### Zechariah



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#### Chapter 1

- 1. In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Yahweh unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
- 2. Yahweh has been sore displeased with your fathers.
- 3. Therefore say unto them, Thus says Yahweh of hosts; Turn unto me, says Yahweh of hosts, and I will turn unto you, says Yahweh of hosts.
- 4. Be not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus says Yahweh of hosts; Turn now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, says Yahweh.
- 5. Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?
- 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 Yahweh of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so has he dealt with us.

#### An Appeal to Follow Yahweh

Zechariah lived in Jerusalem during the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon. He received this message in the second year of the reign of Darius adding to the message already given by Haggai. People had been discouraged against rebuilding Jerusalem. Opposition from adversaries like Samaritans made them think it wasn't time to build yet. Yet it turns out that by resuming work on Yahweh's temple, they were doing exactly what He wanted. Notice they believed and began building in faith BEFORE they received the official decree from Darius. Over the years there were actually 4 decrees issued for rebuilding. Opposition made numerous decrees necessary.

536 BC	First year of Cyrus	Ezra 1:1-4, 6:3-5
519/518 BC	Second year of Darius	Ezra 5:3-17
457 BC	Eighth year of Artaxerxes to Ezra	Ezra 7:11-26
445/444 BC	Twentieth year of Artaxerxes to Nehemiah	Nehemiah 2:1-8

#### First Vision: The Horsemen

- 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 Yahweh unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
- 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.

- 9. Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show you what these *be*.
- 10. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are they* whom Yahweh has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.
- 11. And they answered the angel of Yahweh that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sits still, and is at rest.
- 12. Then the angel of Yahweh answered and said, O Yahweh of hosts, how long will you not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you have had indignation these threescore and ten years?
- 13. And Yahweh answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.
- 14.So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry, saying, Thus says Yahweh of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.
- 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.
- 16. Therefore thus says Yahweh; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, says Yahweh of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.
- 17.Cry yet, saying, Thus says Yahweh of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and Yahweh shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

#### First Vision: The Horsemen with Comforting Words

This message was a prophecy filled with "good and comfortable words." When the people acted on it their enemies reacted. Assurance of Yahweh's pleasure was greatly needed to boost morale and hope. The man riding among the myrtle trees shows Yahweh's interest in their welfare. Myrtle trees are small, aromatic, flowering, evergreens native to the Mediterranean region. It's also a reference to Yahweh's promise of a land "flowing with milk and honey."

"Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as Yahweh Mighty One of your fathers has promised you, **in the land that flows with milk and honey**." Duet 6:3

#### **Second Vision: The Four Horns and Four Carpenters**

- 18. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.
- 19. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
- 20. And Yahweh showed me four carpenters.
- 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.



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#### **Second Vision: The Four Horns and Four Carpenters**

#### Identity of the Horns: Adversaries to the building project

"Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity built the temple unto Yahweh Mighty One of Israel; Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your Deity, as you *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. (The answer was "No.")

"...Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, ...they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of Yahweh which *is* at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia." Ezr 4:1,2,4,23,24

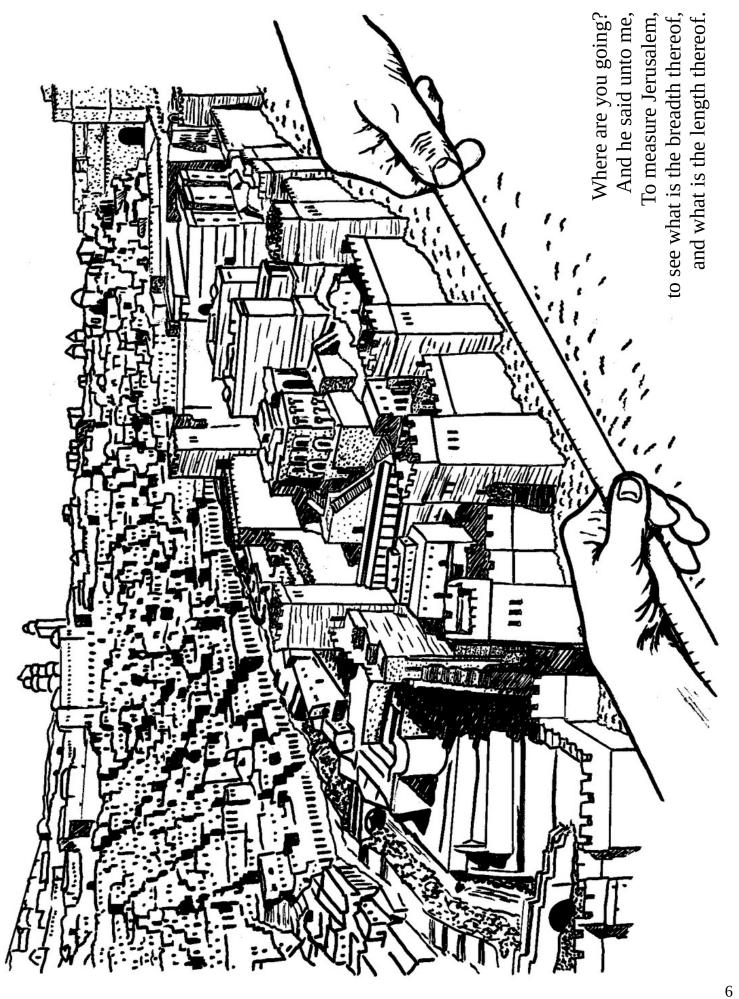
Identity of the Carpenters: Haggai the prophet, Zechariah the son/grandson of Iddo, Zerubbabel the governor, Jeshua the high priest

"Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the Deity of Israel, *even* unto them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of Yahweh which *is* at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of the Almighty helping them. And the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the Mighty One of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia." Ezr 5:1,2, 6:14

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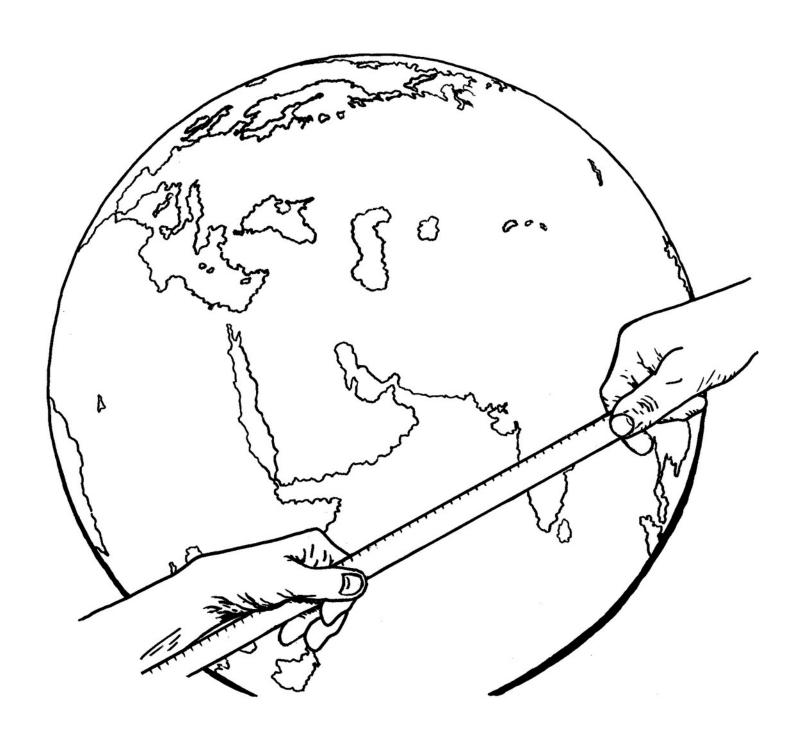
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#### Third Vision: The Man With the Measuring Line

- 1. I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.
- 2. Then said I, Where are you going? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.
- 3. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,
- 4. 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. For I, says Yahweh, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.
- 6. Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, says Yahweh: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, says Yahweh.
- 7. Deliver yourself, O Zion, that dwells *with* the daughter of Babylon.
- 8. For thus says Yahweh of hosts; After the glory has he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that touches you touches the apple of his eye.
- 9. For, behold, I will shake my hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and you shall know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me.
- 10. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of you, says Yahweh.
- 11. And many nations shall be joined to Yahweh in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of you, and you shall know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me unto you.
- 12. And Yahweh shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.
- 13.Be silent, O all flesh, before Yahweh: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

# "He that touches you touches the Apple of His Eye." Come out of Babylon Babylon



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#### **Prophecies of Yahweh's Peaceful Reign**

"Blessed and holy *is* he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of the Almighty and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from the Almighty out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of Yahweh** *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and the Almighty himself shall be with them, and be their Deity. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of Yahweh did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." Rev. 20:6, 21:1-3,23,25

"After many days you shall be visited: in the latter years you shall 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.** You shall ascend and come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands, and many people with you. Thus says Yahweh Almighty; It shall also come to pass, *that* at the same time shall things come into your mind, and you shall think an evil thought: And you shall 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,** Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus says Yahweh Almighty; **In that day when my people of Israel dwell safely,** shall you not know *it*? And you shall come from your place out of the north parts, you, and many people with you, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:" Eze.38:8-11,14,15

"Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the scepter of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hinders. **The whole earth is at rest,** *and* **is quiet: they break forth into singing.** Yea, the fir trees rejoice at you, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since you are laid down, no feller is come up against us. Hell from beneath is moved for you to meet *you* at your coming: it stirs up the dead for you, *even* all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto you, Are you also become weak as we? are you become like unto us? Your pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of your viols: the worm is spread under you, and the worms cover you. How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! This *is* the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That **Yahweh has founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it."** Isaiah 14:5-12,26,32



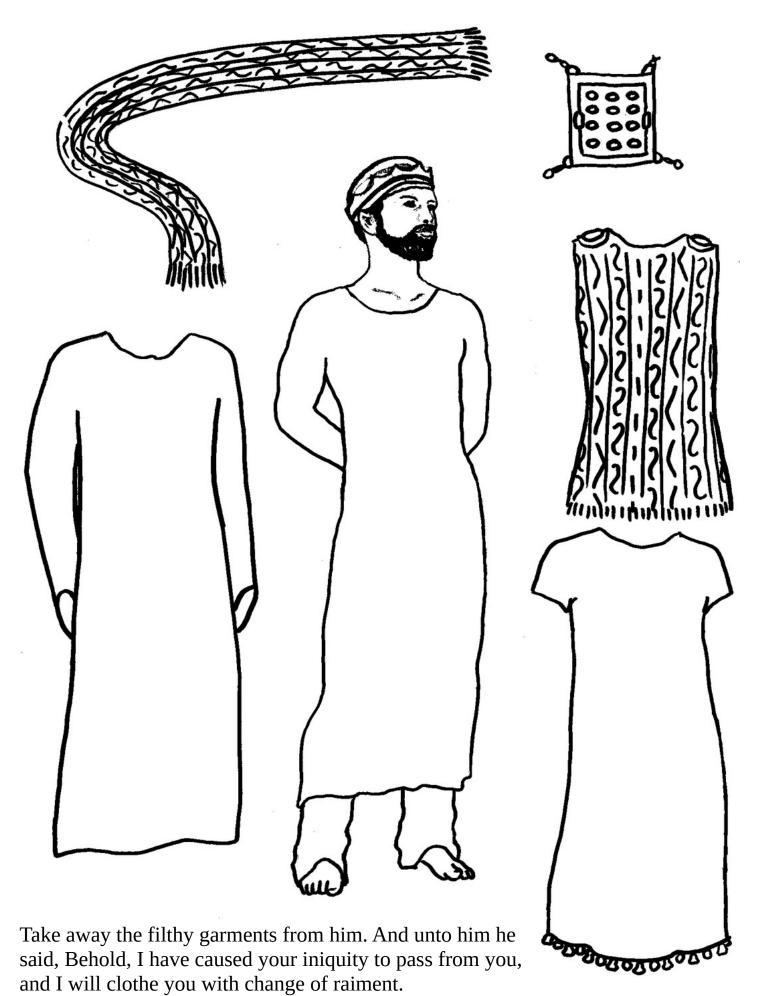
And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

#### Fourth Vision: Joshua and Satan

- 1. And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.
- 2. And Yahweh said unto Satan, Yahweh rebuke you, O Satan; even Yahweh that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you: *is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire?
- 3. Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.
- 4. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with change of raiment.
- 5. And I said, Let them set a fair miter upon his head. So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of Yahweh stood by.
- 6. And the angel of Yahweh protested unto Joshua, saying,
- 7. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my charge, then you shall also judge my house, and shall also keep my courts, and I will give you places to walk among these that stand by.
- 8. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you, and your fellows that sit before you: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.
- 9. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, says Yahweh of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.
- 10.In that day, says Yahweh of hosts, shall you call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

#### The Road to Total Reconciliation - It's All About the Messiah

These clues all point to one person. The man who was born in Bethlehem and named Yahshua: meaning Yahweh's salvation. He was like a living branch growing in a "spiritually dry" land. But He had eyes to fully understand spiritual things and because of his knowledge many have become right with Yahweh. He is the foundation stone or rock on which to build our faith. He was Yahweh's servant, performing miracles and teaching the way of salvation for three and a half years before his death in Jerusalem on Passover day. His sacrifice on that one day removes all our iniquity. His suffering body was pierced open by a spear in his side, a crown of thorns, and nails in his hands and feet. If the nation of Israel would have accepted Him, He could have blessed the whole world through them with peace and salvation, however they killed their Messiah. Despite this He promised to return and usher in a time of peace and prosperity for everyone who would choose life through Him. The gospel is good news for us!



Messianic Clues					
Servant	Branch	Stone			
Seven Eyes (full physical, mental, or spiritual abilities)					
Engrave the Graving (to open wide the thing opened)					
Remove Iniquity of That Land in One Day					
Every Man his Neighbo	r under the Vine and unde	r Fig Tree (prosperity)			

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"Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at you; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for *that* which had not been told them shall they see; and *that* which they had not heard shall they consider." Isaiah 52:13-15

"Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of Yahweh revealed? For he shall <code>grow up before him</code> as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of the Almighty, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased Yahweh to bruise him; he has put him to grief: when you shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:1-12

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus says Yahweh the Almighty, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he that gives breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I Yahweh have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand, and will keep you, and give you for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I *am* Yahweh: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." Isaiah 42:1-8

"Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, you people, from far; Yahweh has called me from the womb; from the

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bowels of my mother has he made mention of my name. And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword: in the shadow of his hand has he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his guiver has he hid me; And said unto me, You *are* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with Yahweh, and my work with my Mighty One. And now, says Yahweh that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of Yahweh, and my Mighty One shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Thus says Yahweh, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despises, to him whom the nation abhors, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of Yahweh that is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose you. Thus says Yahweh, In an acceptable time have I heard you, and in a day of salvation have I helped you: and I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That you may say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that has mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for Yahweh has comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, Yahweh has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget you. Behold, I have graven you upon the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me." Isaiah 49:1-16

"And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, says Yahweh. Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, YAHWEH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer 23:4-6

"In that day shall the branch of Yahweh be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel." Isa 4:2

"Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah." Jer 33:14

"In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called, Yahweh our righteousness. For thus says Yahweh; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually." Jer 33:15-18

"Therefore thus says Yahweh Almighty, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believes shall not make haste." Isa 28:16

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Psalm 118:22

"And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall,

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and be broken, and be snared, and be taken." Isa 8:14,15

"For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they <mark>pierced my hands and my feet."</mark> Psalm 22:16

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon." Zech 12:10,11

"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zech 13:1

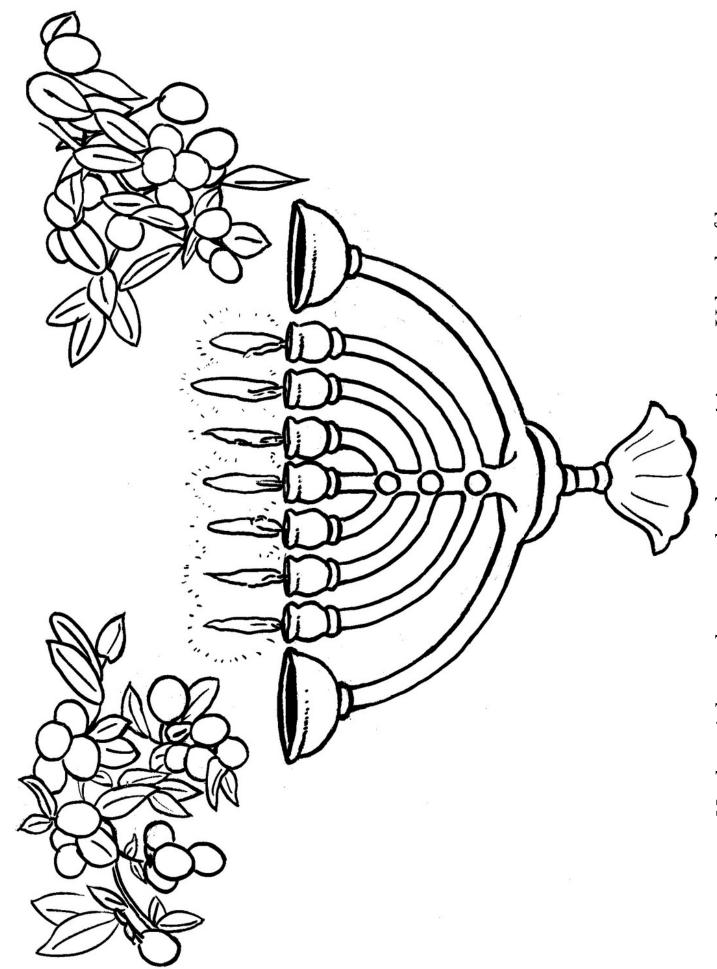
"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." Dan 9:27

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of the Almighty sent forth into all the earth." Rev 5:6

"But now I *will* not *be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, says Yahweh of hosts. For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*." Zech 8:11,12

"Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops: he has laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* you be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of you shall he come forth unto me *that* is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travails has brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his Mighty One; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth." Micah 5:1-4

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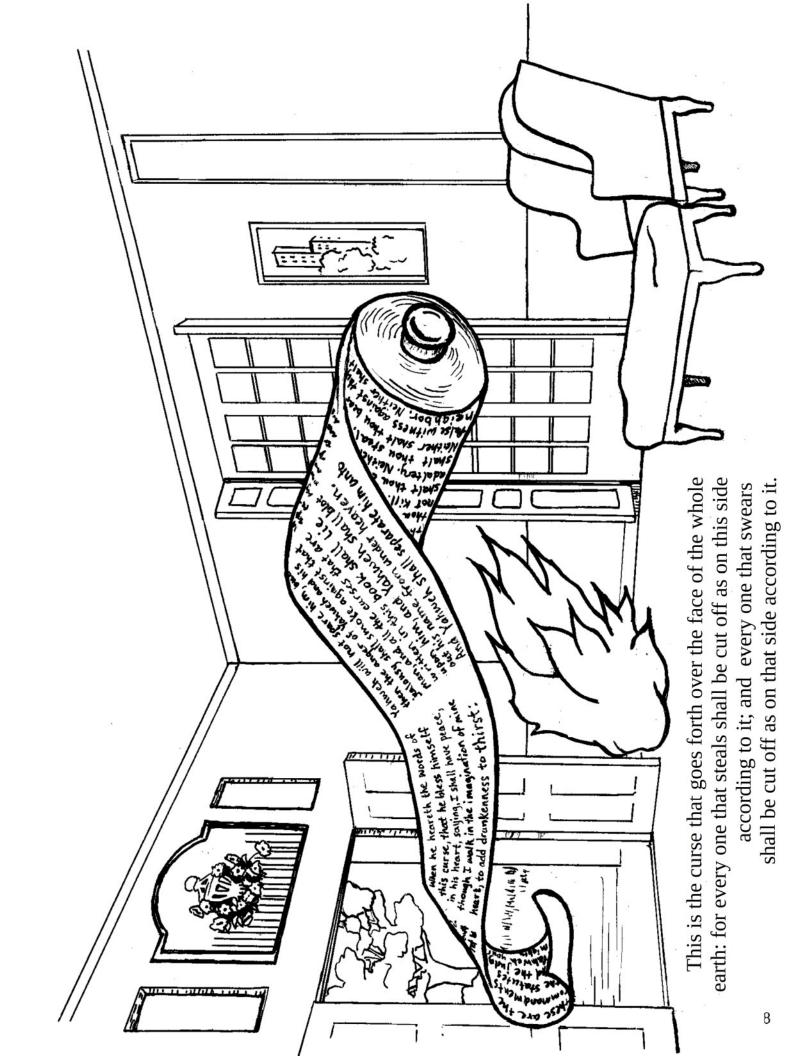


Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says Yahweh of hosts.

#### Fifth Vision: The Golden Candlestick and Two Olive Trees

- 1. And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,
- 2. And said unto me, What *do* you see? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon the top thereof:
- 3. And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.
- 4. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?
- 5. Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Know you not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
- 6. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of Yahweh unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says Yahweh of hosts.
- 7. Who *are you*, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel you *shall become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shouting, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.
- 8. Moreover the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying,
- 9. The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and you shall know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me unto you.
- 10.For who has despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of Yahweh, which run to and fro through the whole earth.
- 11. Then answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?
- 12. And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?
- 13. And he answered me and said, Know you not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord.
- 14. Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Fifth V	Fifth Vision: Identity of the Golden Candlestick and Two Olive Trees						
Candlestick	Assemblies/believers with fullness of the	spirit Zech.4:2,10, Rev.1:12,13,20					
Seven eyes	Full physical, mental or spiritual abilities	Zech.3:9, Rev.5:6					
Olive trees	Two anointed ones, sons of oil, witnesses	Zech.4:11,14, Rev.11:4					
Golden oil	Spirit of Yahweh	Zech.4:6, 1Sam.16:13, Matt.25:1-13					
Headstone	Yahshua	Zech.4:7,16, Ps.118:22, Matt.21:42					



#### **Sixth Vision: The Flying Roll**

- 1. Then I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.
- 2. And he said unto me, What *do* you see? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.
- 3. Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that steals shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that swears shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.
- 4. I will bring it forth, says Yahweh of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that swears falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

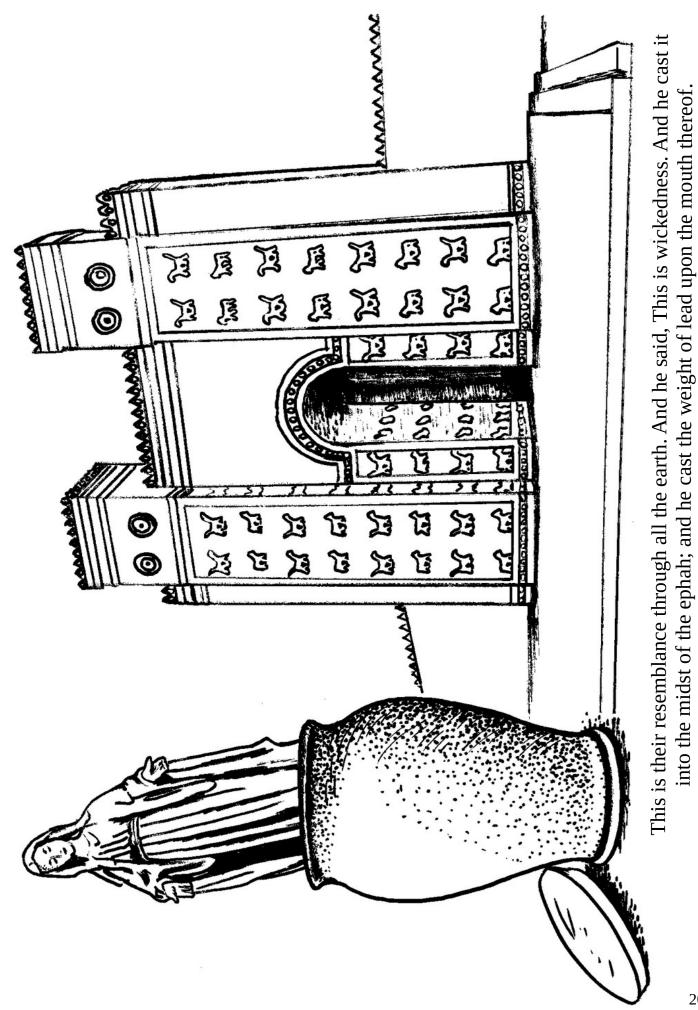
#### Sixth Vision: The Flying Roll of Curses

"But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken unto the voice of Yahweh your Mighty One, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day; that all these curses shall come upon you, and overtake you: Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* you *be* in the field. Cursed *shall be* your basket and your store. Cursed *shall be* the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your kine, and the flocks of your sheep. Cursed *shall you be* when you come in, and cursed *shall you be* when you go out." Duet 28:15-19

"And the anger of Yahweh was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:" Duet 29:27

#### **Seventh Vision: The Ephah and The Woman**

- 5. Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now your eyes, and see what *is* this that goes forth.
- 6. And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* an ephah that goes forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.
- 7. And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that sits in the midst of the ephah.
- 8. And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.
- 9. Then lifted I up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.
- 10. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?
- 11. And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.



#### **Seventh Vision: Queen of Heaven Worship**

"Queen of Heaven" worship originated in the land of Shinar or Babylon before spreading throughout the whole world. Israel picked up these customs from their pagan neighbors often renaming them for "Yahweh."

"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger." Jer 7:18

#### Two Women Who Carry the Statue

Since Zechariah's prophecy points to both ancient and future events, Israel and Christians who profess to follow Yahweh, but are actually observing pagan customs would fit the identity of the two women who carry the statue.

"I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman." Jer 6:2

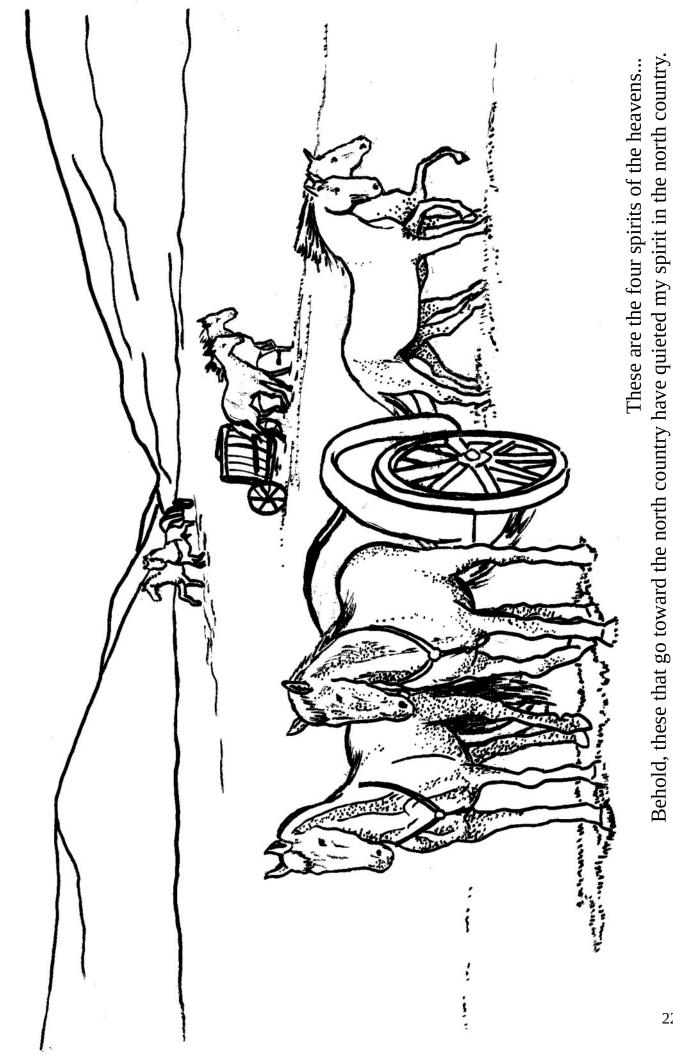
"For I am jealous over you with divine jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ." 2Cor 11:2

#### How Babylonian Customs Entered

Before ancient Babylon had been destroyed, its priests carried their sacred mysteries to the city of Tyre. From there they were transferred to Pergamos until 133 BC when Pergamum King Attalus III bequeathed his kingdom to Rome. This is how priests of Rome acquired the secret mysteries of the Babylonian solar cult. Rome became "The New Babylon." *Babylon by any other name*, be it: Tyre, Pergamum or Rome, *is still the same*. Satan's religion survived uninterrupted.

Having its headquarters in Rome, the Catholic Church also adopted pagan practices. Some of these are Sunday sacredness, penance, praying to the dead, rosaries, repeating prayers or mantras, celibate priests, popes, monks, nuns, graven images, statues and icons, Eucharist, Lent, Carnival, Easter and other holidays.

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Can you name other pagan practices that have been passed down?					



#### **Eighth Vision: The Four Chariots**

- 1. And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.
- 2. In the first chariot *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;
- 3. And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.
- 4. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?
- 5. And the angel answered and said unto me, These *are* the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6. The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.
- 7. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.
- 8. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

#### **Chariots Coming From Between Mountains of Brass**

Nothing can grow on mountains of brass. When Yahweh brought his people into the promised land, they covenanted to keep his commandments, statutes and judgments and he promised to give them peace in a land flowing with milk and honey. This covenant was recorded on monuments built on two mountains. Blessings were recited on Mt. Gerizim and curses on Mt. Ebal.

In this vision, the chariots are coming out from between two mountains of brass. Because Israel had dishonored their part of the agreement their land had become unfruitful. The "horses" which traveled to the north country reported back that the false worship previously occurring at Dan and Bethel had stopped. This "quieted" Yahweh's spirit in the north country.

"Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from
dew, and the earth is stayed <i>from</i> her fruit."
Hag.1.10

"And your heaven that is over your head shall be brass, and the earth that is under you *shall* be iron." Deut.28.23

#### **The Branch: Messianic Prophecies**

- 9. And the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying,
- 10. Take of *them of* the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;
- 11. Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

- 12. And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaks Yahweh of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of Yahweh:
- 13.Even he shall build the temple of Yahweh; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.
- 14. And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of Yahweh.
- 15. And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of Yahweh, and you shall know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Mighty One.

Names and their Meanings							
Heldai	Worldly, terrestrial [vital], from a word meaning the same as: age, duration of life	Helem	To bind firmly, strength, dream, to restore to health, to be healthy				
<b>Tobijah</b>	Yahweh is good						
<b>Jedaiah</b>	Yahweh has known						
Josiah son of	.,		Favor, grace, acceptance				
Zephaniah	Yahweh has treasured	Zephaniah	Yahweh has treasured				
Joshua	Yahweh is salvation						
Josedech	Yahweh is righteous						
BRANCH	Sprout, growth, living shoot (description of Messiah from the Davidic tree)						

#### Messianic Prophecies Fulfilled By Yahshua

**Seed of a Woman** 

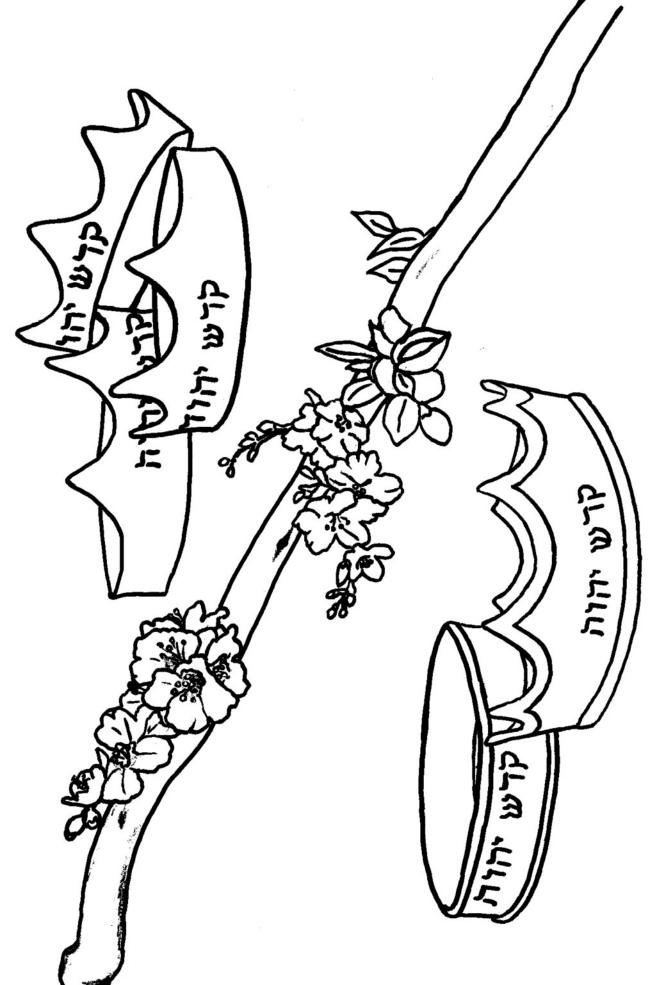
**Prophetic Scripture** 

of the earth be blessed." Gen.12.3

"And I will put enmity bet woman, and between your it shall bruise your head, a	seed and her seed;		ess of the time was come, is Son, made of a woman, " Gal.4.4
his heel." Gen.3.15			
Prophetic Scripture	Descendant o	of Abraham	Fulfilled
"And I will bless them that him that curses you: and in	5	_	

Abraham." Matt.1.1

Fulfilled



throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. Even he shall build the temple of Yahweh; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his

#### **Descendant of Isaac**

Fulfilled

"And the Almighty said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him." Gen.17.19

"Which was *the son* of Jacob, which was *the son* of Isaac, which was *the son* of Abraham, which was *the son* of Thara, which was *the son* of Nachor," Luke.3.34

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Descendant of Jacob**

Fulfilled

"I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth." Num.24.17

"Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;" Matt.1.2

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### From the Tribe of Judah

Fulfilled

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*." Gen.49.10

"Which was *the son* of Aminadab, which was *the son* of Aram, which was *the son* of Esrom, which was *the son* of Phares, which was *the son* of Juda," Luke.3.33

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### Heir to the Throne of David

**Fulfilled** 

"Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will perform this." Isa.9.7

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and Yahweh Almighty shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Luke.1.32,33

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Anointed and Eternal**

Fulfilled

"Your throne, O Yahweh, *is* for ever and ever: the scepter of your kingdom *is* a right scepter. You love righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore the Almighty, your Mighty One, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows." Psalm.45.6,7 "Of old have you laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure: yes, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shall you change them, and they shall be changed: But you *are* the same, and your years shall have no end." Psalm 102.25-27

"But unto the Son *he says*, Your throne, O Yahweh, *is* for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore the Almighty, *even* your Mighty One, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows." Heb.1.8,9 "And, You, Lord, in the beginning have laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of your hands: They shall perish; but you remain; and they all shall wax old as does a garment; And as a vesture shall you fold them up, and they shall be changed: but you are the same, and your years shall not fail." Heb.1.10-12

#### **Born in Bethlehem**

#### Fulfilled

"But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Micah.5.2

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke.2.4.5.7

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Time for His Coming**

#### **Fulfilled**

"Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." Dan.9.25

"Yahshua came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of Yahweh, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of the Almighty is at hand: repent and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14,15

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### To be Born of a Virgin

#### **Fulfilled**

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (the Almighty with us)." Isa.7.14 "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from Yahweh unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with the Almighty. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Yahshua (the salvation of Yah)." Luke.1.26,27,30,31

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Slaughter of Children**

#### **Fulfilled**

"Thus says Yahweh; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not." Jer.31.15

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Matt.2.16-18

## Prophetic Scripture "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." Hos.11.1

#### Flight to Egypt

#### Fulfilled

"When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." Matt.2.14,15

#### The Way Prepared

Fulfilled

"The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of Yahweh, make straight in the desert a highway for our Mighty One. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of Yahweh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken *it*." Isa.40.3-5

"And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of Yahweh, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of Yahweh." Luke.3.3-6

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### Preceded by a Forerunner

Fulfilled

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, saith Yahweh of hosts." Mal.3.1

"And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went you out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? ... This is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, which shall prepare your way before you." Luke.7.24,27

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### Preceded by Elijah

Fulfilled

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal.4.5,6

"For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you will receive *it*, this is Elias, which was for to come." Matt.11.13,14

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Declared the Son of Yahweh**

Fulfilled

"I will declare the decree: Yahweh has said unto me, You *are* my Son; this day have I begotten you." Psalm.2.7 "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
Matt.3.17

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Speaks in Parables**

Fulfilled

"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide *them* from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of Yahweh, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he has done." Psalm.78.2-4

"All these things spake Yahshua unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." Matt.13.34,35

#### **Galilean Ministry**

Fulfilled

"Nevertheless the dimness *shall* not *be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her by* the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined." Isa.9.1,2

"And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Matt.4.13-16

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### A Prophet

#### **Fulfilled**

"Yahweh your Mighty One will raise up unto you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brethren, like unto me; unto him you shall hearken;" Duet.18.15 "And he shall send Yahshua the Christ, which before was preached unto you: For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall Yahweh your Mighty One raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall you hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." Acts.3.20,22

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### To Bind Up the Brokenhearted

#### **Fulfilled**

"The Spirit of Yahweh Almighty *is* upon me; because Yahweh has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of Yahweh, and the day of vengeance of our Mighty One; to comfort all that mourn;" Isa.61.1,2

"The Spirit of Yahweh *is* upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke.4.18,19

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### Rejected by His Own people - Jews

#### **Fulfilled**

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not." Isa.53.3

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John.1.11

"And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Barabbas:" Luke.23.18

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Priest After Order of Melchizedek**

#### Fulfilled

"Yahweh has sworn, and will not repent, You *are* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." Psalm.110.4

"So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, You are my Son, to day have I begotten you. As he said also in another *place*, You *are* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb.5.5,6

#### **Triumphal Entry**

#### **Fulfilled**

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, vour King comes unto you: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zech.9.9

"And they brought the colt to Yahshua, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saving, Hosanna; Blessed *is* he that comes in the name of the Lord: And Yahshua entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve." Mark.11.7,9,11

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Adored by Children**

#### **Fulfilled**

"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings have you ordained strength because of your enemies, that you avenger." Psalm.8.2

"And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, You hear what these say? And Yahshua said might still the enemy and the unto them, Yes; have you never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have perfected praise?" Matt.21.15,16

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### Not Believed

#### **Fulfilled**

"Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of Yahweh revealed?" Isa.53.1

"But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed?" John.12.37.38

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### Betrayed by a Close Friend

#### **Fulfilled**

"Yea, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me." Psalm.41.9

"And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Yahshua to kiss him. But Yahshua said unto him, Judas, betray you the Son of man with a kiss?" Luke.22.47,48

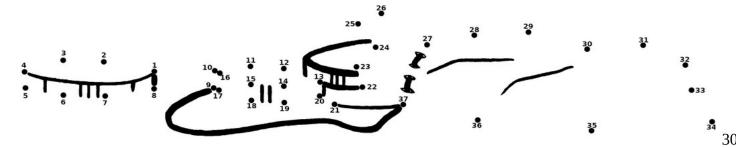
#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Betrayed for Thirty Pieces of Silver**

#### **Fulfilled**

"And I said unto them, If you think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver." Zech.11.12

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver." Matt.26.14,15



#### **Accused by False Witnesses**

Fulfilled

"False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not." Psalm.35.11 "And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands." Mark.14.57,58

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Silent to Accusations**

**Fulfilled** 

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opens not his mouth." Isa.53.7

"And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answer you nothing? behold how many things they witness against you. But Yahshua yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marveled." Mark.15.4,5

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Spat on and Struck**

**Fulfilled** 

"I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting." Isa.50.6 "Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands," Matt.26.67

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Hated Without Reason**

**Fulfilled** 

"Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause." Psalm.35.19

"If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But *this comes to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause." John.15.24,25

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Vicarious Sacrifice**

**Fulfilled** 

"But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isa.53.5

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the unrighteous. But Yahweh commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom.5.6,8

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Crucified with Criminals**

**Fulfilled** 

"Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he has poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isa.53.12

"And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which says, "And he was numbered with the transgressors."

Mark.15.27,28

#### **Pierced Through Hands and Feet**

**Fulfilled** 

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." Zech.12.10

"Then said he to Thomas, Reach hither your finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither your hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." John.20.27

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### **Sneered and Mocked**

**Fulfilled** 

"All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on Yahweh *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him." Psalm.22.7,8

"And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of the Almighty." Luke.23.35

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Was Reproached**

#### **Fulfilled**

"For the zeal of your house has eaten me up; and "For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as the reproaches of them that reproached you are fallen upon me." Psalm.69.9

it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached you fell on me." Rom.15.3

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Prayer for His Enemies**

**Fulfilled** 

"For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer." Psalm.109.4

"Then said Yahshua, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." Luke.23.34

#### Prophetic Scripture

#### **Soldiers Gambled for His Clothing**

**Fulfilled** 

"I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." Psalm.22.17,18

"And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there;" Matt.27.35,36

#### **Prophetic Scripture**

#### Forsaken by the Almighty

**Fulfilled** 

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?" Psalm.22.1

"And about the ninth hour Yahshua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matt.27.46

Prophetic Scrip	ture	No Bones Broken	Fulfilled			
"He keeps all his	"Then	came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the othe				
bones: not one of	which	was crucified with him. But when they c	<mark>ame to Yahshua, and saw</mark>			
them is broken."	that he	was dead already, they brake not his legs	For these things were			
Psalm.34.20	done, t	hat the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be				
	broken	." John.19.32.33.36				

Prophetic Scripture	His Side Pierced		Fulfilled
"And I will pour upon the	"But	one of the soldiers	
of Jerusalem, the spirit of	with a spear pierced his		
look upon me whom they	side,	and forthwith came	
him, as one mourns for his	there	e out blood and	
him, as one that is in bitter	rness for <i>his</i> firstborn." Zech.12.10	wate	er." John.19.34

Prophetic Scripture	Buried with the Rich	Fulfilled		
"And he made his grave	"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea,			
with the wicked, and with	named Joseph, who also himself was Yah	named Joseph, who also himself was Yahshua's disciple: He went		
the rich in his death;	to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the			
because he had done no	body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he			
violence, neither was any	wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb,			
deceit in his mouth."	which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to			
Isa.53.9	the door of the sepulcher, and departed."	Matt.27.57-60		

Prophetic Scripture	To F	Be Resurrected	Fulfilled
"For you will not leave my soul in hell;		"And he said unto them, Be not frightened: You seek	
neither will you suffer your Holy One to		Yahshua of Nazareth, whi	ich was crucified: <mark>he is</mark>
see corruption." Ps.16.10		risen; he is not here: behold the place where they	
"But the Almighty will redeem my soul		laid him." Mark.16.6	
from the power of the grave: for he shall		"But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he	
receive me. Selah." Psalm.49.15		goes before you into Galilee: there shall you see	
		him, as he said unto you.'	' Mark.16.6,7

Prophetic Scripture	Ascension to Yahweh's right hand	Fulfilled	
"You have ascended	"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up		
on high, you have led	into heaven, and sat on the right hand of Deity." Mark16.19		
captivity captive: you	"And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day		
have received gifts	according to the scriptures:" 1Cor.15.4		
for men; yes, for the	"When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave		
rebellious also, that	gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, v	what is it but that he also	
Yahweh Almighty might	descended first into the lower parts of the earth [the grave]? He that		
dwell among them."	descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens,		
Psalm.68.18	that he might fill all things.)" Eph 4:8-10		

- 1. And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of Yahweh came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu;
- 2. When they had sent unto Yahweh's house Sherezer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before Yahweh,
- 3. *And* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of Yahweh of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?
- 4. Then came the word of Yahweh of hosts unto me, saying,
- 5. Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did you at all fast unto me, *even* to me?
- 6. And when you did eat, and when you did drink, did not you eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?
- 7. *Should you* not *hear* the words which Yahweh has 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?
- 8. And the word of Yahweh came unto Zechariah, saying,
- 9. Thus speaks Yahweh of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion every man to his brother:
- 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.
- 11.But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.
- 12. Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which Yahweh of hosts has sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from Yahweh of hosts.
- 13. Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, says Yahweh of hosts:
- 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 Problem Explained

Yahweh was not pleased with the fast days that Israel had set up to commemorate their national disasters. Instead of admitting the reason for their calamity and making true repentance, they made special days to remember their loss. These national fast days are still observed by Jews today.

Month	Day of Month	Reason for Fast
4th month	17th day of Tammuz	Daily sacrifice stopped because of Babylonian siege
5th month	9th day of Av	Evening before the fall of the temple
7th month	3rd day of Tishri	Gedaliah assassinated (governor set up by Babylon)
10th month	10th day of Tevet	Babylonian siege started 589-587 BC

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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.

#### **True Religion Defined**

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their Mighty One: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to the Almighty. Wherefore have we fasted, *say they*, and you see not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and you take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exact all your labors. Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: you shall not fast as *you do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? will you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to Yahweh? *Is* not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? *Is it* not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh?" Isaiah 58:1-7

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion *is* vain. Pure religion and undefiled before Deity and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:26,27

Answers	Bible Number Fun	Subtotals						
	Number of Psalms in Old Testament book of Psalms							
	Divide by number of Coins paid in the betrayal of Yahshua, Zechariah 11:12							
	Add the age of the oldest man who ever lived: Methuselah in Genesis 5:27							
	Subtract the number of miraculous fish the apostles caught in John 21:11							
	Add the number of times Peter denied Yahshua in Matthew 26:34							
	Add the age of Moses when he met Pharaoh in Exodus 7:7							
	Add the age of Enoch in Genesis 5:23							
	Add the number of languages mentioned in Genesis 11:6							
	Subtract Solomon's wives, princesses and concubines in 1 Kings 11:3							
	Subtract the age at which Yahshua began his ministry, Luke 3:23							
	Multiply by the age of Noah at the time of the flood, Genesis 7:6							
	Answer: This number is a very special and exclusive number.							
	Bonus question: Name a place in the Bible where you can find this number.							



And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their Mighty One, in truth and in righteousness.

- 1. Again the word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,
- 2. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.
- 3. Thus says Yahweh; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of Yahweh of hosts the holy mountain.
- 4. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.
- 5. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.
- 6. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes? says Yahweh of hosts.
- 7. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;
- 8. And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their Mighty One, in truth and in righteousness.
- 9. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; Let your hands be strong, you that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house of Yahweh of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.
- 10. For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbor.
- 11.But now I *will* not *be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, says Yahweh of hosts.
- 12. For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.
- 13. And it shall come to pass, *that* as you were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.
- 14. For thus says Yahweh of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, says Yahweh of hosts, and I repented not:
- 15. So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: *do* not fear.
- 16.These *are* the things that you shall do; Speak every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:
- 17. And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, says Yahweh.
- 18. And the word of Yahweh of hosts came unto me, saying,
- 19. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.
- 20. Thus says Yahweh 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 Yahweh, and to seek Yahweh of hosts: I will go also.
- 22. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before Yahweh.
- 23. Thus says Yahweh of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out 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* Divinity *is* with you.

#### **Covenant Ordained Before the Foundation of the World. 1 Peter 1:20**

"For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he said, Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, says Yahweh. For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a Mighty One, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Yahweh: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he says, A new *covenant*, he has made the first old. Now that which decays and waxes old *is* ready to vanish away." Hebrews 8:7-13

Old Covenant Identified	Match Corresponding Covenants in Hebrews (quoting Jeremiah 31)	New Covenant Better				
First (Heb. 8:7, 10:9)		Yahshua made high priest (Heb. 6:20, 8:1)				
Promise / covenant (9:1)		Tabernacle in Heaven (8:2)				
Made when left Egypt (8:9)		Endless life, immortal (7:16)				
They did not continue in covenant / Yah regarded not (8:9)		Holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners (7:26)				
Law of priesthood (7:12)		Offered himself (7:27,9:12)				
Ends, carnal (7:16)		Better covenant / promises (8:6)				
High Priest (9:7)		Unchangeable / continues (7:24)				
Sons of Levi (7:5)		Write law in heart, mind, Yah regards (8:10)				
Discontinued by death (7:23)		Make after those (Yahshua's) days (8:10)				
Sinful with infirmity (7:27,28)		More excellent ministry (8:6)				
Sanctuary / Tabernacle (9:1) K		Tribe of Judah, Melchisedec order (7:14-17)				
Gifts / Sacrifices (8:3)		Second (8:7, 10:9)				
Blood of calves / goats (9:19) M		Better hope made perfect (7:19)				
Example / shadow (8:5) N		Christ's own blood (9:12,14)				
Made nothing perfect (7:19)	Key on page 69	Change of law (7:12)				

- 1. The burden of the word of Yahweh in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward Yahweh.
- 2. And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.
- 3. And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.
- 4. Behold, Yahweh will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.
- 5. Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
- 6. And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
- 7. And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remains, even he, *shall be* for our Mighty One, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.
- 8. And I will encamp about my house because of the army, because of him that passes by, and because of him that returns: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.
- 9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes unto you: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- 10.And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.
- 11. As for you also, by the blood of your covenant I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.
- 12. Turn to the strong hold, you prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto you;
- 13. When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you as the sword of a mighty man.
- 14. And Yahweh shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and Yahweh Almighty shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.
- 15. Yahweh of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.
- 16. And Yahweh their Mighty One shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.
- 17.For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.



	Enemy City Prophecy vs. Prophecy for Yahweh's People									
Hadrach	Dwelling - a city in Syria (modern Lebanon)	Damascus	Silent is the sackcloth weaver - capital of Syria							
Hamath	Fortress - a principal city of upper Syria	Tyrus	A Rock - Phoenician city on the Mediterranean coast							
Zidon	Hunting - Phoenician city on Mediterranean coast, N of Tyre	Ashkelon	Fire of infamy, I shall be weighed - coastal Philistine city							
Gaza	Strong - Philistine city	Ekron	Emigration, torn up by roots - Principal Philistine city							
Ashdod	Powerful - Major Philistine city	Philistines	Immigrants - descendants of Mizraim in Canaan							
Judah	Praised - Descendants of Judah	Jerusalem	Teaching of peace - Capital city							
Jebusite	Descendant of Jebus: <i>threshing place</i> - the city became Jerusalem	Zion	Parched place - another name for Jerusalem the Capital city							
Ephraim	Double ash-heap, doubly fruitful - Descendant of Ephraim (tribe)	Greece	Descendants of Javan - became a world power ~200 years later							

Remember... Babylon by any other name, be it: Tyre, Pergamum or Rome, is still Satan's religion.

#### Salvation to the Righteous vs. The Wicked Annihilated

"Tyrus devoured with fire" - "Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus says Yahweh Almighty; Because your heart *is* lifted up, and you have said, I *am* a God, I sit *in* the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet you are a man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God: Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you: With your wisdom and with your understanding you have gotten riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures: By your great wisdom and by your traffic have you increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches: Therefore thus says Yahweh the Almighty; Because you have set your heart as the heart of the Almighty; Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon you, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. Will you yet say before him that slays you, I am God? but you shall be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slays you. You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, says Yahweh Almighty. Moreover the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon (Satan) the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus says Yahweh Almighty; You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. You have been in Eden the garden of the Almighty; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tabrets (musical instrument) and of your (wind)pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created. You *are* the anointed cherub that covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of Yahweh; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you.** By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of the Almighty: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you. You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffic; therefore will I

bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you. All they that know you among the people shall be astonished at you: you shalt be a terror, and never *shall* you *be* any more." Eze 28:1-19

## **Comparing Zechariah's Prophecy to Other Scripture**

"Tyrusvery <b>wise</b> " Zech.9:2	"wiser than Daniel" Eze.28:3				
"Tyrusheaped up silverand fine gold" Zech.9:3	" <b>riches</b> , and have <b>gold</b> and <b>silver</b> " Eze.28:4,5	"decked with <b>gold</b> and <b>precious stones</b> a <b>golden</b> cup" Rev.17:4	"gold, silver, precious stonesand decked with gold" Rev.18:12,13,16		
"will <b>cast her out</b> smite her power in the <b>sea</b> shall be devoured with <b>fire</b> " Zech.9:4	"their swordsslain in the midst of the seas" Eze.28:7,8	"and <b>burn</b> her with <b>fire</b> " Rev.17:16	"cast it into the sea be thrown downthe smoke of her burning" Rev.18:21,18		
"fearbe very sorrowfulshall be ashamed" Zech.9:5	"shall <b>bewail lament</b> afar off for <b>fear</b> " Rev.18:9,10				
"they shall <b>drink</b> as through <b>wine</b> " Zech.9:15	" <b>drunk</b> with the <b>wine</b> of her fornication" Rev.17:2	"they shall <b>drink</b> be as though they had not been" Obd.1:16			
"go forth as <b>lightning</b> blow the <b>trumpet</b> " Zech.9:14	"great sound of a <b>trumpet</b> gather elect" Mat.24:31, 1Cor.15:52	" <b>trumpet</b> in Zionday of Yahweh nigh at hand" Joel 2:1	"lightened with glory cried mightily strong voice" Rev.18:1,2		
"Yahweh shall <b>save</b> they shall be as the stones of a <b>crown</b> " Zech.9:16	" <b>saviours</b> shall come <b>kingdom</b> shall be Yahweh's" Obd.1:21	" <b>crowndiadem</b> to the residue of his people" Isa.28:5	"be a <b>crown of glory</b> a <b>royal diadem</b> " Isa.62:3		

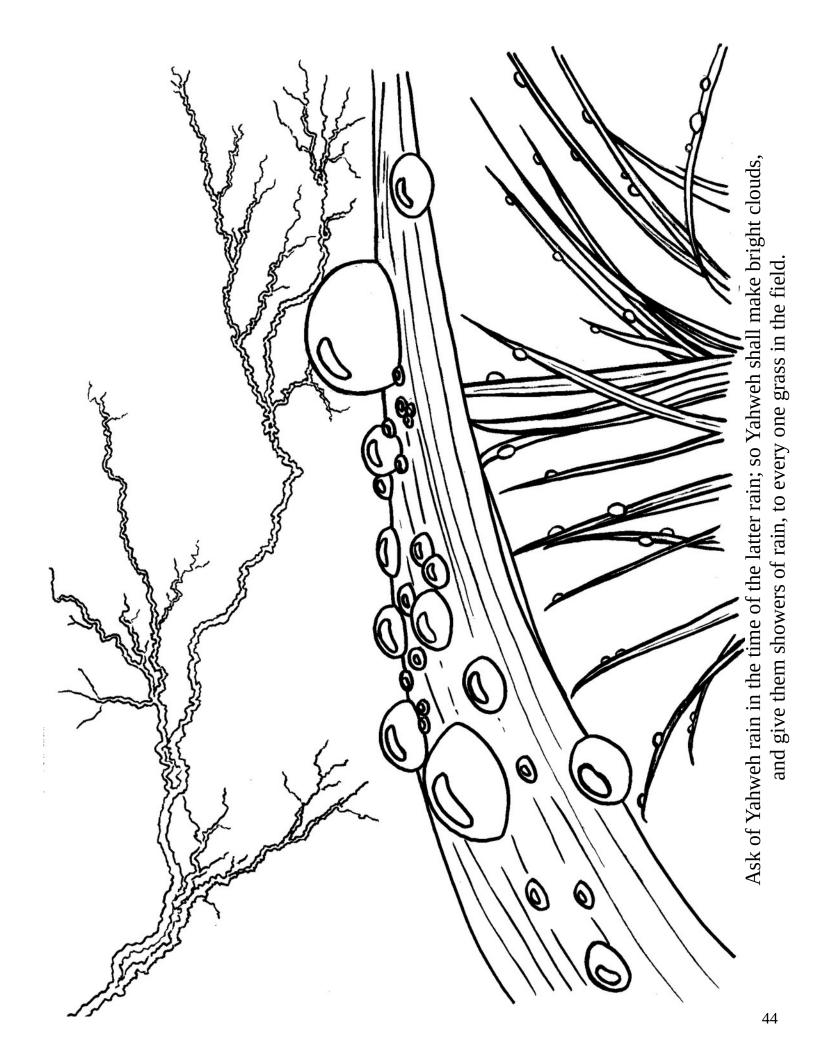
## **Dew & Rain Showers Falling on Grass = Yahweh's Word & Spirit on People**

"My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:" Duet 32:2

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withers, the flower fades: because the spirit of Yahweh blows upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withers, the flower fades: but the word of our Mighty One shall stand for ever." Isa 40:6-8

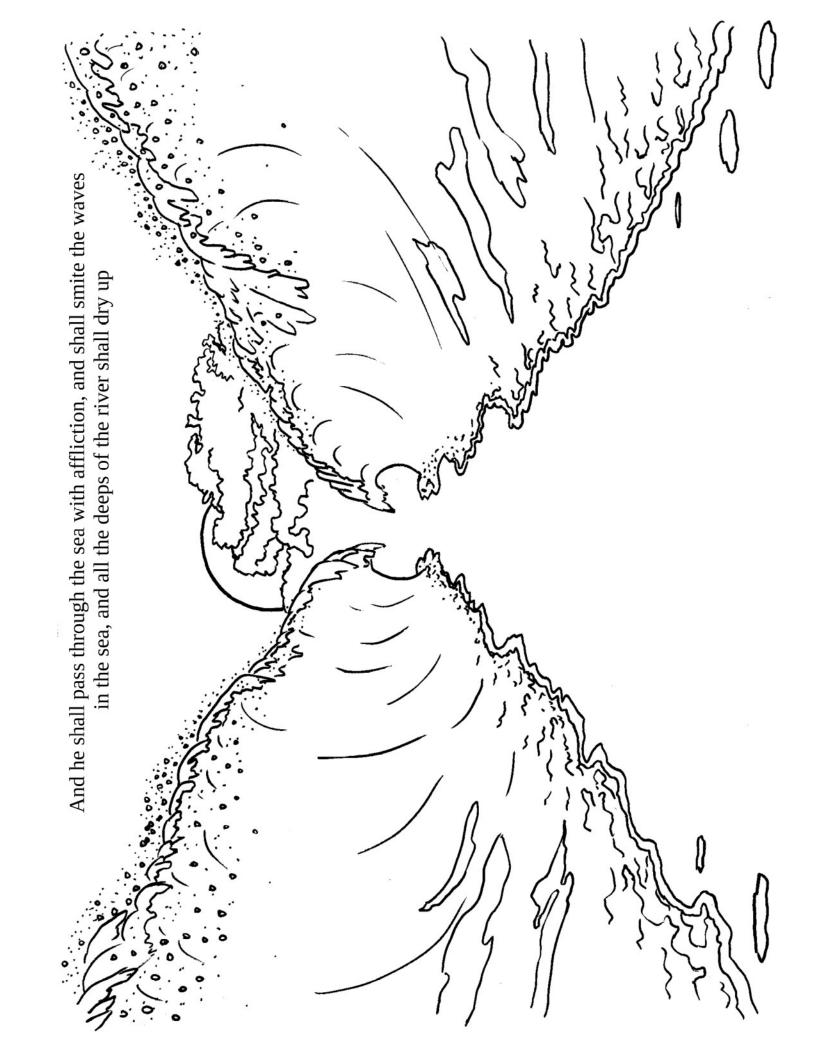
"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for Yahweh will do great things. Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in Yahweh your Mighty One: for he has given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*. And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of Yahweh come. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Yahweh has said, and in the remnant whom Yahweh shall call." Joel 2:21,23,28-32

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from Yahweh, as the showers upon the grass, that tarries not for man, nor waits for the sons of men." Micah 5:7





- 1. Ask of Yahweh rain in the time of the latter rain; *so* Yahweh shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
- 2. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.
- 3. My anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for Yahweh of hosts has visited his flock the house of Judah, and has made them as his goodly horse in the battle.
- 4. Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.
- 5. And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because Yahweh *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.
- 6. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* Yahweh their Mighty One, and will hear them.
- 7. And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in Yahweh.
- 8. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.
- 9. And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.
- 10.I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.



- 11. And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.
- 12. And I will strengthen them in Yahweh; and they shall walk up and down in his name, says Yahweh.

#### Yahweh Gathers His People and His Enemies

"And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away." Zech 10:11

"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left. You shall defile also the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your molten images of gold: you shall cast them away" Isa 30:21,22

"And Yahweh shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.

And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt. Isa 11:15,16

# Hebrew word: Armageddon

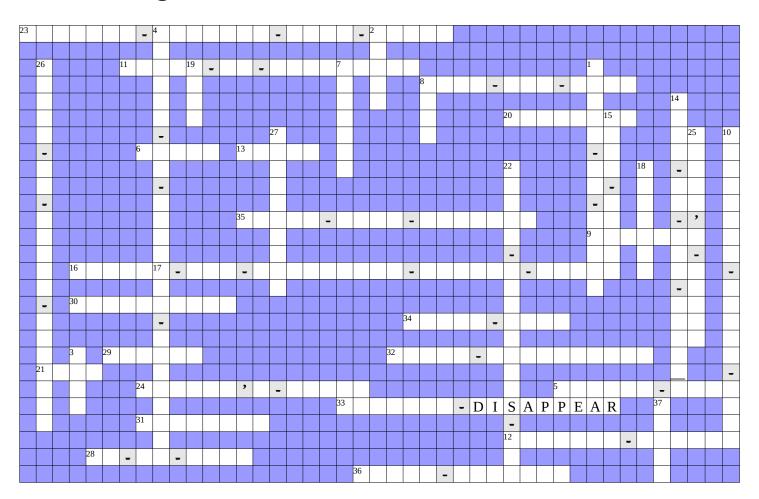
Har: קר **H2022** hill, mountain, high place Meggidon: קגִדּוֹן **H4023** place of crowds, rendezvous "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Rev 16:12,16

"Therefore wait upon me, says Yahweh, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them my indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve him with one consent." Zeph 3:8,9

The "high place" where nations, kingdoms and people gather for the battle of Armageddon is revealed in Chapter 12. Yahweh makes a place for his people by taking all rebellious people away.

"According to the days of your coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvelous things." Micah 7:15

# Plagues of the Bible Crossword/Phrase Puzzle



## **Puzzle Clues**

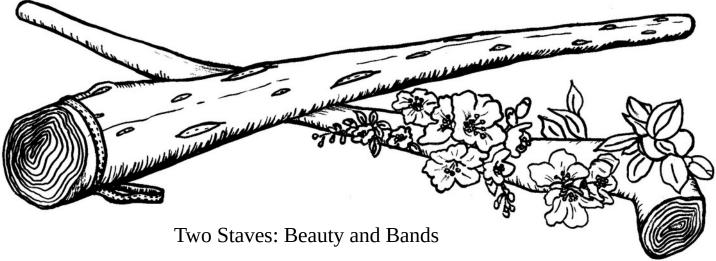
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1- Ex. 7:19-20	5 - Ex. 9:3,6	8 - Rev. 16:8,9	24 - Rev. 16:13
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3 - Ex. 8:16,17	8 - Ex. 9:24	15 - Rev. 16:3	29 - Rev. 16:18
4 - Ex. 8:21,24	9 - Ex. 10:12	17 - Rev. 16:8,9	30 - Rev. 16:18
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10 - Ex. 10:21,22	12 - Ex. 14:21,22	19 - Rev. 16:8,9	32 - Rev. 16:18
	13 - Rev. 16:2	22 - Rev. 16:12	33 - Rev. 16:20
	16 - Rev. 16:4	23 - Rev. 16:13	34 - Rev. 16:21
	20 - Rev. 16:10	25 - Rev. 16:13	35 - Rev. 16:19
	21 - Rev. 16:10	26 - Rev. 16:13	36 - Rev. 16:19
	23 - Rev. 16:13	27 - Rev. 16:16	37 - Rev. 16:19

Hint: 14 Down does not continue into 5 Across, and 4 Down does use the first letter of 17 Down.



Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

- 1. Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.
- 2. Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.
- 3. *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.
- 4. Thus says Yahweh my Mighty One; Feed the flock of the slaughter;
- 5. Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed *be* Yahweh; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.
- 6. For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, says Yahweh: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.



- 7. And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.
- 8. Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.
- 9. Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dies, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.
- 10.And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.
- 11. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of Yahweh.
- 12. And I said unto them, If you think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.
- 13. And Yahweh said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of Yahweh.
- 14. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
- 15. And Yahweh said unto me, Take unto you yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

- 16.For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that stands still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.
- 17. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaves the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

## **Giving A Prophecy To Die For**

Three days before the Passover on which He was crucified, Yahshua gave a scathing rebuke to the leaders of Jerusalem. As He publicly called out their evil, seven times He declared, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" Four times He called them blind guides or fools before naming them "serpents" and a "generation of vipers" worthy of the damnation of hell. And He didn't leave them wondering as to why they deserved such an awful end.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.

Even so you also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous,

And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

Wherefore you be witnesses unto yourselves, that you are the children of them which killed the prophets.

Fill you up then the measure of your fathers.

*You* serpents, *you* generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them you shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall you scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city:

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom you slew between the temple and the altar." Matt.23"27-35

We know Abel to be the first victim of murder. Who was this Zacharias? And was there a special reason that our Saviour called attention to his legacy? Absolutely! The prophet Zechariah lived in Jerusalem during the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon. He delivered devastating prophecies for which he was hated and killed by his own people. He was murdered for his prophecy of doom. It was about this prediction that Yahshua insisted, "Verily I say unto you, ALL THESE THINGS shall come upon this generation." Matt.23.36. What things? Did Zechariah's prophecy happen? YES! and how exactly! Let's compare Zechariah's little prophetic book against history.

#### "Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.

Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O you oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down." Zech.11:1,2.

#### Cedar wood from Lebanon built Jerusalem's Temple

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, Yahweh the Almighty of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has charged me to **build him an house at Jerusalem**, which *is* in Judah." Ezr.1.2

"They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, **to bring cedar trees from Lebanon** to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia." Ezr.3.7

"But when Titus perceived that his endeavors to spare a foreign temple turned to the damage of his soldiers and made them be killed, **he gave orders to set the gates on fire.**" (But not to burn the actual temple.) The War of the Jews, 6.4.1 (228), Josephus

"one of those that went into the place... **threw the fire upon the hinges of the gate**, in the dark; whereby the flame burst out from within the holy house itself immediately, ...and thus the holy house burnt down, without Caesar's approbation." The War of the Jews, 6.4.7 (265,266), Josephus, translated by William Whiston

"but, as for that house, **God had for certain long ago doomed it to the fire:** and now that fatal day was come, according to the revolution of ages; it was the tenth day of the month Lous [Ab], upon which it was formerly burnt by the king of Babylon;" The War of the Jews, 6.4.5 (250) Josephus

"Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O you oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down. There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled." Zech.11.2,3

## **Jewish Distress at Temple's Destruction**

"one of the soldiers, ...being hurried on by a certain divine fury, snatched somewhat out of the materials that were on fire, and being lifted up by another soldier, he set fire to a golden window, through which there was a passage to the rooms that were round about the holy house, on the north side of it. As the flames went upward the Jews made a clamor, such as so mighty an affliction required, and ran together to prevent it; and now they spared not their lives any longer, nor suffered anything to restrain their force, since that holy house was perishing, for whose sake it was that they kept such a guard about it." The War of the Jews, 6.4.5, (252,253) Josephus

"While the holy house was on fire, everything was plundered that came to hand, and ten thousand of those that were caught were slain; nor was there a commiseration of any age, or any reverence of gravity; but children and old men, and profane persons, and priests, were all slain in the same manner; so that this war went round all sorts of men, and brought them to destruction, and as well those that made supplication for their lives as those that defended themselves by fighting. **The flame** was also carried a long way, and **made an echo, together with the groans of those that were slain**; and because this hill was high, and the works at the

temple were very great, one would have thought the whole city had been on fire. **Nor can one imagine anything either greater or more terrible than this noise**;" The War of the Jews, 6.5.1, (271,272) Josephus

#### Why Did It Happen?

"Thus says Yahweh my Mighty One; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed *be* Yahweh; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not." Zech.11.4,5

#### The Root Cause of Jerusalem's Destruction:

"And now arose a sedition between the high priests and the principal men of the multitude of Jerusalem; each of whom got them a company of the boldest sort of men, and of those that loved innovations, about them, and became leaders to them; and when they struggled together, they did it by casting reproachful words against one another, and by throwing stones also. And there was nobody to reprove them; but **these disorders were done after a licentious manner** in the city, as if it had no government over it." The Antiquities Of The Jews, 20.8.8, (180) Josephus translated by William Whiston

"And then it was that the *sicarii*, as they were called, who were robbers, grew numerous. They made use of small swords, not much different in length from the Persian *acinacae*, but somewhat crooked, and like the Roman *sicae* [or sickles] as they were called; and from these weapons these robbers got their denomination; and with these weapons **they slew a great** many; for they mingled themselves among the multitude at their festivals, when they were come up in crowds from all parts to the city to worship God, as we said before, and **easily slew those that they had a mind to slay**. They also came frequently upon the villages belonging to their enemies, with their weapons, and plundered them, and set them on fire." The Antiquities Of The Jews, 20.8.10, (186,187) Josephus

"but as for the high priest Ananias, he increased in glory every day, and this to a great degree, and had obtained the favor and esteem of the citizens in a signal manner; for **he was a great hoarder up of money**; he also had servants who were very wicked, who joined themselves to the boldest sort of the people, and went to the thrashing floors, and took away the tithes that belonged to the priests by **violence**, and did not refrain from **beating** such as would not give these tithes to them. So the other high priests acted in the like manner, as did those his servants without anyone being able to prohibit them; **so that** [some of the] **priests, that of old were wont to be supported with those tithes, died for want of food.**" The Antiquities Of The Jews, 20.9.2, (205,206) Josephus

This Annas/**Ananus son of Seth** is the same high priest of John 18:13: "And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people." John 18:13,14.

"For I will **no more pity** the inhabitants of the land, says Yahweh: but, lo, **I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king**: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand **I will not deliver** *them*." Zech.11.6

#### **Foolish Shepherds**

"A sedition arose between the high priests with regard to one another... Costobarus also, and Saulus, did themselves get together a multitude of wicked wretches, and this because they were of the royal family; and so they obtained favor among them, because of their kindred to Agrippa: but still they used violence with the people, and were very ready to plunder those that were weaker than themselves. And from that time it principally came to pass, that our city was greatly disordered, and that all things grew worse and worse among us." The Antiquities Of The Jews, 20.9.4, (213,214) Josephus

"And this seams to me to have been the reason why God, out his hatred to these men's wickedness, rejected our city; and as for the temple, he no longer esteemed it sufficiently pure for him to inhabit therein, but brought the Romans upon us, and threw a fire upon the city to purge it; and brought upon us, our wives, and children, slavery, - as desirous to make us wiser by our calamities." The Antiquities Of The Jews, 20.8.5, (166) Josephus

#### Who did Yahweh use to warn Jerusalem of it's coming doom?

"And I will **feed the flock** of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two **staves; the one I called Beauty**, and the other I called Bands; **and I fed the flock.** Zech.11.7

## A Stave Called Beauty

"Now, there was about this time Jesus (Yahshua), a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works - a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day." The Antiquities Of The Jews, 18.3.3, (63,64) Josephus

"From that time Yahshua began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. ...the people were astonished at his doctrine; For **he taught them as one having authority**, and not as the scribes." Matthew 4:17; 7:28,29.

Staves: מַקֵּל 1731 מַקֵּל maqqel meaning: to germinate, a shoot, i.e. a stick. Germinating rods or green sticks have life.

"Moreover the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a **rod** of an almond tree." Jer.1.11 (This "rod" is the same Hebrew word as "stave.")

Compare Zechariah 11:7 and Jeremiah 1:11 to the word for rod used in Numbers 17:5-8.

4294 מְטֵה *matteh* meaning: rod, staff, tribe.

"And it shall come to pass, *that* the **man's**rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: ...
And it came to pass, that on the morrow
Moses went into the tabernacle of witness;
and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house
of Levi was budded, and brought forth
buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded
almonds." Num.17.5,8

Beauty: 5278 נֹעַם no`am meaning: kindness, pleasantness, delightfulness, beauty, favor.

Zech. 11:7 and Psalm 27:4 both contain the Hebrew word מַב no am beauty.

"one I called **Beauty**, ...and I fed the flock. Zech.11.7

"One *thing* have I desired of Yahweh, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to behold the **beauty** of Yahweh, and to enquire in his temple." Psalm 27.4

(This word "beauty" in Psalm 27:4 is the same Hebrew word found in Zechariah 11:7)

Compare 5278 מְׁנֵם no`am beauty with 2532 מְמְדָּה chemdah desire: meaning: that which is desirable, pleasant, precious in Haggai 2:7-9.

"And I will shake all nations, and the

-----> desire of all nations shall come:
and I will fill this house with glory, says
Yahweh of hosts. The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, says Yahweh of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, says Yahweh of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, says Yahweh of hosts." Hag.2.7-9

"and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, says Yahweh of hosts." Mal.3.1

"And I took my staff, *even* **Beauty**, and **cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant** which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of Yahweh." Zech. 11.10,11

#### A Stave Called Beauty

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there **they crucified him**," Luke 23:33

"And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But **Yahshua turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children**. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" Luke.23.27-31

"shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." Dan.9.27

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under *her* wings, and you would not! Behold, **your house is left unto you desolate.**" Matt.23.37,38

"And I said unto them, If you think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So **they** weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. And Yahweh said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I **took the thirty** *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of Yahweh." Zech.11.12,13

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"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said *unto them*, What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**." Matt.26.14,15

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the **thirty pieces of silver** to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see you *to that*. **And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple**, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and **bought with them the potter's field,** to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day." Matt.27.3-8

## Yahshua is the Stave called Beauty

The **staff** that is **Beauty** =

The **shepherd** that feeds the poor of the flock **Yahshua the Messiah** 

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." John.10.11

# Jerusalem Reached the Point of "No Return" When They Killed the Second Stave

"And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. Then I cut asunder my other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel." Zech.11.7,14

Bands: בְּלַ 2254 הָבָל chabal meaning: a cord, rope, the thing measured, people tied together, to bind things, to take a pledge, to destroy, deal corruptly, offend, to bring forth.

"Hegesippus, who lived immediately after the apostles gives the most accurate account...

James, the brother of the Lord, succeeded to the government of the Church in conjunction with the apostles, He was called the Just by all from the time of our Saviour to the present day; for there were many that bore the name of James. He alone was permitted to enter into the holy place; for he wore not woolen but linen garments. And he was in the habit of entering alone into the temple, and was frequently found upon his knees begging forgiveness for the people, so that his knees became hard like those of a camel, in consequence of his constantly bending them in his worship of God, and asking forgiveness for the people. Because of his exceeding

great justice he was called the Just, and Oblias, which signifies in Greek, 'bulwark of the people' and 'Justice,' in accordance with what the prophets declare concerning him. The aforesaid Scribes and Pharisees therefore placed James upon the pinnacle of the temple, and cried out to him and said: 'You just one, in whom we ought all to have confidence, forasmuch as the people are led astray after Jesus, the crucified one, declare to us, what is the gate of Jesus.' And he answered with a loud voice, 'Why do you ask me concerning Jesus, the Son of Man? He himself sits in heaven at the right hand of the great Power, and is about to come upon the clouds of heaven.' ...many were fully convinced... So they went up and threw down the just man, and said to each other, 'Let us stone James the Just.' And they began to stone him, for he was not killed by the fall; but he turned and knelt down and said, 'I entreat you, Lord God our Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do? Luke 23:34. And one of them, who was a fuller, took the club with which he beat out clothes and struck the just man on the head. And thus **he suffered martydom**." Ecclesiastical History II, Chapter 23, 3,4,6,7,12-14,16,18, by Eusebius

"Now James was so wonderful a person, and was so celebrated by all others for righteousness, that the judicious Jews thought this to have been the occasion of that siege of Jerusalem, which came on presently after his martyrdom; and that it befell them for no other reason than that impious fact they were guilty of against him. Josephus therefore did not refuse to attest thereto in writing, by the words following: - "These miseries befell the Jews by way of revenge for James the Just, who was the brother of Jesus that was called Christ, on account that they had slain him who was a most righteous person." Ecclesiastical History II, 23.19,20, by Eusebius about 330 AD

"And Yahweh said unto me, Take unto you yet the instruments of a **foolish shepherd**. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that stands still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaves the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened." Zech.11.15,16,17

#### Foolish Shepherd Ananus, Son of Ananus

"but this younger Ananus, ...took the high priesthood, (He was the son of the Ananus in the story of the crucifixion, and) was a **bold man in his temper, and very insolent**; he was also of the sect of the Sadducees, who are **very rigid in judging** offenders, above all the rest of the Jews, as we have already observed; when, therefore, Ananus was of this disposition, he thought he had now a proper opportunity [to exercise his authority]. Festus was now dead, and Albinus was but upon the road; so he assembled the sanhedrin of judges, and brought before them the brother of Jesus (Yahshua), who was called Christ, whose name was James, and some others, [or, some of his companions]; **and when he had formed an accusation against them as breakers of the law, he delivered them to be stoned**; but as for those who seemed the most equitable of the citizens, and such as were the most uneasy at the breach of the laws, they disliked what was done; they also sent to the king [Agrippa], desiring him to send to Ananus that he should act so no more, for that **what he had already done was not to be justified**;" The Antiquities Of The Jews, 20.9.1, (199-201) Josephus

In the history of the War of the Jews there are numerous accounts of eminent and influential leaders murdered in Jerusalem. The following stories match Zechariah's prophecy very closely.

"Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaves the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean **dried up**, and his right eye shall be utterly **darkened**." Zech.11.8,17

#### 3 Foolish Shepherds Are Cut Off

"Three shepherds cut off in one month" is definitely fulfilled by the death of **Ananus**, son of **Ananus**, (the very high priest who had orchestrated James' death), together with the high priest **Jesus**, son of Gamala, and 8500 other priests and citizens. The zealots and Idumeans responsible for the slaughter boasted that "**Ananus is dead**, and that almost all those people had been destroyed in one night's time." The War of the Jews, 4.5.5, (349) Josephus

Soon after this bloody night, these Idumeans and Zealots murdered **Zacharias, the son of Baruch**, another of the most eminent of the citizens shown in the following account:

"And now these zealots and Idumeans were quite weary of barely killing men, so they had the impudence of setting up fictitious tribunals and judicatures for that purpose; and as they intended to have **Zacharias**, **the son of Baruch**, **one of the most eminent of the citizens**, slain, - so what provoked them against him was, that hatred of wickedness and love of liberty which were so eminent in him: he was also a rich man, so that by taking him off, they did not only hope to seize his effects, but also to get rid of a man that had great power to destroy them. ...upon his acquittal, ...they all had indignation at the judges, for not understanding that the authority that was given them was but in jest. So two of the boldest of them fell upon **Zacharias** in the middle of the temple, and slew him; and as he fell down dead they bantered him, and said, 'Thou hast also our verdict, and this will prove a more sure acquittal to thee than the other.' They also threw him down out of the temple immediately into the valley beneath it." The War of the Jews, 4.5.4, (334,335,342,343) Josephus

But if this pile of dead bodies in the temple does not sufficiently fulfill the prophecy, here is another:

"There was a son of Giora, one Simon... when he had heard of the death of Ananus, left them... and got together a set of wicked men from all quarters." 4.9.3. (503,508)
"Simon waited for such as ran away from John, and was the more bloody of the two: and he who had escaped the tyrant within the wall, was destroyed by the other that lay before the gates. ...So they assembled themselves together, and the high priests with them, and took counsel after what manner they should avoid their assault. Now it was God who turned their opinions to the worst advice, and thence they devised such a remedy to get themselves free, as was worse than the disease itself. Accordingly, in order to overthrow John, they determined to admit Simon, and earnestly to desire the introduction of a second tyrant into the city: which resolution they brought to perfection, and sent Matthias, the high priest, to beseech this Simon to come into them, of whom they had so often been afraid." 4.9.10 (564,573,574)
"But when Simon was come in, and had gotten the city under his power, ...he had him

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(Matthias) then brought before him, and condemned to die for being on the side of the Romans, without giving him leave to make his defense. he condemned also his three sons to die with him: ...so he was not slain till he had seen his sons slain before his eyes... After the slaughter of these, a certain priest, Ananias, the son of Masambulus, a person of eminency as also Aristeus, the scribe of the sanhedrin, and born at Emmaus, and with them fifteen men of figure among the people, were slain." The War of the Jews, 5.13.1. (529-532) Josephus

"Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dies, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another." Zech.11.9

## Jerusalem Destroyed - Jews Die By Famine and Sword

"I should not mistake if I said that **the death of Ananus was the beginning of the destruction of the city,** and that from this very day may be dated the overthrow of her wall, and the ruin of her affairs, whereon they saw their high priest, and the procurer of their preservation, slain in the midst of their city." The War of the Jews, 4.5.2, (318) Josephus

The high priest "Jesus was also joined with him; and although he was inferior to him upon the comparison, he was superior to the rest; and I cannot but think that it was because God had doomed this city to destruction, as a polluted city, and was resolved to purge his sanctuary by fire, that he cut off these their great defenders and wellwishers." The War of the Jews, 4.5.2, (322) Josephus

"Now after these were slain, the zealots and the multitude of the Idumeans fell upon the people as upon a flock of profane animals, and cut their throats;" The War of the Jews, 4.5.3, (326) Josephus

"There was a certain woman... eminent for her family and her wealth, and had fled away to Jerusalem with the rest of the multitude, and was with them besieged therein at this time. ...and it was now become impossible for her anyway to find anymore food, while the famine pierced through her very bowels and marrow,... She then attempted a most unnatural thing and snatching up her son, who was a child sucking at her breast, she said, 'O, thou miserable infant! For whom shall I preserve thee in this war, this famine, and this sedition? Come on; be thou my food, and be thou a fury to these seditious varlets and a byword to the world, which is all that is now wanting to complete the calamities of us Jews.' As soon as she had said this she slew her son; and then roasted him, and ate the one half of him, and kept the other half by her concealed. Upon this the seditious came in presently, and smelling the horrid scent of this food, they threatened her, that they would cut her throat immediately if she did not show them what food she had gotten ready. ...Hereupon they were seized with a horror and amazement of mind, and stood astonished at the sight; when she said to them, 'This is mine own son; and what hath been done was mine own doing!" The War of the Jews, 6.3.4, (201-210) Josephus

"Now every sort of death was thought more tolerable than the famine, insomuch that, though the Jews despaired now of mercy, yet would they fly to the Romans, and would themselves even of their own accord, fall among the murderous rebels also. Nor was there any place in the

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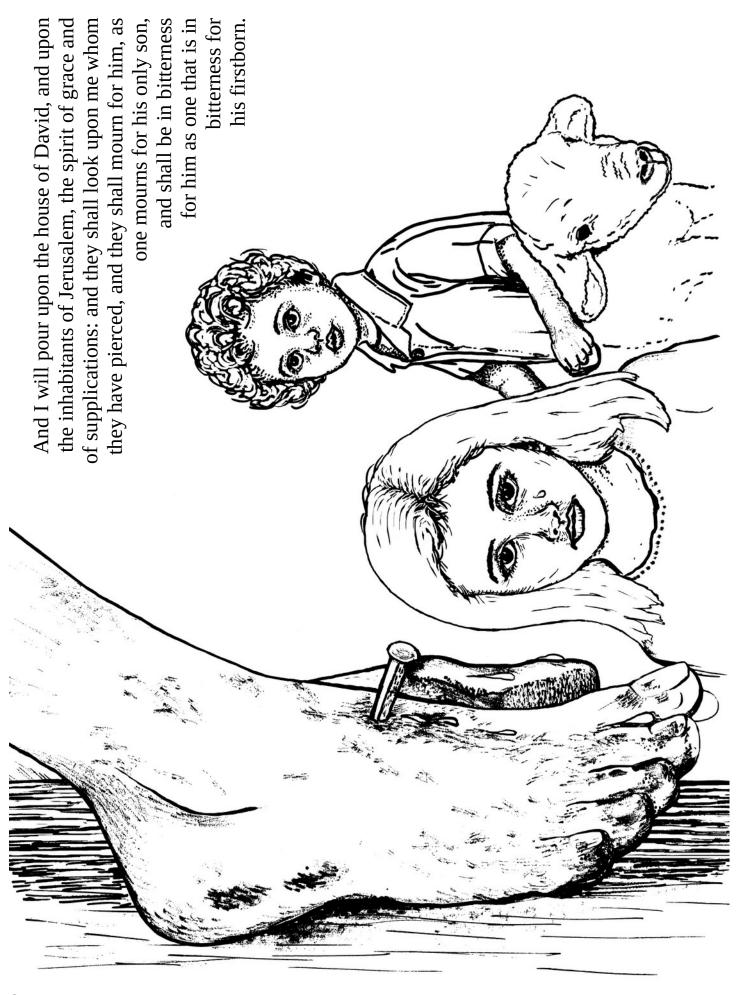
city that had no dead bodies in it, but what was entirely covered with those that were killed either by the famine or the rebellion; and all was full of the dead bodies of such as had perished, either by that sedition or by that famine. (368)

"So now the last hope which supported the tyrants and that crew of robbers who were with them, was in the caves and caverns underground; whither, if they could once fly, they did not expect to be searched for; but endeavored, that after the whole city should be destroyed, and the Romans gone away, they might come out again, and escape from them. This was no better than a dream of theirs; for they were not able to lie hid either from God or from the Romans." The War of the Jews, 6.7.2,3, (368-371) Josephus

"So the Romans... when they went in numbers into the lanes of the city, with their swords drawn, they slew those whom they overtook, without mercy, and set fire to the houses wither the Jews were fled, and burnt every soul in them, and laid waste a great many of the rest; and when they were come to the houses to plunder them, they found in them entire families of dead men, and the upper rooms full of dead corpses, that is of such as died by the famine; they then stood in a horror at this sight, and went out without touching anything. But although they had this commiseration for such as were destroyed in that manner, yet had they not the same for those that were still alive, but they ran every one through whom they met with, and obstructed the very lanes with their dead bodies, and made the whole city run down with blood, to such a degree indeed that the fire of many of the houses was quenched with these men's blood." The War of the Jews, 6.8.5, (403-406) Josephus

At the end Titus, the Roman commander, exclaimed, "We have certainly had God for our assistant in this war, and **it was no other than God who ejected the Jews out of these fortifications**; for what could the hands of men, or any machines, do towards overthrowing these towers!" The War of the Jews, 6.9.1, (411) Josephus





- 1. The burden of the word of Yahweh for Israel, says Yahweh, which stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.
- 2. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.
- 3. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.
- 4. In that day, says Yahweh, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.
- 5. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in Yahweh of hosts their Mighty One.
- 6. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.
- 7. Yahweh also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.
- 8. In that day shall Yahweh defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as the Mighty One, as the angel of Yahweh before them.
- 9. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
- 10.And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.
- 11.In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
- 12. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;
- 13. The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;
- 14. All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

#### Who Is Israel/<mark>Jerusalem</mark> In the End-Time?

**Israel**: to have power, overcome, persevere with Yahweh

Jerusalem: teaching of peace

In chapter 11 we observed the destruction of rebellious Jerusalem. Eusebius writes that there were no Christians remaining when Roman armies came because they had been warned. Christians remembered Yahshua's warning regarding the "abomination of desolation" and escaped before the destruction. Yahshua's prophecy was both for his people then and the end. He promises to show us the way. Similar events will take place at the end of the world. Yahweh's people will recognize those events and persevere.

Yahshua "shall sit and rule upon his throne; and...be a priest...and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." Zech.6:13

Yahshua "shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth." Zech.9:10

"In that day shall Yahweh defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as the Almighty, as the angel of Yahweh before them." Zech.12:8

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treads down, and tears in pieces, and none can deliver." Micah 5:8

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you." Rev 3:9

"The sons also of them that afflicted you shall come bending unto you; and all they that despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you, The city of Yahweh, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel." Isa 60:14

## "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced and... mourn" Zech.12:10

"But Yahshua held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure you by the living Deity, that you tell us whether you be the Christ, the Son of the Almighty. Yahshua said unto him, You have said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall you see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." Matt 26:63,64

## A Fountain Opened For Sin and Uncleanness

"The next day John sees Yahshua coming unto him, and says, Behold the Lamb of Yahweh, which takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;" Heb 5:8,9

"Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man has received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of the Almighty." 1Pet 4:1,8-10

- 1. In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.
- 2. And it shall come to pass in that day, says Yahweh of hosts, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.
- 3. And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, You shalt not live; for you speak lies in the name of Yahweh: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesies.
- 4. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he has prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:
- 5. But he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.
- 6. And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.
- 7. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, says Yahweh of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn my hand upon the little ones.
- 8. And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, says Yahweh, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.
- 9. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* my people: and they shall say, Yahweh *is* my Mighty One.

#### Idols Cut Off and Forgotten

"For thus has Yahweh spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *he* will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall Yahweh of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. As birds flying, so will Yahweh of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver *it*; *and* passing over he will preserve it. Turn unto *him from* whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you *for* a sin." Isa 31:4-7

"And I will cut off witchcrafts out of your hand; and you shall have no *more* soothsayers: Your graven images also will I cut off, and your standing images out of the midst of you; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands. And I will pluck up your groves out of the midst of you: so will I destroy your cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard." Micah 5:12-15

#### A Remnant Shall Be Refined as Silver and Gold

"Wherefore, *as* I live, says Yahweh Almighty; Surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore will I also diminish *you*; neither shall my eye spare, neither will I have any pity. A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of you: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about you; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. Thus shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I Yahweh have spoken *it* in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them." Eze 5:11-13

"The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the Mighty One. For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For Yahweh the Mighty One of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land." Isa 10:21-23

"Therefore will he give them up, until the time *that* she which travails has brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his Mighty One; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from Yahweh, as the showers upon the grass, that tarries not for man, nor waits for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treads down, and tears in pieces, and none can deliver. Your hand shall be lifted up upon your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off." Micah 5:3,4,7-9

## Redeemed, Rescued, Refined into a Royal Diadem



At "Babylon; there shall you be delivered; there Yahweh shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies."

Micah 4:10

"...Yahweh that has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you (Satan): is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" Zechariah 3:2

"I will... refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried" Zechariah 13:9

"And they shall be mine, says Yahweh of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him." Malachi 3:17

"You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of Yahweh, and a royal diadem in the hand of your Mighty One."

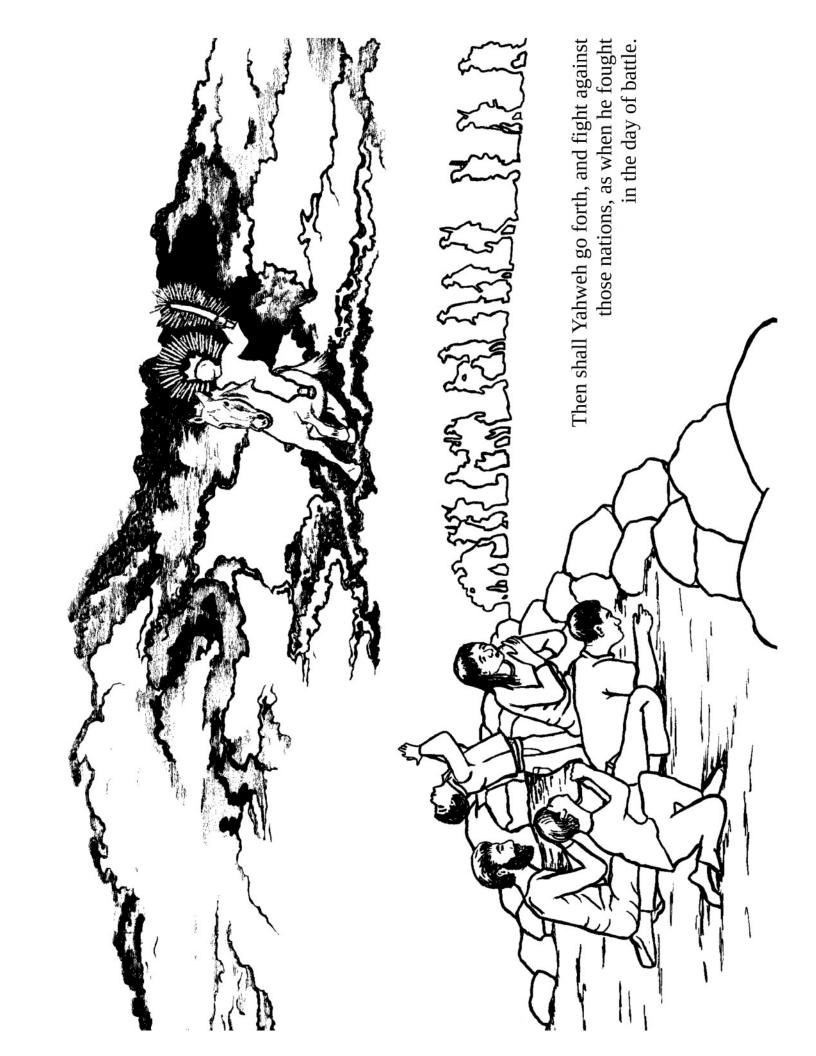
Isaiah 62:3

- 1. Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you.
- 2. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
- 3. Then shall Yahweh go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
- 4. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
- 5. And you shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yes, you shall flee, like as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and Yahweh my Mighty One shall come, *and* all the saints with you.
- 6. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark:
- 7. But it shall be one day which shall be known to Yahweh, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.
- 8. And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.
- 9. And Yahweh shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be One Yahweh, and his name one.
- 10.All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.
- 11. And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.
- 12. And this shall be the plague wherewith Yahweh will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
- 13. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from Yahweh shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.
- 14. And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.
- 15. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.
- 16.And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

- 17. And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.
- 18. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith Yahweh will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
- 19. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
- 20.In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO YAHWEH; and the pots in Yahweh's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.
- 21. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto Yahweh of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of Yahweh of hosts.

#### **Comparing Zechariah's Prophecy to Other Scripture**

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