

# ZECHARIAH

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## “God Comforts His People” Zechariah 1:7-21

### Introduction:

### I. THE MAN AMONG THE MYRTLES (1:7-11)

#### A. The Time of the Vision (vs. 7)

“on the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius”

“the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows...”

#### B. The Details of the Vision (vs. 8-9)

“I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a red horse”

“and he was standing among the myrtle trees which were in the ravine”

“with red, sorrel and white horses behind him”

“Then I said, ‘My lord, what are these?’ And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, ‘I will show you what these are.’ ”

#### C. The Meaning of the Vision (vs. 10-11)

“And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, ‘These are those whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’ ”

“So they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees and said...”

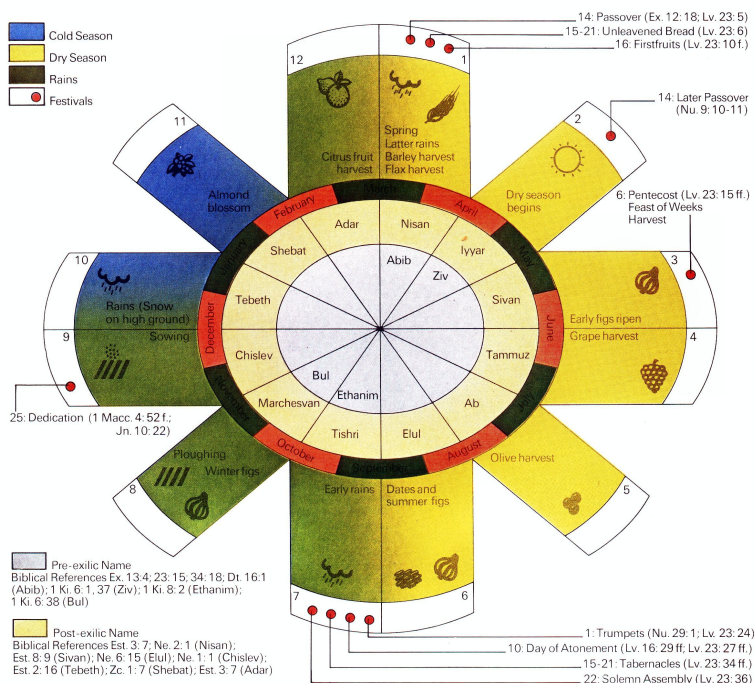
“We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth is peaceful and quiet.”

### II. THE ANGEL MAKES AN ANNOUNCEMENT (1:12-17)

#### A. God’s Correction of Israel (vs. 12-15)

“Then the angel of the LORD said, “O LORD of hosts, how long will You have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant these seventy years?”

“The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with gracious words, comforting words.”



“So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, “Proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion.” ’ ”

“But I am very angry with the nations who are at ease; for while I was only a little angry, they furthered the disaster.”

B. God’s Compassion for Israel (vs. 16)

“Therefore thus says the LORD, “I will return to Jerusalem with compassion”

“My house will be built in it,” declares the LORD of hosts”

“and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.”

C. God’s Comfort for Israel (vs. 17)

“Again, proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “My cities will again overflow with prosperity...” ’ ”

“and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.”

### **III. A REVELATION OF RETRIBUTION (1:18-21)**

A. The Four Horns and Their Identity (vs. 18-19)

“Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there were four horns.”

“So I said to the angel who was speaking with me, ‘What are these?’ ”

“And he answered me, ‘These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.’ ”

B. The Four Craftsmen and Their Identity (vs. 20-21)

“Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.”

“I said, “What are these coming to do?”

“And he said, ‘These are the horns which have scattered Judah so that no man lifts up his head; but these craftsmen have come...’ ”

“to terrify them, to throw down the horns of the nations who have lifted up their horns against the land of Judah in order to scatter it.”

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1) God loves us, even when we are out of His will.
- 2) Repentance results in God’s blessing.
- 3) God cares about the mistreatment of His people and will punish those responsible.