



**“The Apple of God’s Eye”**  
Zechariah 2:1-13

**Introduction:**

**Zechariah’s Eight Night Visions**

#1 *The Man Among the Myrtle Trees* (1:7-17)

#2 *The Four Horns and the Four Craftsmen* (1:18-21)

#3 *The Surveyor* (2:1-13)

#4 *The Cleansing and Restoration of Joshua* (3:1-10)

#5 *The Gold Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees* (4:1-14)

#6 *The Flying Scroll* (5:1-4)

#7 *The Woman in the Basket* (5:5-11)

#8 *The Four Chariots* (6:1-8)

**I. THE PRESENTATION OF THE VISION (2:1-3)**

A. The Assessor and His Identity (vs. 1-2)

“Then I lifted up my eyes and looked and behold, there was a man with a measuring line in his hand”

“So I said, ‘Where are you going?’ And he said to me, ‘To measure Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is.’ ”

B. The Assistants and Their Identity (vs. 3)

“and behold, the angel who was speaking with me was going out”

“and another angel was coming out to meet him”

**II. THE PROMISES THAT PROCEED FROM THE VISION (2:4-13)**

1) Jerusalem will enjoy prosperous expansion. (vs. 4)

“and said to him, ‘Run, speak to that young man, saying, “Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle within it.” ’ ”

2) Jerusalem will experience divine protection. (vs. 5)

“For I,’ declares the LORD, ‘will be a wall of fire around her and I will be the glory in her midst’ ”

3) Jerusalem will be restored and repatriated. (vs. 6-7)

“ ‘Ho there! Flee from the land of the north,’ declares the LORD, for I have dispersed you as the four winds of the heavens,’ declares the LORD.”

“Ho, Zion! Escape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon.”

4) Jerusalem's enemies will be judged and punished. (vs. 8-9)

"For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'After glory He has sent Me against the nations which plunder you' "

"for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye"

"For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me."

5) Jerusalem will be the focus of full millennial blessings. (vs. 10-13)

a) Messiah Himself will dwell there. (vs. 10-11)

" 'Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion, for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,' declares the LORD...."

"Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you."

b) The nations will acknowledge Him and come there. (vs. 11)

"Many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people"

c) The Lord will finally establish Jerusalem and fulfill His promises. (vs. 12-13)

"The LORD will possess Judah as His portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem"

"Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is aroused from His holy habitation."

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1) God's people are precious to Him, like the apple of His eye.
- 2) God has promised to ultimately destroy those who mistreat His people.
- 3) God will one day live among His people in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Food for Thought:**

- 1) What does it mean when God "measures" a city, a nation, or you?
- 2) What does God mean when He speaks of Israel as "the apple of His eye"?
- 3) Where does the Church (New Covenant people of God) fit in this passage?
- 4) In what sense does God dwell with us now and how will He dwell with His people in the future?