

The Gospel of Zechariah

Zechariah 10:1-12



Redemptive History





Darius: Chronology of the Persian Period¹

Persian King	Dates	Biblical Correlation	Context
Cyrus	539-530	Declaration of Cyrus (539) Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	Stirred up to rebuild the temple
Cambyses	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	Discouraged and afraid to rebuild
Darius I	522-486	Haggai and Zechariah prophecy (520) Zechariah prophecy (518) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6)	Rebuilding of the Temple begins again
Xerxes	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	
Artaxerxes I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	

1. Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament, John H. Walton, 1994, p. 70



Gospel of Zechariah (Themes)

Call to repentance

Return of YHWH

Restoration of the temple

The coming of the branch

Coming judgement on the nations

Day of the Lord



Zechariah 10

10:1

Ask rain from the LORD
in the season of the spring rain,
from the LORD who makes the storm clouds,
and he will give them showers of rain,
to everyone the vegetation in the field.

10:2

For the household gods utter nonsense,
and the diviners see lies;
they tell false dreams
and give empty consolation.
Therefore the people wander like sheep;
they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.



Zechariah 10

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10:4	From him shall come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler—all of them together.		



Zechariah 10

10:6

“I will strengthen the house of Judah,
and I will save the house of Joseph.
I will bring them back because I have compassion on them,
and they shall be as though I had not rejected them,
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10:7

Then Ephraim shall become like a mighty warrior,
and their hearts shall be glad as with wine.
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10:9	Though I scattered them among the nations, yet in far countries they shall remember me, and with their children they shall live and return.	10:11	He shall pass through the sea of troubles and strike down the waves of the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall be dried up. The pride of Assyria shall be laid low, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart.		



sheep w/o a shepherd

- v. 1 - Yahweh sustains and provides
 - v. 17 - flourishing people
 - ask...and he will give
 - everyone
 - vegetation, fruitfulness, abundance, provision
 - from Yahweh
 - day of the Lord
- v. 2 - false gods and false prophets
 - household gods - idolatry and exile
 - diviners - false prophets
 - false dreams
 - empty consolation
 - sheep ... without a shepherd
 - Matthew 9:33-36 (next slide)

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(Zechariah 10:1-2 ESV)



sheep w/o a shepherd

Matthew 9:33-36 (ESV)

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶**When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.**

³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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his flock

- v. 3 - my anger
 - shepherds & leaders
 - those entrusted to care and nurture the people
 - spiritual
 - political
 - his flock
 - personal concern
 - house of Judah
 - the southern kingdom
 - exiled by Yahweh through Babylon
 - returned by Yahweh through Persia
 - Judah raised for God's victory over the nations
 - Revelation 5:1-5 (next slide)

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and I will punish the leaders;
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and will make them like his majestic steed in battle.
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from him every ruler—all of them together.
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trampling the foe in the mud of the streets;
they shall fight because the LORD is with them,
and they shall put to shame the riders on horses.
(Zechariah 10:3-5 ESV)



his flock

Revelation 5:1-5 (ESV)

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

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- v. 4 - strength
 - cornerstone
 - Psalm 118:22
 - “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (ESV)
 - Matthew 21:33-46
 - parable of the tenants
 - response to chief priests and the elders of the people
 - “the shepherd” and “leaders”
 - tent peg and battle bow
 - encampments
 - weapons
 - language of war
 - every ruler
 - leadership from Judah
 - apostolic ministry from Christ

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his flock

- v. 5 - military language
 - mighty men
 - trampling the foe
- Yahweh is with them
 - covenant people
 - personal relationship
 - reason they fight
- riders
 - mighty men on foot
 - enemy appear superior on horses
 - victorious in Yahweh
- battle
 - already - proclamation of the Gospel
 - not yet - consummation; judgment of God

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strengthen and save

- v. 6 - the elect
 - Israel - divided kingdom
 - house of Joseph - northern kingdom
 - exiled by Assyria
 - house of Judah - southern kingdom
 - exiled by Babylon
- bring them back
 - “house of Joseph” - remained scattered
 - save - return and restore
 - “house of Judah” - returned in exile
 - strengthen a weakened people
 - vision - all of God’s covenant people united
- have compassion
 - as though
 - answer them

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and I will save the house of Joseph.
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and they shall be as though I had not rejected them,
for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.

(Zechariah 10:6 ESV)



strengthen and save

- v. 7 - transformation
 - Ephraim - northern kingdom
 - as with wine - Pentecost
 - children - new generations
 - shall rejoice - in Yahweh

⁷Then Ephraim shall become like a mighty warrior,
and their hearts shall be glad as with wine.

Their children shall see it and be glad;
their hearts shall rejoice in the LORD.

(Zechariah 10:7 ESV)



redeemed

- v. 8 - whistle
 - shepherd gathering his sheep
 - John 10:22-30
- redeemed them
- as many as before

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.** ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

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(Zechariah 10:8-12 ESV)



redeemed

- v. 9 - scattered
 - Ephraim - northern kingdom - scattered
 - restoration - humanly impossible
 - far countries
 - remember me
 - foundation for the apostolic ministry
 - impact on the gentiles
 - children
 - live and return
- picture of God's elect being called from the nations
- redemption in adversity for God's glory

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redeemed

- v. 10 - historic threats and foes
 - Egypt
 - enslavement
 - Assyria
 - exiled
 - Gilead and to Lebanon
 - large stretch of land
 - can't contain all God will redeem
 - bringing of all God's elect including the gentiles

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redeemed

- v. 11 - he - who?
 - Ephraim - referred to as they
 - Yahweh - "I" in v. 10
- who can?
 - pass through the sea of troubles
 - reminiscent of Israel and the red sea
 - and strike down waves of the sea
 - God did this on Israel's behalf
 - and defeat historic enemies
 - Assyria laid low
 - scepter of Egypt depart
 - Christ
 - atoned for sin
 - defeated death
 - Revelation 5:5 ESV

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redeemed

- v. 12 - strong in Yahweh
 - in Yahweh
 - in Christ
 - Romans 8:31-39 (next slide)

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redeemed

Romans 8:31-39 ESV

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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