Power and Provision of The Holy Spirit*" who will "*Remove*" all *obstacles* that attempt to *block* the Hebrews *Return* to "*The land of Promise*" and the *Rebuilding* of "*The Temple of The LORD*"!

The Hebrew people who have "*Returned*" to *Rebuild* and *Rededicate* the *Promised Land* must *Completely* and "*Only*" *Trust* in "*The Power of Yahweh*" and *His Loving Provision*.

It will be *Father God's Glorious and Powerful Spirit* that will *Light* and *Guide* the *Reconstructed "Temple of The LORD"*.

Father God will "*Provide*" the "*Constant Supply*" of *Power* that will "*Light The Way*" for *Yahweh's People* to *Grow* and *Prosper* in their *God Given Homeland*.

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NLT)

Comfort for God's People

¹ "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.

² "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.

Tell her that her sad days are gone and her sins are pardoned.

Yes, the LORD has punished her twice over for all her sins."

³ Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, "Clear the way through the wilderness

for the LORD!
 Make a straight highway through the wasteland
 for our God!
⁴ Fill in the valleys,
 and level the mountains and hills.
 Straighten the curves,
 and smooth out the rough places.
⁵ Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
 and all people will see it together.
 The LORD has spoken!"

Zechariah 4:8–14 (NLT)

Small Beginnings!

⁸ Then another message came to me from the LORD: ⁹ "Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of Heaven's Armies has sent me. ¹⁰ Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

(The seven lamps represent the eyes of the LORD that search all around the world.)

¹¹ Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on each side of the lampstand, ¹² and what are the two olive branches that pour out golden oil through two gold tubes?"

¹³ "Don't you know?" he asked.

"No, my lord," I replied.

¹⁴ Then he said to me, "They represent the two anointed ones who stand in the court of the Lord of all the earth."

This section of the vision of the *lampstand* informs the prophet that all *Great Works* start out *small* and that *Yahweh* "Rejoices" when *He* sees *His Children* take the first steps of *Repentance* and "Obediently" Return to their *Heavenly Fathers* side.

Our "Ever Present God" watches over all *His Children*, this *watchfulness* includes those who have not yet chosen the path of "True" Belief and Trust in *Yahweh*.

The "two olive trees" and the "two branches" that "pour out golden oil" represent the "two anointed ones". This *Biblical Representation* of trees and branches is typical of the "blood line branches" growing out of the *Royal House* of king *David*.

The *High Priest Joshua* and the prophet *Zerubbabel* are the "Branches" that have been chosen to do *Yahweh's* work by teaching *His written Law* and showing the Hebrew people how to "Correctly" offer-up worship to *Father God*.

In the years that follow the prophesy of *Zechariah* the "True Branch" "The Messiah" will be born in *Bethlehem* sprouting out of --- "The House of *David*".

This "True Branch" will be "The Messiah" *Jesus Christ* who will be both *King* and *Priest* to all who choose to "Accept" *Jesus Christ* as *LORD*, and *Savior*.

This Acceptance of *The LORD, Jesus Christ* by "True Believers" was begun at the time of *His Birth* and *First Appearance* in this world as a "Flesh and Blood" man and the "Sinless" Son of *Father God*.

This *Gracious* time period of “Acceptance” will continue through *Jesus Christ’s Revelation* and “Return” as *The Lion of Juda* and King of --- “*The land of Promise*”.

This opportunity of “Redemption” and *Salvation* that is provided by the “Grace” of *Father God* will end only at your “Death” or the *Final Destruction* of this *Lost and sinful world!*

Jeremiah 23:3–6 (NLT)

The Remnant of My Flock!

³ *But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number.* ⁴ *Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the LORD have spoken!*

⁵ *“For the time is coming,”*
says the LORD,
“when I will raise up a righteous descendant
from King David’s line.
He will be a King who rules with wisdom.
He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

⁶ *And this will be his name:*
‘The LORD Is Our Righteousness.’
In that day Judah will be saved,
and Israel will live in safety

Zechariah 5:1–4 (NLT)

A Flying Scroll

I looked up again and saw a scroll flying through the air.

² *“What do you see?” the angel asked.*

“I see a flying scroll,” I replied. “It appears to be about 30 feet long and 15 feet wide.”

³ *Then he said to me, “This scroll contains the curse that is going out over the entire land. One side of the scroll says that those who steal will be banished from the land; the other side says that those who swear falsely will be banished from the land.* ⁴ *And this is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: I am sending this curse into the house of every thief and into the house of everyone who swears falsely using my name. And my curse will remain in that house and completely destroy it—even its timbers and stones.”*

Chapter #5 starts out with a new vision it is “*A Flying Scroll*” that was as big as a roadside billboard, and it had a *Bold Print Warning* of a “Curse” written on both sides.

This *Prophetic Warning* was given to *Zechariah* and all the *Hebrew people* to boldly remind them that *Yahweh’s Protection and Provision* is “*Contingent*” (the outcome is totally dependent on the actions taken by the Hebrew people) on their “*Remining*” *sinless* by following *Father God’s Written Law and Covenants* that *Father God* gave to *Moses and Abraham*.

In the time of the *Old Testament* the *Hebrew people's* only path in life that does not offend *Yahweh* was to *Faithfully* follow all the *Requirements* of the *Written Law* and the *Covenants*. *Atonement Forgiveness* and the "*Removal*" of *sin* could only be *Accomplished* by the *Death* and *Blood Sacrifice* of a "*sacrificial animal*" at *The Alter* in --- *The Temple of The LORD*.

It should be *noted* and *remembered* that the *Hebrew people* were informed by earlier *Prophets of Yahweh* that *The Chosen People* will someday have the *Promised "Messiah"* walk among them.

This *Promise* of "*Salvation*" through a "*Kinsman Redeemer*" was delivered at numerous places and times prior to the prophesy of *Zechariah*.

This coming "*Spotless Lamb*", the "*Manna*" the "*Bread of Life*" *Jesus Christ* was to be the "*New Covenant*" that *Father God's "Chosen People"* (*The Hebrews*) could use to find *Forgiveness of sin "Redemption"* and *New Life* through *Faith and Belief* in "*The Lamb of God*"--- *Jesus Christ!* By the *Sacrificial Redemptive Power* of the "*Sinless Blood*" of the "*Messiah*" the *sinful Hebrew people* could be made "*Clean*" and have all their *sins* --- *Forgiven!*

Revelation 2:14–17 (NLT)

Choose The Bread of Life!

¹⁴ *"But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. ¹⁵ In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. ¹⁶ Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

¹⁷ *"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.*

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)

The Prince of Peace!

⁶ *For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.*

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *His government and its peace
will never end.*

*He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David
for all eternity.*

*The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies
will make this happen!*

Isaiah 53:7–8 (NLT)

Slaughtered As a Sheep!

⁷ *He was oppressed and treated harshly,
yet he never said a word.
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.
And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.*

⁸ *Unjustly condemned,
he was led away.
No one cared that he died without descendants,
that his life was cut short in midstream.
But he was struck down
for the rebellion of my people.*

Zechariah 5:5–11 (NLT)

A Woman in a Basket

⁵ *Then the angel who was talking with me came forward and said, “Look up and see what’s coming.”*

⁶ *“What is it?” I asked.*

He replied, “It is a basket for measuring grain, and it’s filled with the sins of everyone throughout the land.”

⁷ *Then the heavy lead cover was lifted off the basket, and there was a woman sitting inside it. ⁸ The angel said, “The woman’s name is Wickedness,” and he pushed her back into the basket and closed the heavy lid again.*

⁹ *Then I looked up and saw two women flying toward us, gliding on the wind. They had wings like a stork, and they picked up the basket and flew into the sky.*

¹⁰ *“Where are they taking the basket?” I asked the angel.*

¹¹ *He replied, “To the land of Babylonia, where they will build a temple for the basket. And when the temple is ready, they will set the basket there on its pedestal.”*

The second part of the vision in *Chapter #5 “A Woman in a basket”* contains *Redemptive “Lifesaving”* instructions for the *Hebrew* people telling them how they must *“Identify” sin* and *lawlessness* then place it where it *cannot* cause them harm.

The large basket represents a *safe place* where the *Hebrews sins* need to be placed, this safe and contained location is under the *“Heavy Foot”* of --- *Yahweh!*

The *Hebrew* people must *Confess* their *sins* and make the *“Proper Sacrifices”* to *Yahweh* that will allow *Father God* to *contain* and *remove* their *sins*.

The *“Heavy Lid”* is the *Powerful Foot* of *The LORD*, *God* this is the same *“Foot”* that will *“Crush the head of the serpent”*--- *Satan!*

The *“woman in the basket”* represents the *sinfully Unfaithful Hebrew* people who in the past have become *Prostitutes* by *worshiping false pagan gods*.

They have chosen the path of the *sinful Unfaithful bride* who has “Broken” her vows to always be “Faithful” to her husband.

This basket full of *sin* and “Disrespect” is to be Returned to the place that the *sinful Disrespectful* acts of “worshipping” *pagan false gods* and the Turning Away from “The True God Yahweh” originated --- “Babylonia”!

The *pagan temple pedestals* the *sin* and all who live in this “Land of sin” will be Consumed by the “Unquenchable Fire” of The Righteous Anger of --- The LORD!

Isaiah 13:19–22 (NLT)

God Will Destroy Them!

¹⁹ *Babylon, the most glorious of kingdoms,
the flower of Chaldean pride,
will be devastated like Sodom and Gomorrah
when God destroyed them.*

²⁰ *Babylon will never be inhabited again.
It will remain empty for generation after generation.
Nomads will refuse to camp there,
and shepherds will not bed down their sheep.*

²¹ *Desert animals will move into the ruined city,
and the houses will be haunted by howling creatures.
Owls will live among the ruins,
and wild goats will go there to dance.*

²² *Hyenas will howl in its fortresses,
and jackals will make dens in its luxurious palaces.
Babylon’s days are numbered;
its time of destruction will soon arrive.*

Zechariah 6:1–8 (NLT)

Four Chariots

Then I looked up again and saw four chariots coming from between two bronze mountains.

² *The first chariot was pulled by red horses, the second by black horses, ³ the third by white horses, and the fourth by powerful dappled-gray horses. ⁴ “And what are these, my lord?” I asked the angel who was talking with me.*

⁵ *The angel replied, “These are the four spirits of heaven who stand before the Lord of all the earth. They are going out to do his work. ⁶ The chariot with black horses is going north, the chariot with white horses is going west, and the chariot with dappled-gray horses is going south.”*

⁷ *The powerful horses were eager to set out to patrol the earth. And the LORD said, “Go and patrol the earth!” So they left at once on their patrol.*

⁸ *Then the LORD summoned me and said, “Look, those who went north have vented the anger of my Spirit there in the land of the north.”*

Chapter #6 starts out with the vision of the “*Four Chariots*”, the four chariots and horses enter between “*Two bronze mountains*”. It is a common and accepted “*Biblical comparison*” to describe something that is “*bronze*” as a reference to “*Judgement*”.

Again, we read in Zechariah's prophesy that *Yahweh* and *His spirit* are *Constantly watching* over the entire earth *Jew and Gentile*, all come under the same *never-ending* unseen presence of *Father God*.

Rather than going into a long questionable commentary on the meaning of the color of the horses and what each color represents I will not comment, it will remain *undefined* just as it is in the *Biblical prophecy of Zechariah*.

In *Zechariah 6:8*, the chariot with the black horse and “*The Spirit of Heaven*” is going off to the north and it is on a *Mission* to “*Vent*” the *Anger* of --- “*The LORD of Heavens Armies*”!

The land to the north of Jerusalem is most likely *Babylon*, the land of the *sinful pagan* people who have *Overused* their *Father God* granted power. This “*power of the rod*” was granted to *Correct* with restrained *punishment* the *Unrepentant Hebrew* people that have *Forgotten* who is *The One and Only* --- “*True God*”!

Jeremiah 50:33–34 (NLT)

Babylon Will Have No Rest!

³³ *This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:*

“The people of Israel and Judah have been wronged.

Their captors hold them and refuse to let them go.

³⁴ *But the one who redeems them is strong.*

His name is the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

He will defend them

and give them rest again in Israel.

But for the people of Babylon

there will be no rest!

Zechariah 6:9–15 (NLT)

The Crowning of Jeshua

⁹ *Then I received another message from the LORD: ¹⁰ “Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah will bring gifts of silver and gold from the Jews exiled in Babylon. As soon as they arrive, meet them at the home of Josiah son of Zephaniah. ¹¹ Accept their gifts, and make a crown from the silver and gold. Then put the crown on the head of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. ¹² Tell him, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Here is the man called the Branch. He will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the LORD. ¹³ Yes, he will build the Temple of the LORD. Then he will receive royal honor and will rule as king from his throne. He will also serve as priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles.’*

¹⁴ *“The crown will be a memorial in the Temple of the LORD to honor those who gave it—Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Josiah son of Zephaniah.”*

¹⁵ *People will come from distant lands to rebuild the Temple of the LORD. And when this happens, you will know that my messages have been from the LORD of Heaven's Armies. All this will happen if you carefully obey what the LORD your God says.*

This section of *Chapter #6:9-15* is both an instruction and prophesy from *Yahweh* directed to the *Hebrew people* and all who want to be "Faithful" followers of *Father God*.

"The Children of Abraham" are to show *Proper Respect* for the *High Priests* and *kings* that *Father God* allows to be placed in *Leadership Positions*.

The *Hebrew people* are to make a "Love Gift" offering of gold and silver that will be formed into the crown of their earthly king and *High Priest*, gifts of high value that will show *Respect* for the "Wisdom" of *Yahweh*.

This is the "Correct" image of a "Healthy" church body that is by their actions demonstrating "Genuine" Love and Respect for *Father God*.

A "Church Body" that is following a *High Priest* who will lead the *Hebrew people* in *Respectful Worship* of the "True Gospel" the "Written Law" of *Yahweh*, guidance that is correctly and Faithfully instructed by *Father God's* chosen --- "High Priest"!

This "Living Human Branch" *Jeshua* that has been Chosen by *Yahweh* will grow strong and provide the "Strength" to support the physical construction of the "New Temple" and "Spiritual Renewing" of the "Faith" of the *Hebrew people*.

This *New Growth* and *Prosperous Development* of the *Hebrew people* was and always is undeniably connected to this "Requirement" set by *Yahweh* --- "All this will happen if you carefully obey what the LORD your God says!"

This *Requirement* of "Faithful" loving "Obedience" of *Father Gods* "Written Law" allows *Him* to provide all that *His* "Chosen People" require for a life filled with --- *Grace* and *Peace*!

The harmonious *Royal "Dule Positions"* of *King* and *High Priest* that is represented in the prophesy of *Zechariah* where *Jeshua* is *king* and *high priest* is a *Foretelling* of the coming day when the "Messiah" *Jesus Christ* will be "Revealed" and "Return" to this world as *King* and *High Priest*!

The *Old Testament* is again an "Open Widow" we can use to look into the future of mankind, allowing us to understand how the *Loving Plans* of *Father God* will always end with "Victory" for *Yahweh* and *His* --- "Chosen People"!

Deuteronomy 4:37-40 (NLT)

Your Love Must Be Proven with Obedience!

³⁷ *Because he loved your ancestors, he chose to bless their descendants, and he personally brought you out of Egypt with a great display of power. ³⁸ He drove out nations far greater than you, so he could bring you in and give you their land as your special possession, as it is today.*

³⁹ *"So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The LORD is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other. ⁴⁰ If you obey all the decrees and commands I am giving you today, all will be well with you and your children. I am giving you these instructions so you will enjoy a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you for all time."*

Hebrews 5:8–10 (NLT)

Jesus Christ Is --- King and High Priest!

⁸ Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. ¹⁰ And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Zechariah 7:1–7 (NLT)

A Call to Justice and Mercy!

On December 7 of the fourth year of King Darius's reign, another message came to Zechariah from the LORD. ² The people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regemmelech, along with their attendants, to seek the LORD's favor. ³ They were to ask this question of the prophets and the priests at the Temple of the LORD of Heaven's Armies: "Should we continue to mourn and fast each summer on the anniversary of the Temple's destruction, as we have done for so many years?"

⁴ The LORD of Heaven's Armies sent me this message in reply: ⁵ "Say to all your people and your priests, 'During these seventy years of exile, when you fasted and mourned in the summer and in early autumn, was it really for me that you were fasting? ⁶ And even now in your holy festivals, aren't you eating and drinking just to please yourselves? ⁷ Isn't this the same message the LORD proclaimed through the prophets in years past when Jerusalem and the towns of Judah were bustling with people, and the Negev and the foothills of Judah were well populated?' "

Chapter #7 starts out with a Hypocritical question from the "Forgetful" Hebrew people who were living in Bethel (a Hebrew town that has a history of Pagan worship).

The Hebrew people's sinful pagan worship of a golden calf at the alter in Bethel was one of the numerous Transgressions of the "Written Law" that were imbedded the sinful "Repetitive" History of the Hebrews.

As a result of this Unforgiven sin Yahweh had to use Pagans as a tool of correction to drive out His Chosen People from "The Land of Promise" into Exile and Captivity.

The Hypocritical and all too eager to party Hebrew's ask the prophets and the priests if they should continue to "mourn" over the Loss of the original Temple.

The LORD of Heaven's Armies responds to Zechariah and the Hebrew priests with a Thought-Provoking question that looks deep into the sinful hearts of the Hebrew people.

Yahweh asks His "Forgetful" children who and what they were "Worshipping" when they were eating and drinking at their "Holy Festivals" when they were in Babylonian captivity for seventy years?

The sad Truthful Fact is that Father God already knows the "Answer", and it is found in the past "Adulterous" false god worshiping sinful Self-Centered pleasure driven Pagan worship of the Hebrew people.

Leviticus 26:30–33 (NLT)

The Cost of Pagan Worship!

³⁰ I will destroy your pagan shrines and knock down your places of worship. I will leave your lifeless corpses piled on top of your lifeless idols, and I will despise you. ³¹ I will make your cities desolate and destroy your places of pagan worship. I will take no pleasure in your offerings that should be a pleasing aroma to me. ³² Yes, I myself will devastate your land, and your enemies who come to occupy it will be appalled at what they see. ³³ I will scatter you among the nations and bring out my sword against you. Your land will become desolate, and your cities will lie in ruins.

Zechariah 7:8–10 (NLT)

Do Not Ignore --- The Wisdom of Yahweh!

⁸ Then this message came to Zechariah from the LORD: ⁹ “This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Judge fairly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. ¹⁰ Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners, and the poor. And do not scheme against each other.

This last section of *Chapter #7:8-10* contains the instructive words of “Wisdom” given to the Hebrew people and all who live today, spoken by our *Loving Eternal Father God*.

This instruction from *Yahweh* first contains the “Truth” about what must come first in the lives of *His Chosen People*.

Mercy Love and Kindness are the *Virtues* the Hebrew people must live by. This lifestyle of *Love and Kindness* is how they must interact with other *Hebrews* and all foreigners who are not Hebrews.

Compassion and Fairness must be shown to the poor and all mankind, they must not scheme against their fellow Hebrews.

Romans 13:8–14 (NLT)

Love Fulfills God’s Requirements!

⁸ Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law. ⁹ For the commandments say, “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.” These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law.

¹¹ This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. ¹³ Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don’t participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and

immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

Zechariah 7:11-14

Remember Your Past History!

¹¹ *"Your ancestors refused to listen to this message. They stubbornly turned away and put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing. ¹² They made their hearts as hard as stone, so they could not hear the instructions or the messages that the LORD of Heaven's Armies had sent them by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. That is why the LORD of Heaven's Armies was so angry with them.*

¹³ *"Since they refused to listen when I called to them, I would not listen when they called to me, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ¹⁴ As with a whirlwind, I scattered them among the distant nations, where they lived as strangers. Their land became so desolate that no one even traveled through it. They turned their pleasant land into a desert."*

In *Zechariah 7:11-14* we again read how the Hebrew people "Refused" to listen to *The Prophets of The LORD* who gave them instructions of how to "Not Offend" Yahweh and avoid *His Righteous Punishment!*

This *Failure* to "Listen" and then not "Offend" Yahweh is the reason that the *Hebrew people* were scattered to distant nations and now must *Return* and *Rebuild* the *Temple of the LORD*. It was the *Hebrew people* who "turned their pleasant land into desert" not Yahweh, He is a *Heavenly Father* who only wants *Good* and *Pleasant* life conditions for --- *His Chosen People!*

Deuteronomy 7:8-10 (NLT)

The LORD Loves You!

⁸ *Rather, it was simply that the LORD loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the LORD rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. ⁹ Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unending love on those who love him and obey his commands. ¹⁰ But he does not hesitate to punish and destroy those who reject him.*

1 Peter 2:6-10 (NLT)

The New Cornerstone!

⁶ *As the Scriptures say,*

*"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,
chosen for great honor,
and anyone who trusts in him
will never be disgraced."*

⁷ *Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him,*

*“The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.”*

⁸ And,

*“He is the stone that makes people stumble,
the rock that makes them fall.”*

They stumble because they do not obey God’s word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

⁹ *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

¹⁰ *“Once you had no identity as a people;
now you are God’s people.
Once you received no mercy;
now you have received God’s mercy.”*

Zechariah 8:1–17 (NLT)

Promised Blessings for Jerusalem

Then another message came to me from the LORD of Heaven’s Armies: ² “This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: My love for Mount Zion is passionate and strong; I am consumed with passion for Jerusalem!

³ *“And now the LORD says: I am returning to Mount Zion, and I will live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City; the mountain of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will be called the Holy Mountain.*

⁴ *“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Once again old men and women will walk Jerusalem’s streets with their canes and will sit together in the city squares. ⁵ And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play.*

⁶ *“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small remnant of God’s people. But is it impossible for me? says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.*

⁷ *“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: You can be sure that I will rescue my people from the east and from the west. ⁸ I will bring them home again to live safely in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be faithful and just toward them as their God.*

⁹ *“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Be strong and finish the task! Ever since the laying of the foundation of the Temple of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, you have heard what the prophets have been saying about completing the building. ¹⁰ Before the work on the Temple began, there were no jobs and no money to hire people or animals. No traveler was safe from the enemy, for there were enemies on all sides. I had turned everyone against each other.*

¹¹ *“But now I will not treat the remnant of my people as I treated them before, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. ¹² For I am planting seeds of peace and prosperity among you. The grapevines will be heavy with fruit. The earth will produce its crops, and the heavens will release the dew. Once more I will cause the remnant in Judah and Israel to inherit these blessings.*

¹³ *Among the other nations, Judah and Israel became symbols of a cursed nation. But no longer!*

Now I will rescue you and make you both a symbol and a source of blessing. So don't be afraid. Be strong, and get on with rebuilding the Temple!

¹⁴ *"For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: I was determined to punish you when your ancestors angered me, and I did not change my mind, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*

¹⁵ *But now I am determined to bless Jerusalem and the people of Judah. So don't be afraid. ¹⁶ But this is what you must do: Tell the truth to each other. Render verdicts in your courts that are just and that lead to peace. ¹⁷ Don't scheme against each other. Stop your love of telling lies that you swear are the truth. I hate all these things, says the LORD."*

In Chapter #8:1-17 of the prophesy of Zechariah we read about "The Promised Blessing for Jerusalem", this Blessing is documented faithfully with Yahweh's statement of commitment that proclaims an "All-Consuming" Passionate Love for "The Chosen People" and their land. Yahweh then goes on to demonstrate His Love and Support for the Hebrew people with His Holy Spirit "Brilliantly" dwelling in the Rebuilt Temple of --- The LORD of Heavens Armies! The Return of Peace and Prosperity to the Hebrew people in the Promised Land is Father God planting "Seeds" for a crop of "True Believers" who will Love and Follow His Written Law. The "Failure" and Forgetfulness of the Hebrew people to stay on the "Correct" Path of "Faithful Obedience" to Father God's Laws and Covenants will have the sad consequence of Yahweh's Love turning to --- Hate!

*Zechariah 8:18-23 (NLT)
Love Truth and Peace!*

¹⁸ *Here is another message that came to me from the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ¹⁹ "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: The traditional fasts and times of mourning you have kept in early summer, midsummer, autumn, and winter are now ended. They will become festivals of joy and celebration for the people of Judah. So love truth and peace.*

²⁰ *"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: People from nations and cities around the world will travel to Jerusalem. ²¹ The people of one city will say to the people of another, 'Come with us to Jerusalem to ask the LORD to bless us. Let's worship the LORD of Heaven's Armies. I'm determined to go.' ²² Many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the LORD of Heaven's Armies and to ask for his blessing.*

²³ *"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In those days ten men from different nations and languages of the world will clutch at the sleeve of one Jew. And they will say, 'Please let us walk with you, for we have heard that God is with you.' "*

This last section of Chapter #8:18-23 instructs the Hebrew people to Joyfully Celebrate their "Return" to --- "The Land of Promise"!

This is the correct time and place for all His Children to thankfully proclaim with a Loud Voice that Yahweh is the God of Love and Overflowing Provision.

The Bright Light of Yahweh's Love will with the Rebuilding of the Temple "Shine Brightly" out from Jerusalem this "Bright Light" will cause other people and nations to desire the Love and Provision that is so obvious.

The Pagan nations exposed to this “*Bright Light*” will want to be *Blessed by Yahweh* as the Hebrew people are, they will want to be close to the source of the *Hebrew’s Blessing*. Will the Pagan nation repent and “*Accept*” *Yahweh* as --- *LORD*? This time of *Blessing “Light”* is both an *Old Testament* occurrence and an event that will take place in a future period of time, it will come again when this “*Bright Light*” in *Jerusalem* will be observed by the entire world.

John 8:12 (NLT)

Jesus, The Light of the World!

¹² *Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”*

Zechariah 9:1–8 (NLT)

Judgment against Israel’s Enemies

This is the message from the LORD against the land of Aram and the city of Damascus, for the eyes of humanity, including all the tribes of Israel, are on the LORD.

² *Doom is certain for Hamath,
near Damascus,
and for the cities of Tyre and Sidon,
though they are so clever.*

³ *Tyre has built a strong fortress
and has made silver and gold
as plentiful as dust in the streets!*

⁴ *But now the Lord will strip away Tyre’s possessions
and hurl its fortifications into the sea,
and it will be burned to the ground.*

⁵ *The city of Ashkelon will see Tyre fall
and will be filled with fear.*

*Gaza will shake with terror,
as will Ekron, for their hopes will be dashed.*

*Gaza’s king will be killed,
and Ashkelon will be deserted.*

⁶ *Foreigners will occupy the city of Ashdod.
I will destroy the pride of the Philistines.*

⁷ *I will grab the bloody meat from their mouths
and snatch the detestable sacrifices from their teeth.*

*Then the surviving Philistines will worship our God
and become like a clan in Judah.*

*The Philistines of Ekron will join my people,
as the ancient Jebusites once did.*

⁸ *I will guard my Temple
and protect it from invading armies.*

*I am watching closely to ensure
that no more foreign oppressors overrun my people's land.*

Chapter #9:1-8 the words of warning in the prophesy of Zechariah foretell Destruction and Death, this is the sad and Undeniable Fate of all the sinful Pagan "Enemies" of Yahweh and the Unrepentant Hebrew people who Fail to follow Yahweh's Written Law!

This warning of "Doom" from Father God will soon be followed by Destruction and Death delivered with a Frighteningly Powerful "Sword" that is in the hand of --- "The LORD of Heaven's Armies"!

All the Pagan nations that are neighbors of the Hebrews and all the Hebrew people will watch as The LORD, God Yahweh "Demonstrates" His Authority as He totally "Destroys" the Pagan cities and nations who Foolishly Trust in "worldly wealth" and the "strong walls" they have constructed to protect them from attack.

The surviving "Philistines" (those who are not Hebrews) that are not Destroyed by The Wrath of Yahweh will seek protection and want to join with the Hebrew people in Jerusalem.

This "Time of Unity" mentioned in verse #7 will be the same time period when Yahweh will personally guard His Temple so that no more Foreign Oppressors will attack or overrun The Promised Land.

This time of "Unity and Protection" will one day in the future become a physical proven fact, Yahweh's "Eternal Plan" for His Land and His People will unfold in all its Total Glory at --- His Chosen Time!

Psalms 37:1-5 (NLT)

Trust In --- The LORD!

*¹ Don't worry about the wicked
or envy those who do wrong.*

*² For like grass, they soon fade away.
Like spring flowers, they soon wither.*

*³ Trust in the LORD and do good.
Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.*

*⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you your heart's desires.*

*⁵ Commit everything you do to the LORD.
Trust him, and he will help you.*

Zechariah 9:9-17 (NLT)

Zion's Coming King

*⁹ Rejoice, O people of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!*

*Look, your king is coming to you.
He is righteous and victorious,*

*yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey's colt.*

¹⁰ *I will remove the battle chariots from Israel
and the warhorses from Jerusalem.*

*I will destroy all the weapons used in battle,
and your king will bring peace to the nations.*

*His realm will stretch from sea to sea
and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.*

¹¹ *Because of the covenant I made with you,
sealed with blood,*

*I will free your prisoners
from death in a waterless dungeon.*

¹² *Come back to the place of safety,
all you prisoners who still have hope!*

*I promise this very day
that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.*

¹³ *Judah is my bow,
and Israel is my arrow.*

*Jerusalem is my sword,
and like a warrior, I will brandish it against the Greeks.*

¹⁴ *The LORD will appear above his people;
his arrows will fly like lightning!*

*The Sovereign LORD will sound the ram's horn
and attack like a whirlwind from the southern desert.*

¹⁵ *The LORD of Heaven's Armies will protect his people,
and they will defeat their enemies by hurling great stones.*

*They will shout in battle as though drunk with wine.
They will be filled with blood like a bowl,*

drenched with blood like the corners of the altar.

¹⁶ *On that day the LORD their God will rescue his people,
just as a shepherd rescues his sheep.*

*They will sparkle in his land
like jewels in a crown.*

¹⁷ *How wonderful and beautiful they will be!
The young men will thrive on abundant grain,
and the young women will flourish on new wine.*

The Prophecy of a coming "Messiah" contained in *Chapter 9: 9-17* was written into this prophecy and designed by *Father God* to deliver a "Promise" of *Hope* and *Joy* to all the Hebrew people.

The Hebrew people need to remember and look back in time to the prophecy of past prophets remembering the "Promise" of a "Righteous" and "Victorious King" a "Kinsmen Redeemer" who will come from the *House of David* as their --- King!

Jesus Christ's coming to the Hebrew people as their "Messiah" was repeatedly recorded in the prophecies of earlier Holy Prophets of Father God.

With this "First Humble Coming" of a Jesus Christ as "The Spotless Lamb of God" to our world He became the "Redeemer" of the Hebrew people and "All Mankind", this is recorded as historical and Biblical Fact.

Job 19:23–27 (NLT)

My Redeemer Lives!

²³ *"Oh, that my words could be recorded.*

Oh, that they could be inscribed on a monument,

²⁴ *carved with an iron chisel and filled with lead,
engraved forever in the rock.*

²⁵ *"But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and he will stand upon the earth at last.*

²⁶ *And after my body has decayed,
yet in my body I will see God!*

²⁷ *I will see him for myself.*

Yes, I will see him with my own eyes.

I am overwhelmed at the thought!

John 12:12–18 (NLT)

Jesus' Triumphant Entry!

¹² *The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors ¹³ took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,*

"Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

Hail to the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ *Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:*

¹⁵ *"Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.*

*Look, your King is coming,
riding on a donkey's colt."*

¹⁶ *His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him.*

¹⁷ *Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. ¹⁸ That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign.*

The Hebrew people who have now *Returned* to the “*Promised Land*” with the mission of *Rebuilding* their homes and *The Temple* do not understand that the “*earthly king*” of their *Rebuilt Homeland* is only a “*placeholder*” and the *Living Symbol* of *Yahweh’s Authority and Law*. In the *Gospel of John 12:12-18* we read and find out that the *Disciples* who were *Dedicated Believers* and walked with *Jesus Christ* “*Failed*” to understand *Jesus Christ’s* “*Painful Path*” of “*Obedience*” that would take *Him* to *Death* on the --- *Cross!*

The *Disciples* did not *Understand* that because of *His* “*Faithfulness*” to *His Father*, *Jesus Christ’s* *Death* on the *Cross* would bring *The Son of God* to *His* --- *Ultimate Glory!*

The *Disciples* all *Failed* to understand that the “*First Time*” when “*The King*” *Jesus Christ* walked the earth as the “*Living Sacrificial Lamb*” *His* only “*Mission*” was to *Pay* the “*Blood Sacrifice*” price for the all the *sins* of mankind including the Hebrew people.

All *Christians* and *Hebrews* must “*Trust*” “*Remember*” and “*Believe*” *The LORD*, *Jesus Christ* will at some point in time *Dramatically* “*Return*” with *Lightning* and *Thunder* as “*King*” and the “*Lion of Juda*” who will complete the prophesy found in *Zechariah Chapter #9:9-17*.

Luke 17:20–27 (NLT)

The Coming of The Kingdom!

²⁰ *One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?”*

Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. ²¹ You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.”

²² *Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it. ²³ People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes. ²⁵ But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation.*

²⁶ *“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. ²⁷ In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

Zechariah 10:1–12 (NLT)

The LORD Will Restore His People

¹ *Ask the LORD for rain in the spring,
for he makes the storm clouds.*

*And he will send showers of rain
so every field becomes a lush pasture.*

² *Household gods give worthless advice,
fortune-tellers predict only lies,
and interpreters of dreams pronounce
falsehoods that give no comfort.*

*So my people are wandering like lost sheep;
they are attacked because they have no shepherd.*

- ³ *“My anger burns against your shepherds,
and I will punish these leaders.
For the LORD of Heaven’s Armies has arrived
to look after Judah, his flock.
He will make them strong and glorious,
like a proud warhorse in battle.*
- ⁴ *From Judah will come the cornerstone,
the tent peg,
the bow for battle,
and all the rulers.*
- ⁵ *They will be like mighty warriors in battle,
trampling their enemies in the mud under their feet.
Since the LORD is with them as they fight,
they will overthrow even the enemy’s horsemen.*
- ⁶ *“I will strengthen Judah and save Israel;
I will restore them because of my compassion.
It will be as though I had never rejected them,
for I am the LORD their God, who will hear their cries.*
- ⁷ *The people of Israel will become like mighty warriors,
and their hearts will be made happy as if by wine.
Their children, too, will see it and be glad;
their hearts will rejoice in the LORD.*
- ⁸ *When I whistle to them, they will come running,
for I have redeemed them.
From the few who are left,
they will grow as numerous as they were before.*
- ⁹ *Though I have scattered them like seeds among the nations,
they will still remember me in distant lands.
They and their children will survive
and return again to Israel.*
- ¹⁰ *I will bring them back from Egypt
and gather them from Assyria.
I will resettle them in Gilead and Lebanon
until there is no more room for them all.*
- ¹¹ *They will pass safely through the sea of distress,
for the waves of the sea will be held back,
and the waters of the Nile will dry up.
The pride of Assyria will be crushed,
and the rule of Egypt will end.*
- ¹² *By my power I will make my people strong,
and by my authority they will go wherever they wish.
I, the LORD, have spoken!”*

In *Chapter #10:1-3* Yahweh will with this prophesy once again *Remind* the *Forgetful* Hebrew people how *"The LORD"* will *Restore* and *Protect* His *"Chosen People"*.

Father God will turn the *bone dry baren land* into *green pastures* and *fields* that will feed the Hebrew people and their livestock. This *Miraculous Transformation* and *Rescue* from living like *Lost Sheep* in a *wasteland* without a *"Shepherd"* can only take place when *His Chosen People* *"Turn Away"* from *false gods'* fortunetellers and *pagan customs*.

Verse #3 of this prophesy is an *Inditement* and *Condemnation* of the *sinfully incorrect* leadership of the Hebrew religious teachers and leaders who have *Failed* to follow *Yahweh's Written Law!* This *"Failure"* of the *sinful Hebrew leadership* to teach and *Faithfully Follow* *Yahweh's Written Law* will be answered with the *"Righteous" Judgement* and *Punishment* of *Father God* for all who have become *"Bad" shepherds* of *His Flock*.

Yahweh will personally as *"The LORD of Heavens Army"* transform *His Flock* into an army of solders who will with *His "Power"* *Defend* and *Protect* --- *The Land of Promise*.

This *Physical* and *Spiritual "Transformation"* and *"Restoration"* recorded in *Chapter #10* is a *Transformation* and *Restoration* that will take place in three different stages.

The first and *Temporary Transformation* and *Restoration* occurred when the Hebrew people in the time of the prophet *Zechariah* were *"Returned"* to their *God Given Land*.

Yahweh will not turn *His* back on the *Hebrew people* even when they *Fail* to be *"Spiritually Faithful"* after this first period of *"Restoration"*.

The second and third *"Restorations"* are found In *verses #4-12* you will find both the *1948 AD "Return"* of the *Hebrew people* to the *Land of Promise* and the final total *"Restoration"* of *Judah* and *Israel* when *Jesus Christ* takes *His* place as both *"LORD"* and *"KING"* of the *Promised Land*.

Jeremiah 32:40–44 (NLT)

A Promise of Restoration!

⁴⁰ *And I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good for them. I will put a desire in their hearts to worship me, and they will never leave me.* ⁴¹ *I will find joy doing good for them and will faithfully and wholeheartedly replant them in this land.*

⁴² *"This is what the LORD says: Just as I have brought all these calamities on them, so I will do all the good I have promised them.* ⁴³ *Fields will again be bought and sold in this land about which you now say, 'It has been ravaged by the Babylonians, a desolate land where people and animals have all disappeared.'* ⁴⁴ *Yes, fields will once again be bought and sold—deeds signed and sealed and witnessed—in the land of Benjamin and here in Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the hill country, in the foothills of Judah and in the Negev, too. For someday I will restore prosperity to them. I, the LORD, have spoken!"*

Zechariah 11:1–3 (NLT)

The Desolation of Israel!

¹ *Open your doors, Lebanon,
so that fire may devour your cedar forests.*

² Weep, you cypress trees, for all the ruined cedars;
the most majestic ones have fallen.

Weep, you oaks of Bashan,
for the thick forests have been cut down.

³ Listen to the wailing of the shepherds,
for their rich pastures are destroyed.

Hear the young lions roaring,
for their thickets in the Jordan Valley are ruined.

The first three verses of *Chapter #11* look ahead in time over *Five Hundred Years* when the Romans attacked the *Promised Land*. History records that as the Roman armies move out to set siege to Jerusalem in AD 70, they have traveled down through *Lebanon* and cut down the large trees and use them to build the siege works ramps and battering rams they will use to set siege to Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 6:6–8 (NLT)

Listen to This Warning!

⁶ This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:

"Cut down the trees for battering rams.

Build siege ramps against the walls of Jerusalem.

This is the city to be punished,

for she is wicked through and through.

⁷ She spouts evil like a fountain.

Her streets echo with the sounds of violence and destruction.

I always see her sickness and sores.

⁸ Listen to this warning, Jerusalem,

or I will turn from you in disgust.

Listen, or I will turn you into a heap of ruins,

a land where no one lives."

Zechariah 11:4–17 (NLT)

The Good and Evil Shepherds!

⁴ This is what the LORD my God says: "Go and care for the flock that is intended for slaughter.

⁵ The buyers slaughter their sheep without remorse. The sellers say, 'Praise the LORD! Now I'm rich!' Even the shepherds have no compassion for them. ⁶ Likewise, I will no longer have pity on the people of the land," says the LORD. "I will let them fall into each other's hands and into the hands of their king. They will turn the land into a wilderness, and I will not rescue them."

⁷ So I cared for the flock intended for slaughter—the flock that was oppressed. Then I took two shepherd's staffs and named one Favor and the other Union. ⁸ I got rid of their three evil shepherds in a single month.

But I became impatient with these sheep, and they hated me, too. ⁹ So I told them, "I won't be your shepherd any longer. If you die, you die. If you are killed, you are killed. And let those who remain devour each other!"

¹⁰ Then I took my staff called Favor and cut it in two, showing that I had revoked the covenant I had made with all the nations. ¹¹ That was the end of my covenant with them. The suffering flock was watching me, and they knew that the LORD was speaking through my actions.

¹² And I said to them, "If you like, give me my wages, whatever I am worth; but only if you want to." So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.

¹³ And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potter in the Temple of the LORD.

¹⁴ Then I took my other staff, Union, and cut it in two, showing that the bond of unity between Judah and Israel was broken.

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to me, "Go again and play the part of a worthless shepherd. ¹⁶ This illustrates how I will give this nation a shepherd who will not care for those who are dying, nor look after the young, nor heal the injured, nor feed the healthy. Instead, this shepherd will eat the meat of the fattest sheep and tear off their hooves.

¹⁷ "What sorrow awaits this worthless shepherd
who abandons the flock!
The sword will cut his arm
and pierce his right eye.
His arm will become useless,
and his right eye completely blind."

The Good and the Evil Shepherds are the topic of Zechariah Chapter 11:4-17 this prophesy is a "Recurring" warning found in most of the teachings found in the Books of the Minor Prophets. This repetitive exposure of "False Prophets" and "False Teaching" to the "Corrective" Light of Truth found in Yahweh's Holy Word is intended to Protect all men and women from Father God's "Righteous Judgement"!

This sinful Failure will bring down the High Cost of Judgement and Punishment on all who will Foolishly follow --- False Prophets!

Death and Destruction will be the wadges of all who "Fail" to "Obediently" look for the Correct Spiritual guidance recorded in the written "Law of Yahweh", they are Domed because they "Do Not" Believe and Follow the "Good Shepherds" Father God has appointed.

John 10:9–15 (NLT)

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. ¹² A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

¹⁴ *"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, ¹⁵ just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.*

In Chapter #11:12-13 the "Thirty Pieces of Silver" that are "thrown to the potter in the Temple" are a preview of the "Small Value" that sinful man has and will place on the "Life" and "Redemptive Blood" of --- The LORD, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 27:5–10 (NLT)
The Silver Coins!

⁵ Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself.

⁶ The leading priests picked up the coins. "It wouldn't be right to put this money in the Temple treasury," they said, "since it was payment for murder." ⁷ After some discussion they finally decided to buy the potter's field, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. ⁸ That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood. ⁹ This fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah that says,

*"They took the thirty pieces of silver—
the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel,
¹⁰ and purchased the potter's field,
as the LORD directed."*

Zechariah 12:1–9 (NLT)

Future Deliverance for Jerusalem

This message concerning the fate of Israel came from the LORD: "This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit.

² I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah. ³ On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves.

⁴ "On that day," says the LORD, "I will cause every horse to panic and every rider to lose his nerve. I will watch over the people of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of their enemies. ⁵ And the clans of Judah will say to themselves, 'The people of Jerusalem have found strength in the LORD of Heaven's Armies, their God.'

⁶ "On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a flame that sets a woodpile ablaze or like a burning torch among sheaves of grain. They will burn up all the neighboring nations right and left, while the people living in Jerusalem remain secure.

⁷ "The LORD will give victory to the rest of Judah first, before Jerusalem, so that the people of Jerusalem and the royal line of David will not have greater honor than the rest of Judah. ⁸ On that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem; the weakest among them will be as mighty as King David! And the royal descendants will be like God, like the angel of the LORD who goes before them! ⁹ For on that day I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Chapter #12 is divided into two parts the first section *verses 1-9* layout how the *Hebrew people* as a “Nation” will find their “Strength” in *Yahweh*, then with this *Unstoppable Power* they will *Destroy and Defeat* all the nations that “Attempt” to attack *Father God’s Chosen People*. *Father God* is “LORD” the “Eternal One” who with just *His voice* “Spoke” all thing *Physical and Spiritual* into existence.

Yahweh has *Lovingly* formed the *Hebrew People* and “The Nation of Israel” with *His own hands* from the dust and dirt *He* created with *His words*.

Then at *His chosen time* *Father God* will fill “His People” and “His Nation” with the *Unstoppable Power* of the “True God”, then the *Hebrew people* will become the *Unmovable Rock* that all the enemies of Israel will be --- *Broken on and Crushed!*

Zechariah 12:10–14 (NLT)

The Power of The Holy Spirit!

¹⁰ “Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. ¹¹ The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.

¹² “All Israel will mourn, each clan by itself, and with the husbands separate from their wives. The clan of David will mourn alone, as will the clan of Nathan, ¹³ the clan of Levi, and the clan of Shimei. ¹⁴ Each of the surviving clans from Judah will mourn separately, and with the husbands separate from their wives.

Chapter #12:10-14 points out how and why the “Nation of Israel” will be established as the *Earthly Kingdom* of *The LORD, Jesus Christ*.

The *Earthly Bloodline* of the *House of David* was the source of the physical body of *The LORD, Jesus Christ*, with *His Birth* the *People and Soil* of the *Promised Land* was “Redeemed” with *Jesus Christ’s Sinless Blood!*

This *Life-Giving Truth* of “Redemption” for the *Hebrew people* will be *Provided* with *The Power* of *The Holy Spirit* who will *Deliver* *Father God’s “Grace”* (The totally unearned and unmerited forgiveness of all sin) to the *Hebrew people* who will “Accept” *Jesus Christ* as --- *LORD*, and *Savior!*

This *Glorious* and *Joyful Redemptive* understanding will also at the same time bring *Deep* and *Painful “Mourning”* when the *Hebrew people* remember how they would not *Accept “The Messiah”* *Jesus Christ* the first time *His feet* walked on the earth of the *Promised Land*.

The *Hebrew people* will be *Forced* to *Reflect* on how they because of their “Lack of Faith” allowed the “Son of God” *Jesus Christ* to be hung on a wooden cross and *Suffer* a *Humiliating Painful Death*.

Zechariah 13:1–6 (NLT)

A Fountain of Cleansing!

“On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and impurity.

² *“And on that day,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will erase idol worship throughout the land, so that even the names of the idols will be forgotten. I will remove from the land both the false prophets and the spirit of impurity that came with them. ³ If anyone continues to prophesy, his own father and mother will tell him, ‘You must die, for you have prophesied lies in the name of the LORD.’ And as he prophesies, his own father and mother will stab him.*

⁴ *“On that day people will be ashamed to claim the prophetic gift. No one will pretend to be a prophet by wearing prophet’s clothes. ⁵ He will say, ‘I’m no prophet; I’m a farmer. I began working for a farmer as a boy.’ ⁶ And if someone asks, ‘Then what about those wounds on your chest?’ he will say, ‘I was wounded at my friends’ house!’*

Chapter #13:1-6 looks into the future when the Corrective “Cleansing Power” of the Sinless Blood of The LORD, Jesus Christ is “Revealed” and how with His “Sinless Blood” the Hebrew people will be “Reborn” as --- True Believers!

This Removal of the “Spirit of Impurity” that grew out of Hebrew false prophets and Pagan idols will be so completely removed that even the memory of them will be erased and removed from the Promised Land.

False prophets will not be Tolerated in Israel and if they continue to worship false gods and teach false teachings they will be “Killed” as they were in times past.

Deuteronomy 13:5 (NLT)

The Cost of False Prophecy!

⁵ *The false prophets or visionaries who try to lead you astray must be put to death, for they encourage rebellion against the LORD your God, who redeemed you from slavery and brought you out of the land of Egypt. Since they try to lead you astray from the way the LORD your God commanded you to live, you must put them to death. In this way you will purge the evil from among you.*

Zechariah 13:7–9 (NLT)

The Scattering of the Sheep

⁷ *“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
the man who is my partner,”
says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.*

*“Strike down the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn against the lambs.*

⁸ *Two-thirds of the people in the land
will be cut off and die,” says the LORD.
“But one-third will be left in the land.*

⁹ *I will bring that group through the fire
and make them pure.*

*I will refine them like silver
and purify them like gold.
They will call on my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, 'These are my people,'
and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.' "*

Chapter #13:7-9 is a prophetic look into the "End times" when The LORD, Jesus Christ will "Return" to this sinful earth filled with "Unforgiven sin" to Judge and Punish all mankind that refuses to "Accept" Jesus Christ as LORD, and Savior!

The "Unrepentant" and Faithless Hebrew people were scattered around the world after Jesus Christ "The Good Shepherd" was put to death on a cross for the sins of all mankind.

This Scattering of the Hebrew people will cost two thirds of Yahweh's Chosen people their lives, but as the "Remnant" Hebrews are "Returned" to their Homeland they will be Purified and Refined.

The "Lost Sheep" will be Returned to the "Good Shepherds" flock by the Power of The Holy Spirit Guided by the Light of The Word of God --- The Holy Bible!

The Hebrew people will then know Yahweh is their Heavenly Father and the Father of the "Messiah" The LORD, and Savior Jesus Christ.

*1 John 5:20 (NLT)
Father and Son!*

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

Zechariah 14:1-15 (NLT)

The Apocalyptic Vision!

Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you! ² I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city.

³ Then the LORD will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. ⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. ⁵ You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him.

⁶ On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, ⁷ yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light.

⁸ *On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter.*

⁹ *And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD—his name alone will be worshiped.*

¹⁰ *All the land from Geba, north of Judah, to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become one vast plain. But Jerusalem will be raised up in its original place and will be inhabited all the way from the Benjamin Gate over to the site of the old gate, then to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. ¹¹ And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed.*

¹² *And the LORD will send a plague on all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their people will become like walking corpses, their flesh rotting away. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. ¹³ On that day they will be terrified, stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will fight their neighbors' hand to hand. ¹⁴ Judah, too, will be fighting at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the neighboring nations will be captured—great quantities of gold and silver and fine clothing. ¹⁵ This same plague will strike the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the enemy camps.*

In *Chapter #14:1-15* as we read this prophesy, we are looking into the future of our world to a time that will come without warning --- *"Like a thief in the night"!*

Father God has a *Long-Term* plan inscribed in the stone *He Formed* where all the *Events* in this world take place at *His --- Chosen Time!*

The subject of the *"Revelation of Jesus Christ"* and the *"End Times"* has been written about and been the subject of a great number of good honest *Bible scholars* and *commentators*, I will let them be the source of *facts* and *speculation*.

This book (I Can See Clearly Now) is my attempt to *Understand* why the Hebrew people *Failed* to *Accept* and *Believe* the *Holy Prophets* of *God* that were their *Hebrew brothers* and *Father God's* messengers of the *"Truth"* --- *The Word of God!*

This *Failure* will bring the *Righteous Judgement* and *Punishment* of the *sinful world* and those who have chosen not to *Repent* then *"Accept"* *Jesus Christ* and *Yahweh's Gift* of *"Grace"* (The unearned and totally unmerited forgiveness of sin).

All men and women who *"Accept"* the *Gift of Grace* delivered by *The Sinless Blood* of *Father God's Son Jesus Christ* will not be subjected to the *Terror* and *Pain* of the --- *"End times"!*
The LORD, Jesus Christ will in *"The End Times"* with *His "Flaming Sword"* (The Word of God) deliver *Yahweh's Righteous Judgement* to a world that *"Scoffs"* at *God's* existence *Blatantly Disobeys His Written Law* and at the same time *"Rejects"* the *Glorious Gift* of --- *"Grace"!*

2 Peter 3:8–10 (NLT)

The Day of The LORD!

⁸ *But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.*

Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

At the end of this period of *Judgement* the KING and LORD of the *Promised Land* Jesus Christ will “Rule” in Peace over Yahweh’s Chosen people. This final “Return” of Jesus Christ will be a time of Peace and Prosperity for all who “Accept” Jesus Christ as LORD, and Savior.

Zechariah 14:16–21 (NLT)

The Nations Worship The LORD!

¹⁶ *In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.*

¹⁷ *Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, will have no rain. ¹⁸ If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the LORD will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go. ¹⁹ Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don’t go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.*

²⁰ *On that day even the harness bells of the horses will be inscribed with these words: HOLY TO THE LORD. And the cooking pots in the Temple of the LORD will be as sacred as the basins used beside the altar. ²¹ In fact, every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. All who come to worship will be free to use any of these pots to boil their sacrifices. And on that day there will no longer be traders in the Temple of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.*

This last section of *Chapter #14:16-21* points out that the surviving enemies of the Hebrew people will be “Required” to go to *Jerusalem* to “Worship” the King “The LORD, of Heaven’s Armies”, if they Refuse to attend, they will be subjected to *Plagues* and *Drought!*

This underscores the fact that “Every Knee” will “Bend” when they are in the presence of “The LORD of Heaven’s Armies”

Romans 14:11–12 (NLT)

Every Knee Will Bend!

¹¹ *For the Scriptures say,*

*“ ‘As surely as I live,’ says the LORD,
‘every knee will bend to me,
and every tongue will declare allegiance praise to God.’ ”*

¹² *Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.*