

Zechariah 1 **Good and Comfortable words**

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I. Call to Repentance

v 1 - 6

- v 1 Hist: 2 months after Haggai 1:1
- v 2 Hist: **Ezra 4:24 - 5:1**
- v 3 *Turn ... unto me* Isaiah 55:7 Acts 20:21
- v 4 *the former prophets* Hist: 2 Chron 36:14-16
- v 6 God's word is sure - Isaiah 55 : 10-11

II. Eight Visions of Encouragement

chap 1 - 6

Vision # 1 - The Man on the Red Horse, v 7 - 17

v 8 - *the myrtle trees*

Science: "A well known and beautiful evergreen with dark green, scented leaves, delicate starry white flowers and dark-colored berries, which are eaten." ISBE, vol 3

Hist: Myrtle trees were one of the four trees used in celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles, also called "the feast of ingathering", Exo 23:16. It was 3rd of the great annual feasts, Lev 23:33-43.

It was celebrated immediately after the harvest in the seventh month of the sacred year, Tisri.

They celebrated for 8 days, living in booths formed of 4 tree branches : palm, willow, myrtle, cedar. Numbers 29 ordains the sacrifices to be offered.

Solomon's Temple was dedicated at this feast, 1 Kings 8.

Nehemiah 8 notes the celebration of this feast after the Captivity.

The feast was : (1) a memorial of the wilderness wanderings, & (2) a harvest thanksgiving.

- *were in the bottom* Spir: Israel was no longer '*the head*' Deu 28:13.

- *a man ... red horse* Isaiah 63 : 1-4

red is a *fiery* color - He is *jealous for Jerusalem*, v 14. And angry at her enemies

v 9 *angel ... talked with me* This 'angel' is an OT appearance of the Lord v10 = v 11

{ Hist / Doct: Angels help Israel - Daniel 8:16 12:1 }

v 11 *walk ... through the earth*, i.e. the horses, v 8 Doct: **Joel 2:4** (v 1 - 10)

sitteth still ... at rest, Doct: **Isaiah 14:1-7** Spir: **James 3:3**

v 12 *indignation ... 70 years* Hist: the Babylonian Captivity of Jeremiah 25:11 (29:10)

Doct: the prophesied tribulation **Isaiah 26:20-21**

v 13 *good words and comfortable words* Hist: **Jeremiah 29:10-11** Spir: **1 Timothy 4:6**

Doct: **Jeremiah 30:11** & **Revelation 21:1-5**

v 14 *I am jealous for Jerusalem* **Ezekiel 39:25, 2 Chronicles 6:6**

v 15 *I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease* **Mark 10:13-16**

v 16 -17 The Return of the Lord ch 2:12 & 8:3

Vision # 2 - The 4 Horns & the 4 Carpenters, v 18 - 21

v 18-19 *behold four horns*

A 'horn' is a symbol of a Gentile king, Daniel 7:24.

Hist/Doct: These 4 horns represent the 4 world empires of Daniel chapters 2 & 7.

v 20 *four 'carpenters'* - first six ref = 2 Sam 5:11, 2 K12:11 & 22:6, 1 Ch 14:1, 2 Ch 24:12, Ezra 3:7
'carpenters' - all were used to build the Lord's temple.

OT Hist: = Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Haggai, Zechariah **Ezra 5:1-2**

NT Spir: = apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors **Ephesians 4:11**