

*Minor Prophets –Zechariah I*  
**The Night Visions of Zechariah (1:1-6:15)**

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    - 4. Future Blessings of the Church (14:1-21)

## The Night Visions of Zechariah and Their Significance

Vision	Symbolic Elements	Oracle	Historical	Messianic	Eschatological
1. 1:7-17	The Angel of the LORD on a red horse, in the midst of myrtles in a low place; receiving reports from riders of colored horses	God is angry with the nations at ease; He is returning to Jerusalem and the temple will be rebuilt	The temple was rebuilt	Christ is the Angel of the LORD who came and dwelt in the midst of His people	The church is the temple of God; the Spirit of Christ dwells in us
2. 1:18-21	Four horns and four craftsmen	The craftsmen cast out the horns of the nations that scattered Israel	Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome - nations rise and fall	Christ is Lord and rules over the nations, causing them to rise and fall	The church is preserved by the providence of God
3. 2:1-13	A man with a measuring line, measuring the city of Jerusalem; the city to be without walls; God will be a wall of fire around her	Flee the north country; God's judgment is coming upon the nations; Gentiles are added to God's people	God's people defeat their enemies in the days of Esther	Christ is the glory in the midst of His people	Gentiles of every nation have been added to the church of God
4. 3:1-10	Joshua the high priest, in filthy rags, accused by Satan; the Angel of the Lord clothes him in clean robes	My Servant the BRANCH; iniquity removed in one day; peace and prosperity	The people of God are declared clean and God's favor rest upon them	Christ, the Messiah comes and makes atonement for His people	God's church is justified by Christ; we are justified & declared righteous in Him
5. 4:1-14	Two olive trees feed golden oil to a golden lampstand with seven lamps and forty-nine lights	Zerubbabel will build the temple of the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit	Zerubbabel completed the temple four years later	Jesus Christ is the greater temple builder, who establishes the lampstand of His church	God pours out the oil of the Holy Spirit upon the lampstand of His church
6. 5:1-4	A large scroll with the law written on both sides, flying across the land	The law of God judges those who break it	God brought judgment upon the nation of Israel for breaking His commandments	Jesus Christ came to fulfill the law, not to abolish it	We must trust in Christ the Messiah or be judged by the standard of the law
7. 5:5-11	An ephah (basket) with a lead cover and the woman "Wickedness" carried to Babylon by two women with stork wings	This basket of wickedness is to be established in the land of Shinar	Nations opposed the Jews and their worship of the one true God	Christ condemns wickedness and calls His people to be separate from the nations	Wickedness will ultimately be banished from the kingdom of God
8. 6:1-8	Four chariots with colored horses depart from between two bronze mountains	The chariots go north and south throughout the earth; God's Spirit rests in the north country	God's people defeat their enemies in the days of Esther	Christ conquers sin and death and rules the world	God sends out His church to conquer the world
Appendix. 6:9-15	Zechariah told to make a crown of gold and silver and crown Joshua the high priest	The man whose name is BRANCH will build the temple and be both priest and king	Crown was made, placed on Joshua's head, and placed in the temple for a memorial	Christ the Messiah is our priest and king (and prophet)	Christ is building His temple, the church

***Key Dates and Events (931-444 BC)***

931 BC	Separation of Northern/Southern Kingdoms; Jeroboam I – King of Israel
885-841 BC	Israel: The Dynasty of Omri (4 generations)
874-853 BC	Israel: Ahab and Jezebel - ministry of Elijah
841-753 BC	Israel: The Dynasty of Jehu (5 generations)
790-739 BC	Judah: Reign of Uzziah
793-753 BC	Israel: Reign of Jeroboam II
753-722 BC	Israel: Reigns of six last kings of Israel
750-715 BC	Judah: Reigns of Jotham and Ahaz
734-732 BC	Rebellion of Israel and Damascus; Siege of Jerusalem; Campaign of Tiglath-pileser III
728-686 BC	Judah: Reign of Hezekiah
724-722 BC	Siege of Samaria by Shalmaneser V; fall of Samaria; end of Israel
722-705 BC	Deportation of Israel under Sargon II; Hezekiah's religious reforms; Submission to Sargon II
705-701 BC	Alliance revolts against Sennacherib
701 BC	Campaign of Sennacherib in Judah
697-642 BC	Reign of Manasseh; Religious apostasy
648 BC	Conquest of Babylon by Ashurbanipal
640 BC	Assassination of Amon; 8-yr old Josiah made king of Judah
632 BC	Josiah at age 16 begins to seek the Lord
628 BC	Josiah's first public reform movement
627 BC on	Death of Ashurbanipal; Weakening of Assyria
626 BC	Babylonian independence under Nabopolassar
622 BC	Discovery of the book of the law; Josiah's thorough reform movement
612 BC	Fall of Nineveh to Medes and Babylonians
609 BC	Fall of Haran to Babylonians; End of Assyria; Death of Josiah at Megiddo; Egypt in control of Judah
605 BC	Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylonian Empire; Battle of Carchemish; 1st Captivity of Judah (Daniel)
597 BC	Siege of Jerusalem; Jehoiachin deported in 2nd Captivity (Ezekiel)
587 BC	Siege of Jerusalem; Destruction of temple and Jerusalem; 3rd Captivity - end of Judah
562 BC	Death of Nebuchadnezzar
539 BC	Fall of Babylon to Cyrus of Medo-Persia; End of Babylonian Empire; return to Jerusalem begins
538 BC	First return to Jerusalem under Zerubbabel; erection of altar
536 BC	Work on temple begun and stopped
530 BC	Death of Cyrus
522-486 BC	Reign of Darius Hystaspes
520 BC	Work on temple resumes under ministry of Haggai and Zechariah
516 BC	Work on temple completed
458 BC	Second return to Jerusalem under Ezra
444 BC	Nehemiah rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem
c. 420 BC	Close of the Old Testament canon with Malachi

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### *Kings and Prophets – 10<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Century BC*

Assyria Kings	Israel Kings	Judah Kings/Leaders	Prophets (rough dates)
	Jeroboam I 931-910	Rehoboam 931-913	
	Nadab 910-909	Abijam 913-911	
	Baasha 909-886	Asa 911-870	
	Elah/Zimri 886-885		
	Omri 885-874		
	Ahab 874-853	Jehoshaphat 873-848	Elijah 875-850
	Ahaziah 853-852	Jehoram 853-841	Obadiah? c. 850?
Shalmaneser III 859-824	Jehoram 852-841	Ahaziah 841	Elisha 850-800
Shamsi-adad V 824-810	Jehu 841-814	Athaliah 841-835	
Adad-nirari III 810-783	Jehoahaz 814-798	Joash 835-796	Joel c. 830-800?
Shalmaneser IV 783-773	Jehoash 798-782	Amaziah 796-767	
Ashurdan III 773-755	Jeroboam II 793-753	Uzziah 790-739	Jonah 785-750
Ashur-nirari V 755-745	Zechariah 753		Amos 785-750
	Shallum 752		
Tiglath-pileser III 745-727	Menahem 752-742	Jotham 750-731	Hosea 755-723
	Pekahiah 742-740	Ahaz 743-715	
Shalmaneser V 727-722	Pekah 752-732		Isaiah 739-680
Sargon III 722-705	Hoshea 732-722	Hezekiah 728-686	Micah 735-690
Sennacherib 705-681			
		Manasseh 697-642	Nahum 650-640
		Amon 642-640	
<b>Babylon Kings</b>			
Nabopolassar 626-605		Josiah 640-609	Zephaniah 630-612
		Jehoahaz 609	Jeremiah 627-585
Nebuchadnezzar 605-562		Jehoiakim 609-597	Habakkuk 608-605
Evil-Merodach 562-560		Jehoiachin 597	Daniel 605-535
Neriglissar 560-556		Zedekiah 597-586	Ezekiel 597-550
Labashi-Marduk 556	<b>Persia Kings</b>		Obadiah? c. 585?
Nabonidus & Belshazzar 556-539	Cyrus 550-530	Zerubbabel 538-?	
	Cambyses 530-522		
	Smerdis 522		Haggai 520
	Darius 522-486		<b>Zechariah</b> 520-500
	Xerxes 486-465	Ezra 458-?	
	Artaxerxes 465-424	Nehemiah 445-?	Malachi 432-424

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