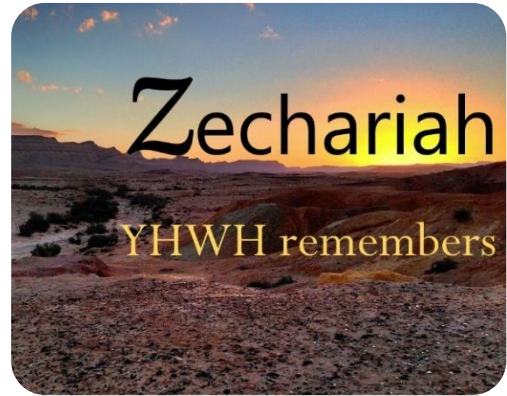


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Zechariah wrote around 500BC, when roughly 50,000 -- about 1/10th the population of the **House of Judah** in captivity... returned to Jerusalem, to rebuild the desolate region in advance of Messiah's first coming. Most of Judah had grown comfortable in their new home of Babylon... where they lived for the next several centuries, having rejected the Torah of Moses. So, steeped in manmade traditions and doctrines of men, found in their Babylonian Talmud -- which most have the impression are quaint sayings... after the manner of Solomon's proverbs; but include several salacious sections... offensive to any lover of the Lord God and His word. There in Babylon, amid the gross and twisted found there, they created 4 universities, institutes of higher learning; and in NT parlance we would say for all their smarts... they lost their first love -- **Revelation 2**.



Vision 3:

¹ I raised my eyes again, and looked,

and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

² Then I said, Where are you going?

And he said to me,

To measure **Jerusalem**,

to see what is its width, and what is its length.

³ And behold, the angel who talked with me went out,

and another angel went out to meet him,

⁴ and said to him,

Run, speak to this young man, saying,

Jerusalem will be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it / the number of the people of God who will come one day will be massive:

⁵ **I will be to her a wall of fire all around,** **says the LORD:**

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and I will be the glory in her midst / still today, the only glorious thing about Jerusalem is **not** her heaps and gobs of dust collecting idolatrous junk and religious stuff... gathered through the centuries, but rather that the Lord God watches over **Zion** (which is not just Jerusalem) **but wherever His sheep are**.

6 Hey! Hey! Flee from the land of the north, says the LORD / with all speed, and don't delay.

For as the four winds of heaven, I have spread you abroad, says the LORD.

7 Hey! Zion,

Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon / Come out of her My people.

8 (For he who touches you touches the apple of His eye)

In other words: he who touches **His people** is like poking God in the eye – which is probably not a smart thing to do... especially if your dalliance is with Mystery Babylon, and have **NO** king but caesar:

thus says the LORD of hosts / the Creator of the universe, who has every animate and inanimate thing available in His tool-bag to use; this is what the Lord has to say to those nations who poke His eye;

after... His glory sent Me to the nations who plundered you / God so loved the world; and Christ the Messiah... after He was sent in great humility, to substitute His life for all mankind; then after they rejected Him - the Chief cornerstone... He was sent further, to be a glorious light to enlighten all the nations – even those nations that first cruelly overpowered **Judah** and **Israel**... taking them into captivity. He came as **a light to the world**, not merely to babysit... those who had been gloriously delivered in the beginning; but who had grown cold and faithless to their God,

9 Behold, I will shake My hand against them,

and they will be plunder for those who served them / and herein is the amazing truth; those who once oppressed little Judah and greater Israel; will someday come as brothers and sisters... and together they will worship our great God who saves from every nation, tribe and tongue,

Then you will know that the LORD of hosts sent Me.

10 Sing and rejoice,

O daughter of Zion:

for, behold, I am coming and will dwell in your midst, says the LORD / and it makes you wonder when is He coming doesn't it?



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¹¹ And **in that day**, many nations will join themselves to the LORD, and will become My people.

And I will dwell in your midst / Jesus the Christ, the Messiah of God will once again come and live among them – this time in power and great glory,

and you will know that the LORD of hosts sent Me to you.

¹² And the LORD will possess **Judah** as His portion in the land of the holy ones,

and will again choose **Jerusalem**.

¹³ Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD:

for He has raised up from His holy dwelling / prophet Isaiah tells us about it; just before the Harvest -- **Isaiah 18**; the Lord of glory will rise up again to complete **the 3 last days** ... that remain on His calendar 3 days equal to Passover and Pentecost... **3 days that are shadows of things to come fulfilled in Christ**.

It makes you want to shout: **Hallelujah!** But for now, contain yourself, and pay attention,

Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD / because Zechariah has many more things to tell us in his book.



Check out the family singing to God: **Egyptian Brothers and Sisters** الإخوة والأخوات يغنون للرب
Israel Brothers and Sisters אחים ואחיות שרים את האדון;

and of course, all those in the islands of the East: **Wiles Memorial Singers** **Vanuatu Gospel Praise**
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