

## **Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church**

### **Sunday Sermon**

**Date: June 02, 2019**

**Text: Zechariah 2:1-13**

**Scripture Reading: Zechariah 2**

**Subject: Zechariah Series, Chapter 2 ...Measuring Line**

In our last message from Zechariah, we studied the introduction to the book and the first chapter. Chapter one included the first three of ten visions in the book of Zechariah. We studied the (1) Vision of the Red Horse Rider; (2) Vision of the Four Horns; and (3) Vision of the Four Carpenters. In that chapter, we saw the LORD speaking comfortably to Jerusalem and the fact that the LORD said, "I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in it, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem." The LORD said that he "...shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem," which made us all think of the millennium when Israel is the chief nation on earth and the LORD is king over all the earth.

***Zec 2:1 (KJV) I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.***

In this verse we have the beginning of the fourth vision. Zechariah looked, and beheld a man with a measuring line in his hand.

***Zec 2:2 (KJV) Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.***

Zechariah didn't know the purpose of the measuring line, so he asked "Whither goest thou?" The man with the measuring line said, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and

what is the length thereof.” Let us remember what the Lord of Hosts had said in the preceding chapter about the measuring line.

**Zec 1:16 (KJV)** *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.*

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The stretching forth of the line upon Jerusalem definitely prophesies that the city shall be rebuilt.

**CF: Isa 44:24-28 (KJV)** *Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself; **25** That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish; **26** That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: **27** That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: **28** That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.*

**Zec 2:3 (KJV)** *And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,*

As the angel which talked with Zechariah went forth, another angel went out to meet him, -

**Zec 2:4-5 (KJV)** *And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: **5 (KJV)** For I, saith the*

***LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.***

That is, the angel said to the angel who talked with Zechariah –  
“speak to this young man, saying,”

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- “Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:”
  - Clearly, this speaks of the time when the third temple shall have been built and the LORD has called his people back to the land from the places in the earth where they were scattered. This shows that this is not to be understood of Jerusalem at the time of the remnant’s return to Jerusalem, for Jerusalem was not inhabited as a town without a wall; its wall was built in Nehemiah's time, and remained until the city was destroyed by Titus, son of Emperor Vespasian in 70 AD.
    - **Eze 38:8-12 (KJV)** After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. **9** Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. **10** Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: **11** And thou shalt say, I will go up to

the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that* are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

- “For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.”
  - Zechariah hears in the message that the Lord will be Himself a wall of fire unto Jerusalem; He will be the glory in the midst of her. Glory and defence are combined, they always go together. This was not the case in the restored Jerusalem after the captivity. It is altogether future. What a glory it will be when every eye sees Him, when His visible glory will be once more established in the land, from which its knowledge spreads over the earth till it covers all, like the waters cover the sea!
  - **Isa 4:4-5 (KJV)** *When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. 5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.*

- **Eze 43:1-7 (KJV)** *Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: **2** And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. **3** And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. **4** And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. **5** So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. **6** And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. **7** And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.*

**Zec 2:6 (KJV)** ***Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.***

***Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD:** -- That is, from Babylon, which lay north of Judea;*

- **Jer 1:13 (KJV)** *And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.*

- **Jer 3:12 (KJV) Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.**

**for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.** -- Many of the Jews continued, and did not return with the rest when they came up out of the captivity; and those who remained are therefore called to come forth from the land of the north, Babylon. The phrase "for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven" suggests the end-time call of the LORD to gather his scattered people out of the lands where the LORD has scattered them abroad as the four winds of the heaven.

**Zec 2:7 (KJV) Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.**

The call continues to God's people from Zion who dwell with the daughter of Babylon. This will let us understand more of the end-time call of God's people out of Babylon.

**Re 18:1-4 (KJV)** *And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her,***

**my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**

***that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.*** – We need to remember that Israel, originally a pastoral people, being in the Babylonian captivity learned the commerce and trade of Babylon and therefore, were undoubtedly pulled to it in the places where they were later scattered in the earth. It is no secret that Jews are very adept at commerce, trade, and finances – perhaps more than others in the earth. But – the LORD’s call is to have them “come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. That same call goes to ANY of God’s children who are tied to Babylon!

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Are not we far better off in this life if we “work with our hands, doing that which is good,” so that we can provide for our own and others who are in need?

***Zec 2:8 (KJV) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.***

***For thus saith the LORD of hosts (LORD of the armies); After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: --*** which is promised, or, "afterwards" shall be "the glory"; or a glorious time and state.

In this third vision Zechariah sees the glorious restoration of Israel, which has been the subject of so many prophecies, and the glory which is connected with that restoration. In this night vision Zechariah hears of a restoration and of a glory which has never yet been fulfilled in the history of God's people. The vision of restoration comes after the enemies of Israel have been cast down. That prophecy might be fulfilled; prophecy about a believing, suffering Jewish remnant; prophecy concerning Jacob's trouble,



etc., a mock restoration, generally termed a restoration in unbelief, is to take place. There can be no doubt whatever that we are privileged to see the beginning of this restoration of part of the Jewish nation to the land of the fathers in unbelief as they are this day – and have been since the founding again of the nation in May, 1948. This is a marvelous happening in our lifetime that this nation, after 1878 years became a nation once more – out of the same people who had kept their identity since 70 AD, though they were scattered among the nations. It is one of the signs of the nearness of that event for which the Church hopes, prays and waits: "our gathering together unto Him." The world and the lukewarm Christian do not see it, but he who loves the Word and lives in the Word, has eyes to see and a hearing ear, and knows what is soon coming. The true restoration, however, will only come as it is seen so clearly in these night visions after the enemies have been overcome, the horns cast down, the image smashed--in other words, after the Lord has come.

After God's people are brought out of mystical Babylon and her daughters, when the Jews shall have been converted, and the fulness of the Gentiles shall have been brought in, then will be the latter-day glory. Notice the term "After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye."

After the second coming, Armageddon, the setting up of the kingdom, the LORD of hosts shall judge the nations which have spoiled Israel. Is not this the judgment of the living nations recorded in Matthew 25:31:46? That judgment is living nations and the basis of it is "...inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of THESE MY BRETHREN, ye have done it unto me." The goat nations will hear this as they are assigned "into everlasting fire,

prepared for the devil and his angels:" REMEMBER, the LORD of hosts said "...he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye."

Please notice with me now that the removing of all things that offend out of his kingdom were prophesied by our LORD during the explanation of the Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13. Let us read two passages from Matthew 13, then read Matthew 15:31-46 which describes the removing of those wicked people from his kingdom.

**Mt 13:36-43 (KJV)** *Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

**Mt 13:47-50 (KJV)** *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: **48** Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. **49** So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, **50** And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

**READ MATTHEW 25:31-46 -**

**Zec 2:9 (KJV) *For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.***

***For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them,*** -- The nations; Babylon with all the anti-christian states meaning, that the LORD of hosts would exert his power, and inflict punishment on them, and utterly destroy them; which would be done by the bare shaking of his hand.

***And they shall be a spoil to their servants:*** -- These nations shall be a spoil to the Jews whom they had once as their slaves.

**Isa 14:2-3 (KJV) *And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,***

Sorrow, fear and hard bondage was the state of the Jews between the return from Babylon and Christ's first coming. Their history during that period was well filled with much adversity. This prophecy can only have its fulfilment under Christ after his second coming.

**Zec 2:10 (KJV) *Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.***

***Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion:*** -- What a great call for them to sing and rejoice! Why would they not sing and rejoice?

Did they not sing and rejoice when the LORD had cast Pharaoh and his six-hundred chariots into the Red Sea – when the wall of waters on either side of Israel’s path to the promised land closed about them? What did they say? What were they thinking?

**Ex 15:1-21 (KJV)** *Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. 5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. 6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. 7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. 8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. 14 The people shall hear, and be*

*afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. **15** Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. **16** Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased. **17** Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. **18** The LORD shall reign for ever and ever. **19** For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. **20** And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. **21** And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*

**for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.** – The LORD will come – and rule the entire earth from Jerusalem. His law will go out from Jerusalem where he sits on the throne of David, the throne of His glory. At the time when the son of Man sits on the throne of his glory, the twelve apostles of the lamb shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The church, his bride, shall rule and reign with him on the earth and shall judge the world – ruling with a rod of iron.

**Zec 2:11 (KJV) And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of**

***thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.***

What a marvelous truth! ***And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: --***

**Zec 8:20-23 (KJV)** *Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: **21** And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. **22** Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. **23** Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.*

**Isa 2:2-5 (KJV)** *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; **and all nations shall flow unto it.** **3** And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **4** And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **5** O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

**and I will dwell in the midst of thee, --** As we have already seen from Ezekiel 43.

**Zec 2:12 (KJV) And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.**

**De 32:8-9 (KJV)** *When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*

**CF: Zec 1:17 (KJV)** *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.*

**Zec 2:13 (KJV) Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.**

**Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: --**

**Ps 46:10 (KJV)** *Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

**Hab 2:20 (KJV)** *But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.*

Be filled with fear, awe, and astonishment, at the wonderful work of the LORD; the destruction of antichrist; the conversion of the Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles: let them not open their mouths, or dare to say one word against it.

**for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.** – Out of his holy habitation - which is heaven, From heaven the LORD seemed to have been as it were asleep for many hundreds of years, even during the reign of antichrist; but now he will be as a man awaked



out of his sleep, and will arise to take vengeance on his enemies, and to help them, and make them happy and glorious.

Shall Israel and the nations joined to them in the millennium not sing with us and rejoice that the God of the heavens has kept his word to His people? Ah, beloved, hear the word!

**2Th 1:7-10 (KJV)** *And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; **10** When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*