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APPLIED FORMAT ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 7

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

Verse (1): And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu;

The primary learning in this verse is God indicates "...it came to pass..." - when though? In the 4th year of King Darius on the 4th day of the 9th Month only then was Zechariah included into God's Scripture for this time. **God included Zechariah (Only) when God wanted Zechariah included in Scripture.** The accentuation point is that God does not need anyone to fulfill His will. However, God takes pleasure in allowing His creation to take part in God's will – that includes the Angels.

1. God's word will come to pass because it is eternal.
2. God has no dependency on humanity in His callings; the time for humanity will come and go but God's word will remain.
3. Humanity can either be faithful or disobey in their calling. Humanity does not surpass time; only God does.
4. The Son of God is the only God-Man who was faithful unto being authorized to own and offer Salvation – the absolute greatest gift ever or will ever be. As a 100%-man God the Son was 100% faithful unto being the God-Man 100% God and 100% man.

See, as a man God the Son had to be faithful first. By living a sinless life, then the Son of God was authorized to own and offer Salvation the absolute most special gift of all time so that the gift does surpass time and is eternal in the special life of the Son of God.

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Verse (2): When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,

1. **Our Nation, our churches, our personal fellowship with God all suffer simultaneously when we are not individually sincere in our faith because the insincere faith not only manifests itself among the people, but more so it rises specifically to the throne of God.**
2. **The foundation of this verse is exactly that. It sounds good to “...pray before the LORD” because this is considered what the church does, yet the prayer was without faith – **no power.****
3. **Interestingly, our faith must be viewed as intensity that is valid and legitimate faith for God because this type of faith cannot be explained apart from giving glory to God. **Passionate faith.****

Anytime there is power in God’s name, the Flip Flop will be found. We must wear the Flip Flops **because God consistently changed lives in Scripture to represent the Flip Flop wearing God’s name. This is reality.**

There are those who lived for God from childhood forward representing God’s call early in life. But there are also the Flip Flops that the church also must wear because God utilizes both. Insincere faith will flush and be made known by virtue of no glory to God. This verse represents insincere faith.

Verse (3): And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

Building off Verse (2) here in Verse (3), notice here the priests (called by God from childhood) (+) the Flip Flops from Verse (2) that the church must also wear having experienced a dramatically changed life both got together, but it was insincere faith. Some kind of mixture, and in some cases maybe the reverse. Sincere faith is when the called from childhood (+) the Flip Flops have power in prayer. **However, this verse had no power in prayer = insincere faith because they were fixated with the ritual.**

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Notice the verbiage, should I separate myself because I have relied on myself for so many years. Egotism and Elitism running rapid from the childhood faith group and from the Flip Flop group caused a rift.

They are told, their 70 year prayer by the dispersed Jews from the destruction of Jerusalem went unanswered by God, because they should have paid attention to the former prophets and their fasting of prayer was insincere (Scofield, 1996).

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

Verse (4): Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

Notice how God responds.....

Verse (5): Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me?

The groups were more concerned about their duty than their faults (Henry, 2008). To accentuate, the groups were more concerned about egotism and elitism than being sincere. Egotism and elitism set in. They were not concerned about their faults – not wise.

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC.

Verse (6): And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

Notice how God distinctly points out Egotism and Elitism running rapid. No concern for faults just a concern about duty and power plays with no meaning. Notice in Verse (6) Both groups – not concerned about faults. Neither the from childhood called Priests nor the dramatically changed life Flip Flops or some form of mixture thereof. The result was no answered prayer for 70 years – an entire generation.

The eating and drinking were just as uninspired as their fasting (Henry, 2008).

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For payer to be answered, both groups had to deal with their faults. God was not concerned at this point about duty --- God made the groups deal with their faults to have answered prayer.

Verse (7): Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?

God pointed back to the prophets and indicated that neither group paid attention. A consciousness had to set in to right the wrong by dealing with Egotism and Elitism.

Learn from the study of your past, repent, and turn away from sin is the main takeaway (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (8): And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

Once the truth came forth, then Zechariah was empowered to carry out the Word of God.

Verse (9): Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

Notice the balance of God in the age of Mercy and Grace is to carry out the truth in judgment showing mercy and compassion least the fullness of God's Truth be placed upon a man or woman who does not show mercy and compassion.

Verse (10): And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

God is a God of the highest moral exactness. God has not only indicated to not oppress the vulnerable in society nor to bully them, but furthermore do not even imagine it.

Once God got the people to deal with their faults from Verse (6), God then redirected their thinking and their hearts by letting them know what God's moral exactness is.

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God would not put this in Scripture if God was not warning us that His moral exactness will be judged upon our own lives. In the age of Mercy and Grace, the significance of this principle could not be more accentuated.

Verse (11): But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

The people refused to hearken God and took purposed steps to blot the moral exactness of God out. God does not steer a man's free will, but God is free to fully judge in due time. This does not take away responsibility from the perpetrators because they know if they do not consciously take measures to remedy knowing better it will be counted against them in due time.

Verse (12): Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

The people made their hearts hardened and did not want to hear the truth God gave the prophets in the Spirit of God.

A (GREAT) wrath was levied so that (ALL) would know who the perpetrators are because they took purposed steps to turn away from God's truth.

Verse (13): Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

How (GREAT) is the wrath of Verse (12), God cried out for them to turn away from their sin and they did not.

The (GREAT) wrath is extended even unto the eternal state based on a lack of obedience and internal remorse. Understand that God cries out on our behalf to turn away from sin and, if, we do not the (GREAT) wrath is levied.

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Verse (14): But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

The result of willing disobedience is a pleasant land left desolate, scattered.

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