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NEW FORMAT  
ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 1

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse King James Version (KJV)

Verse (1) In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

The main takeaway here is that it is on God's timing not man's timing. God has reasons that only God knows for what God does that none of us will ever be privy too. See in this verse how it indicates on the 8<sup>th</sup> month in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year God brought about God's timing and God's direction in the life of Zechariah the prophet.

**This passage of Scripture is about God's vision and how God is going to deliver in God's way that no one could predict – that is how God operates. As I laid out in the Foundation Guide for the book of Zechariah:**

**Zechariah, more than Haggai or Malachi, is explicitly about how the Gentiles treat Israel (Scofield, 1996). God specifically identifies Superpower Nations and the mind of God because God will hold them to account from the authority God gave to them (Scofield, 1996).**

Scofield, C. I. (1996). *The scofield study bible*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

**Make no mistake about it, God will protect God's remnant.**

**Here is a God truth: The great future of God exists in the tension a weeding out (Fee & Stuart, 2002). Only God is truly great; God imparts greatness (Fee & Stuart, 2002).**

Fee, G. D. & Stuart, D. (2002). *How to read the bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan

Verse (2) The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

**This verse is to the point; God is Exceedingly Painful Displeased with the generations. God, as a result, called Zechariah the prophet to work in Zechariah's life to build from absolute Painful Displeased experiences building from verse (1) where during King Darius' reign on the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Zechariah was called.**

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Verse (3) Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Notice this, God indicates turn to God and God will turn to the Individual and even unto groups and even unto a Nation. Zechariah undoubtedly was not prepared for this monumental calling in and of a single life without God's calling.**

**When we open the door only to the point of being able to "see" or being "comfortable" God busts the door wide open moving beyond what we can "see". Next thing we know, God has us unto callings we would never have imagined meaning "being uncomfortable" yet striving ahead because the calling is prevalent.**

**There is always a warning before the judgment because God offers His Love before His Judgment. If God must bring the judgment – it will be nasty.**

Verse (4) Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

**Notice the warning of God's Love – do not be like your fathers. The fathers did not "hear" the calling of God nor "hearken" unto the calling of God and calamity beset upon them coming out of the woodworks on all sides. Craftiness of man was dealt with by God upon the craft maker of trouble stewing in their own craftiness upon their own head.**

**Their fathers became an example of God's punishment and thus they had to become more careful. (Henry, 2008). There is a difference between acknowledging one's fault and being outright negligent. This is an example of outright negligent.**

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Verse (5) Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

**Notice here, the result – where are the fathers and the prophets who did not hold them accountable??? Notice closely - no trace of them anywhere – not even the prophets live forever on this fallen Earth. God then also indicates that generations are moved away from the fallen Earth, but there is an eternal Heaven or Hell and Lake of Fire (Henry, 2008).**

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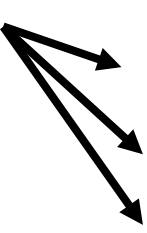
**Revelation 14:13 is clear that which is done for God's glory will remain.** “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; **and their works do follow them**” (Kings James Version).

**Verse (5) indicates a total fallen Earthly wipeout and, therefore; a certain forfeiture of what gain would have been but is no more in Heaven from disobedience or gain from obedience.**

Verse (6) But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

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**A commandment of God is a commandment, yet God does enable free will. Based on the free will exercised to obey or disobey then comes the wide range of discipline options at God's discretion.**

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- 1. Notice the verbiage of God: “My words and my statutes, which I command”.**
  - 2. Notice the verbiage of Free Will: “According to our ways, and according to our doings”.**
  - 3. Notice the Judgment of God: “So hath he [God] dealt with us”.**

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Verse (7) Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

**God's timing. When the word of God came to Zechariah the prophet as God determined. Giving thanks is to rejoice for those who obey, otherwise, the dealings of God.**

Verse (8) I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

**What is found here in reading the next few verses is that God goes "To and Fro" throughout the whole Earth seeking those who will do the will of God, which may necessitate being called out as I indicated my church family did to me that birthed this Ministry Website. Either we can recognize, acknowledge, and reconcile our bottom ways and then rise to God's callings or be full of self-driven pride and stay in the trees of life thinking we are at the top but are really operating as if in the bottom.**

**God was assembling His people because the time to rebuild was now (Fee & Stuart, 2002).**

**Here we see the "greatness" of God (Fee & Stuart, 2002).**

Fee, G. D. & Stuart, D. (2002). *How to read the bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan

**1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (King James Version).**

Verse (9) Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

**In this verse, the servant was seeking clarity on this matter. God was among the displeased be it exceeding or a little displeased. To remain true to this Ministry Website, this is not designed to be pages upon pages of analysis which is necessary for the Highest of academic discussion – but rather to the point for all to comprehend personalized Ministry commentary. Any education level is welcome here - Christian or Non-Christian. This Ministry Website is based on the calling of God in service to the greater community, which God enables as the authority of Acts 17:10-14 "Strategic Partners" growing, expanding, and running as a stand-alone 2015 established business. From no personal business contacts at all in 2015 – Zero/None to a full page of business contacts in 2023 under "A Great Joint Community" tab with global reach. In 2022, this Ministry reached new heights in faith development being prayed for in God's eternal city of Jerusalem at the Western Wall, the holiest place in the Jewish faith. Humble strength in service for the glory of God.**

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Verse (10) And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

**God explained that “these” are “they” whom God sent to go “To and Fro” the Earth to build off the previous verses and to lay foundation. God goes “To and Fro” the entire Earth looking for faithfulness.**

Verse (11) And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

**The report was that the ones God identified (humanity) and called were sitting at rest. In relation to verse (15) God is pleased with a segment but is also a Little displeased with the pleased segment, while God was also exceedingly displeased with the heathen segment = see verse (15).**

Verse (12) Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

**God’s mercy is beyond comprehension as God does heed the voice of His people. However, it is defined that this “Threescore and Ten Years” is 70 years in Scripture (Reference: Psalm 90:10 (King James Version). How much longer is the question that is posed, well, “Fourscore” is 80 years.**



**Just one generation can critically alter the course of National history and is why God expects the generations to work together. What is seen here is God’s exceeding displeasure with the Nations generations not critically working together.**

Verse (13) And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

**Notice the comfort God brings to those whom God has mercy on or the “Little” displeased. Notice God’s good words and comfortable words = God’s Greatness of verse (14). We know God has innocence in His hands and no other as a Great Redeemer.**

Verse (14) So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

**The Angel COMMANDED the servant to cry aloud because God has a.....**

**“Great Jealousy For His People”**

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Verse (15) And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

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For all who are traveling this journey with me as I “Go To and Fro” all of Scripture all 66 books, I had to stop in my tracks for few days on this verse. This is a build from verse (8) and my conscious broke me down.

God went “To and Fro” all the Earth to get me moving in verse (8). For me, God was a Little displeased as opposed to the exceeding displeased of the heathen. Notice, however; God’s idea of a Little displeased is all 66 Books of Scripture and is therefore not accomplishable unless I am in the Spirit of God. What is impossible for me is possible for God.

The extra in 2023 is this: God is more displeased with the “called – instruments” who do not obey the one’s at ease that are especially in Zion (Henry, 2008).

Reference: Amos 6:1 (King James Version), “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!” (Henry, 2008).

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Summary:

1. It is far better to have God “a Little displeased” because this is where God’s mercy is. There is consequence to life, yet the mercy of God is prevalent. The “Little” displeased do not add to the affliction of the people, but God is still “a Little displeased” because God had to get “the Little displeased” moving.
2. Having God exceedingly displeased bears the fullness of God’s wrath. Do not go from being “a Little displeased” to being “exceedingly displeased”.

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Verse (16) Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

**The mercy of God is where to be because God then builds from the mercies God provides. The greatest mercy is God's gift of eternal life and God's healings of the Nations as God takes the great pride and turns it into the great mercy. No better example in all of Scripture than Jerusalem.**

**God does not build from the great pride; God builds from God's great mercy.**

Verse (17) Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

**God's way will come as God will comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.**

Verse (18) Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

**As the eyes were focused on God, the vision was seen.**

Verse (19) And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

**God takes that which divides and then brings together under the great mercy. This is the Flip-Flop of the great pride. God will always expose the great pride because this is how the great mercy is revealed.**

**The horns of this verse are for the great pride that divides. Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem are going to come together, but in verse (19) were met by the horns of the four world empires that divided of:**

- 1. The world empire of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar. (Scofield, 1996)**
- 2. The world empire of Media-Persia. (Scofield, 1996)**
- 3. The world empire of Greece. (Scofield, 1996)**
- 4. The world empire of Rome – this empire has never ceased to exist just the government ceased and will end the Gentile Superpowers with Great Abruptness. (Scofield, 1996)**
- \*\*5.\*\* The final World Empire will be the Kingdom of Heaven. (Scofield, 1996)**

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**The revived Roman empire is found in Revelation 13:1-2 which discusses the 10 horns of the “One World Order” where the beast had a Great Authority. This is yet to come!!!!!!**

Verse (20) And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

**The horns are against the Church (Beasts), but there are carpenters who are for the Church (Tame the Beasts) (Henry, 2008). God finds ways to bring Himself praise in people who carry on the work despite any opposition (Henry, 2008). The horns trampled on God’s vineyard, but the magistrates and ministers God raises up do frighten the horns and remove the opposition at the end of the day (Henry, 2008). The carpenters are the friend of the Church (Henry, 2008). God raises up some to do the work and some to protect the work (Henry, 2008).**

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Verse (21) Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it. God’s way will come.

**“God’s Way will come.”**

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