

Zechariah

1:1 The Lord reasons with the people. 1:7 The horses. 1:18 Four horns. 3:1 The high priest in filthy garments.

1 In the ¹eighth month, in *the* second year of Darius, came *the* word of Jehovah unto Zechariah *the* son of ²Berechiah, *the* son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, **2** Jehovah was sore displeased with your fathers. **3** Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Return unto me, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts. **4** Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Return ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith Jehovah. **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 overtake your fathers? and they turned and said, Like as Jehovah of hosts thought to do ³unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 Upon *the* twenty-fourth day of *the* eleventh month, which is *the* month Shebat, in *the* second year of Darius, came *the* word of Jehovah unto Zechariah *the* son of Berechiah, *the* son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, **8** I saw in the night, and, behold, a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees that *were* in the ⁴bottom; and behind him *there were* horses, red, sorrel, 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 thee what these *are*. **10** And the man that stood among the myrtle-trees answered and said, These *are they* whom Jehovah hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. **11** And they answered the angel of Jehovah that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, we have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then *the* angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years? **13** And Jehovah answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words, *even* comfortable words. **14** So the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. **15** And I am very

¹ Presumed to be the new-moon feast, if not otherwise specified; hence BC 520 Oct. 27.

² Meaning Jehovah blesses, *or*, Blessed of Jehovah,

³ So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QXII^e Sept. *omit* unto us

⁴ *Or*, shady place; Variorum Bible *says*, the plantation (Ps 52:8; 92:13) in front of the temple, which was transferred in prophetic imagery to heaven (Is. 6:1; Ps 11:4).

sore displeased with the nations that *are* at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they ⁵helped forward *the* affliction. **16** Therefore thus saith Jehovah: I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in it, saith Jehovah of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem. **17** Cry yet again, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: My cities ⁶shall yet overflow with prosperity; and Jehovah shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 And I lifted 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 Jehovah showed me four smiths. **21** Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head; but these are come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up *their* horn against *the* land of Judah to scatter it.

2 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. **2** Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is the* breadth thereof, and what *is the* length thereof. **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 ⁷be inhabited *as* villages without walls, by reason of *the* multitude of men and cattle therein. **5** For I, saith Jehovah, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be *the* glory in *the* midst of her.

6 Ho, ho, flee from *the* land of *the* north, saith Jehovah; for I have spread you abroad as *the* four winds of the heavens, saith Jehovah. **7** Ho Zion, escape, thou that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon. **8** For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: ⁸After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which plundered you; for he that toucheth you toucheth *the* ⁹apple of ¹⁰mine eye. **9** For, behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them; and ye shall know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me. **10** Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in *the* midst of thee, saith Jehovah. **11** And many nations shall join themselves to

⁵ *Or*, helped for evil.

⁶ *Or*, through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad;

⁷ *Or*, dwell as villages without walls,

⁸ *Or*, After *the* glory, he hath sent me *etc*.

⁹ *Or*, iris of his eye.

¹⁰ Sopherim *changed to* his eye.

Jehovah in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in *the* midst of thee, and thou shalt know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12 And Jehovah shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. 13 Be silent, all flesh, before Jehovah; for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

3 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before *the* angel of Jehovah, and ¹¹Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. 2 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan; yes, Jehovah *that* hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee; *is* not this a brand plucked out of *the* fire? 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those *that* stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel. 5 And I said, Let them set a clean ¹²mitre upon his head. So they set a clean mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of Jehovah was standing by.

6 And *the* angel of Jehovah protested unto Joshua, saying, 7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou also shalt judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee ¹³a place of access among these *that* stand by. 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows *that* sit before thee; for they *are* men that *are* ¹⁴a sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant *the* ¹⁵Branch. 9 For, behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; upon one stone *are* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave *the* gravings thereof, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, shall ye invite every man his neighbor under *the* vine and under *the* fig-tree.

4 And the angel *that* talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and, behold, a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl upon *the* top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; ¹⁶there are seven pipes to each of the 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 And 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, Knowest thou not what these *are*?

¹¹ *That is, the Adversary and so elsewhere.*

¹² *Or, turban (both times)*

¹³ *Or, places to walk among*

¹⁴ *Or, a wonder:*

¹⁵ *Or, Shoot. or, Sprout. Hb. netzer*

¹⁶ *Sept., Vg. read and seven pipes to the lamps,*

And I said, No, my lord. 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is the* word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by ¹⁷might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts. 7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain; and he shall bring forth the top stone with shoutings of Grace, grace, unto it. 8 Moreover *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 9 *The* hands of Zerubbabel have laid *the* foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10 For who hath despised *the* day of small things? for these seven shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in *the* hand of Zerubbabel; *these are* the eyes of Jehovah, 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 lampstand and upon *the* left *side* thereof? 12 And I answered *the* second time, and said unto him, What *are* *these* two olive-branches, ¹⁸which are beside the two golden spouts, *that empty* ¹⁹the golden oil out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These *are* the two ²⁰anointed ones, that stand by *the* Lord of the whole earth.

5 Then again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, a flying roll. 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; *the* length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and *the* breadth thereof *is* ten cubits. 3 Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over *the* face of the whole land: for every one *that* stealeth shall be cut off ²¹on *the* one side according to it; and every one *that* sweareth shall be cut off on *the* other side according to it. 4 I will cause it to go forth, saith Jehovah of hosts, and it shall enter into *the* house of the thief, and into *the* house of him *that* sweareth falsely by my name; and it shall abide in *the* midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 Then the angel *that* talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what *is* this *that* goeth forth. 6 And I said, What *is* it? And he said, This *is* the ²²ephah *that* goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their ²³appearance in all the land 7 (and, behold, there was lifted up a ²⁴talent of lead); and this *is* a woman sitting in *the* midst of the ephah. 8 And he said, This *is* Wickedness: and he cast her

¹⁷ *Or, an army,*

¹⁸ *Or, which by means of the two golden spouts empty*

¹⁹ *Hb. the gold*

²⁰ *Hb. sons of the oil,*

²¹ *Or, from hence according to it (both times)*

²² 1 ephah = 22 liter ≈ 0.62 U.S. bushel.

²³ *Hb. eye Sept., Aram. read iniquity*

²⁴ *Or, round piece of lead (1 talent = 35 kg = 77 lb.)*

down into *the* midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon *the* mouth thereof. 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there came forth two women, and *the* wind *was* in their wings; now they had wings like *the* wings of a stork; and they lifted up the ephah between earth and 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 her a house in *the* land of ²⁵Shinar: and when it is ²⁶prepared, she shall be set there ²⁷in her own place.

6 And again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between ²⁸two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of copper. 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 grizzled strong 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 ²⁹winds of heaven, which go forth from ³⁰standing before *the* Lord of all the earth. 6 *The* chariot wherein *are* the black horses goeth forth toward *the* north country; and the white went forth after them; and the grizzled went forth toward the south country. 7 And the ³¹strong 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 to me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, they *that* go toward *the* north country have quieted my spirit in *the* north country.

9 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 10 Take of *them* of the captivity, *even* of ³²Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come thou the same day, and go into *the* house of Josiah *the* son of Zephaniah, whither they are come from Babylon; 11 yes, take of *them* silver and gold, and make ³³crowns, and set *them* upon *the* head of Joshua *the* son of Jehozadak, the high priest; 12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold, *the* man ³⁴whose name *is* *the* ³⁵Branch: and he shall ³⁶grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of Jehovah;

²⁵ Sumer, *homeland of many rulers of Babylon.*

²⁶ Or, established,

²⁷ Or, upon her own base.

²⁸ Or, the two mountains;

²⁹ Or, spirits *Hb.* ruach

³⁰ Or, presenting themselves before *the* Lord

³¹ *Aram., Gk^{Aq} read red [Of the reading red, Variorum Bible says, Clerical error.]*

³² *In* verse 14, Helem,

³³ Or, a crown, and set *it* upon *the* head

³⁴ Or, whose name *is* *the* Bud; and it (*or*, they) shall bud forth under him;

³⁵ Or, Shoot: *or*, Sprout: *Hb.* netzer

³⁶ Or, shoot out of *or*, branch out of

13 even he shall build the temple of Jehovah; and he shall bear *the* glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and ³⁷he shall be a priest upon his throne; and *the* counsel of peace shall be between them both. 14 And the ³⁸crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and ³⁹to Hen *the* son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in *the* temple of Jehovah. 15 And they *that* are far off shall come and build in *the* temple of Jehovah; and ye shall know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey *the* voice of Jehovah your God.

7 And it came to pass in *the* fourth year of king Darius, *that* *the* word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah in *the* ⁴⁰fourth day of the ninth month, *even* in Khislev. 2 ⁴¹Now *they* of Beth-el had sent Sharezer and Regemelech, and their men, to entreat the favor of Jehovah, 3 and to speak unto the priests of *the* house of Jehovah 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 Jehovah of hosts unto me, saying, 5 Speak unto all *the* people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye ⁴²fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month, even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me? 6 And when ye eat, and when ye drink, ⁴³do not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*? 7 *Should ye not hear* the words which Jehovah cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and *the* cities thereof round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?

8 And *the* word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah, saying, 9 Thus hath Jehovah of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgment, and show kindness and compassion every man to his brother; 10 and oppress not *the* widow, nor *the* fatherless, *the* sojourner, nor *the* poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart. 11 But they refused to hearken, and ⁴⁴pulled away *the* shoulder, and ⁴⁵stopped their ears, that they might not hear. 12 Yes, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which Jehovah of hosts had sent by his Spirit by the former prophets: therefore there came

³⁷ Or, there shall be a priest upon his throne;

³⁸ Or, crown

³⁹ Or, for *the* kindness of *the* son of Zephaniah,

⁴⁰ Darius 4th year, 9th month, 4th day = BC 518 Dec. 07.

⁴¹ Or, Now *they* of Beth-el, even Sharezer and Regemelech, and their men, had sent to entreat *etc.*

⁴² *The Temple was destroyed in the 5th month, 7th day; the new governor Gedaliah was assassinated in the 7th month, (1st day ?), and the next day 70 reverent men were slain. 2Ki 25:8; 25:25, Jr 41:1-8.*

⁴³ Or, are not ye they *that* eat for yourselves,

⁴⁴ Or, turned a stubborn shoulder,

⁴⁵ Or, made their ears heavy, *See* Is 6:10.

great wrath from Jehovah of hosts. 13 And it is come to pass *that*, as he cried, and they would not hear, so they shall cry, and I will not hear, said Jehovah of hosts; 14 but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid *the* ⁴⁶pleasant land desolate.

8 And *the* word of Jehovah of hosts came to me, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. 3 Thus saith Jehovah: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in *the* midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and *the* mountain of Jehovah of hosts, The holy mountain. 4 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women ⁴⁷dwell in *the* streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand ⁴⁸for very age. 5 And *the* streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in *the* streets thereof. 6 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If it be marvellous in *the* eyes of *the* remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith Jehovah of hosts. 7 Thus saith Jehovah 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 God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye *that* hear in these days these words from *the* mouth of the prophets *that* were in *the* day *that* the foundation of *the* house of Jehovah of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built. 10 For before those 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 adversary: for I set all men every one against his neighbor. 11 But now I *will not be* unto *the* remnant of this people as in the former days, saith Jehovah of hosts. 12 For *there shall be* the seed of peace; the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these *things*. 13 And it shall come to pass *that*, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing. Fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I repented not; 15 so again have I thought in these days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. 16 These *are*

⁴⁶ *Hb.* land of desire

⁴⁷ *Or,* sit

⁴⁸ *Hb.* for multitude of days.

the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man *the* truth with his neighbor; ⁴⁹execute *the* judgment of truth and peace in your gates; 17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith Jehovah.

18 And *the* word of Jehovah of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: *The* fast of the ⁵⁰fourth month, and *the* fast of the fifth, and *the* fast of the seventh, and *the* fast of the ⁵¹tenth, shall be to *the* house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace. 20 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come peoples, and *the* inhabitants of ⁵²many cities; 21 and *the* inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of Jehovah, and to seek Jehovah of hosts: I will go also. 22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of Jehovah. 23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold, out of all *the* languages of the nations, they shall take hold of *the* skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard *that* God is with you.

9 The ⁵³burden of *the* word of Jehovah upon *the* land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* its resting place (for ⁵⁴*the* eye of man and of all *the* tribes of Israel is toward Jehovah); 2 and Hamath, also, which bordereth thereon; Tyre and Sidon, ⁵⁵because they are very wise. 3 And ⁵⁶Tyre did build herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as *the* mire of *the* streets. 4 Behold, ⁵⁷Jehovah will dispossess her, and he will smite ⁵⁸her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. 5 Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be sore pained; and Ekron, for her expectation shall be put to shame; and *the* king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. 6 And ⁵⁹a bastard shall ⁶⁰dwell in Ashdod, and I will

⁴⁹ *Hb.* judge truth and *the* judgment of peace

⁵⁰ *The walls of Jerusalem were breached in Zedekiah's 11th year, 4th month, 9th day. Jr 39:2, 52:6.*

For the 5th and 7th months, see footnote on ch. 7:5.

⁵¹ *The siege of Jerusalem commenced in Zedekiah's 9th year, 10th month, 10th day. Jr 52:4.*

⁵² *Or,* great cities;

⁵³ *Or,* oracle

⁵⁴ *Or,* Jehovah *hath* an eye upon men and upon all *the* tribes of Israel)

⁵⁵ *Or,* though

⁵⁶ *Hb.* tsor (Tyre) ... matsor (tower, stronghold),

⁵⁷ *Sopherim changed to the Lord*

⁵⁸ *Or,* the sea *which is* her rampart; *or,* her rampart into the sea;

⁵⁹ *Or,* a bastard *race* shall dwell in Ashdod,

⁶⁰ *Or,* sit *as king* in Ashdod,

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; and he also *shall be* a remnant for our God; and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will encamp about my house ⁶¹against *the* army, that none pass through or return; and no ⁶²oppressor 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, thy king cometh unto thee; he *is* just, and ⁶³having ⁶⁴salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even 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 nations: and his dominion *shall be* from sea to sea, and from *the* river to *the* ends of *its* land.

11 As for thee also, because of *the* blood of thy covenant I have set free thy prisoners from *the* pit wherein *is* no water. 12 ⁶⁵Turn you to *the* stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare *that* I will render ⁶⁶double unto thee. 13 For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled *the* bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O ⁶⁷Greece, and will make thee as *the* sword of a mighty man. 14 And Jehovah shall be seen over them; and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and *the* Lord Jehovah will blow the trumpet, and will go with whirlwinds of *the* south. 15 Jehovah of hosts will defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down *the* sling-stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, like *the* corners of *the* altar. 16 And Jehovah their God will save them in that day as *the* flock of his people; for *they shall be as the* stones of a crown, ⁶⁸lifted on high over his land. 17 For how great *is* ⁶⁹his ⁷⁰goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! grain shall make *the* young men flourish, and new wine *the* virgins.

10 Ask ye of Jehovah rain in *the* time of *the* latter rain, *even of* Jehovah that maketh lightnings; and he will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. 2 For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and ⁷¹they have told false

⁶¹ Sept. reads as a garrison (*or*, rampart),

⁶² *Or*, exactor of taxes shall pass through

⁶³ *Hb.* saved;

⁶⁴ *Or*, victory;

⁶⁵ *Or*, Return

⁶⁶ *Hb.* mishneh: a repetition, a copy; a second *in rank*

⁶⁷ *Hb.* Javan (*from which* Javania, *or*, Ionia)

⁶⁸ *Or*, glittering upon high

⁶⁹ *Or*, their (*both times*)

⁷⁰ *Or*, prosperity,

⁷¹ *Or*, *the* dreamers speak falsely,

dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because *there is* no shepherd. 3 Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats; for Jehovah of hosts hath visited his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as his goodly horse in the battle. 4 From him shall come forth *the* corner-stone, from him *the* nail, from him *the* battle bow, from him every ⁷²ruler together. 5 And they shall be as mighty *men*, treading down *their enemies* in *the* mire of *the* streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because Jehovah *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 ⁷³bring them back; for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* Jehovah their God, and I will hear them. 7 And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yes, their children shall see *it*, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in Jehovah.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased. 9 ⁷⁴And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and shall return. 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 will pass through the sea of affliction, and will smite ⁷⁵*the* waves in the sea, and all *the* depths of the Nile shall dry up, and *the* pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and *the* sceptre of Egypt shall depart. 12 And I will strengthen them in Jehovah; and they shall ⁷⁶walk up and down in his name, saith Jehovah.

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that *the* fire may devour thy cedars. 2 Wail, O fir-tree, for *the* cedar is fallen, because *the* ⁷⁷goodly ones are destroyed: wail, O ye oaks of Bashan, for ⁷⁸*the* strong forest is come down. 3 A voice of *the* wailing of the shepherds! for their glory is destroyed: a voice of *the* roaring of young lions! for *the* pride of the Jordan is laid waste.

⁷² *Or*, exactor of taxes together.

⁷³ *Or*, cause them to dwell;

⁷⁴ *Or*, And though I sow them among the peoples, they shall remember me in far countries;

⁷⁵ *Or*, the sea of waves,

⁷⁶ *So* Massoretic, (Vg.). 4QXII^g Sept. read praise in Lamsa says preach the good tidings of his name,

⁷⁷ *Or*, glorious

⁷⁸ *Or*, fortified Massoretic^{mg} reads *the* forest of the vintage is come down.

4 Thus said Jehovah my God: Feed the flock of slaughter; 5 whose ⁷⁹buyers slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be Jehovah, for I am rich; and ⁸⁰their own shepherds pity them not. 6 For I will no more pity *the* inhabitants of the land, saith Jehovah; 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 So I fed the flock of slaughter, truly ⁸¹*the* poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; *the* one I called ⁸²Beauty, and *the* other I called ⁸³Bands; and I fed the flock. 8 And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. 9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that which dieth, let it die; and ⁸⁴*that* which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them *that* are left eat every one the flesh of another. 10 And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. 11 And it was broken in that day; and ⁸⁵thus the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew that it *was the* word of Jehovah. 12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire ⁸⁶thirty *pieces* of silver. 13 And Jehovah said unto me, Cast it ⁸⁷unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them unto the potter, in *the* house of Jehovah. 14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And Jehovah said unto me, Take unto thee yet again *the* instruments of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *who* will not ⁸⁸visit those that are ⁸⁹cut off, neither will seek ⁹⁰those that are scattered, nor heal *that* which is broken, nor feed that which ⁹¹is sound; but he will eat *the* flesh of the fat *sheep*, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth 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.

⁷⁹ *Lit.* acquirers

⁸⁰ *Or,* their shepherd pitieth them not.

⁸¹ *Or,* the most miserable of sheep. *Also in vs. 11.*

⁸² *Or,* Graciousness,

⁸³ *Or,* Binders; *or,* Union;

⁸⁴ *Or,* *that* which is lost, let it be lost;

⁸⁵ *Or,* the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew of a truth that it *was the* word of Jehovah.

⁸⁶ *The price of a bondservant.* Ex 21:32.

⁸⁷ *Aram. reads* into the treasury,

⁸⁸ *Or,* miss

⁸⁹ *Or,* lost,

⁹⁰ *Or,* the young,

⁹¹ *Hb.* standeth;

12 *The* ⁹²burden of *the* word of Jehovah concerning Israel.

Thus saith Jehovah, who stretcheth forth *the* heavens, and layeth *the* foundation of *the* earth, and formeth *the* ⁹³breath of man within him: 2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling unto all the peoples round about, and ⁹⁴upon Judah also ⁹⁵shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem. 3 And it shall come to pass in that day that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all *the* nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it. 4 In that day, saith Jehovah, I will smite every horse with terror, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon *the* house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness. 5 And *the* chieftains of Judah shall say in their heart, *The* inhabitants of Jerusalem *are* my strength in Jehovah of hosts their God. 6 In that day will I make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a flaming torch among sheaves; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on *the* right *hand* and on *the* left; and *they of* Jerusalem shall yet again dwell in ⁹⁶their own place, *even* in Jerusalem. 7 Jehovah also shall save the tents of Judah first, that *the* glory of *the* house of David and *the* glory of *the* inhabitants of Jerusalem be not magnified above Judah. 8 In that day shall Jehovah 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 God, as *the* angel of Jehovah 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 supplication; and they shall look unto ⁹⁷me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for the firstborn. 11 In that day shall there be *a* great mourning in Jerusalem, as *the* mourning of Hadad-rimmon 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 the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; 14 all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

⁹² *Or,* oracle

⁹³ *Or,* spirit *Hb.* ruach: breath, wind, spirit.

⁹⁴ *Or,* against *Vg., Targ^j* *read* and Judah also shall be at the besieging of Jerusalem.

⁹⁵ *Or,* shall it fall *to be* in the siege

⁹⁶ *Hb.* her

⁹⁷ Eastern *Hb.* mss. *alone read* him

13 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, saith Jehovah 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, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in *the* name of Jehovah; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. **4** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear a hairy mantle to deceive: **5** but he shall say, *I am* no prophet, *I am* a tiller of the ground; for I have been made a bondman from my youth. **6** And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds ⁹⁸between thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded in *the* house of my ⁹⁹friends.

7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, ¹⁰⁰and against *the* man *that is* my fellow, saith Jehovah 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, saith Jehovah, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein. **9** And I will bring the third *part* into 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, Jehovah *is* my God.

14 Behold, a day of Jehovah cometh, when thy spoil shall be divided in *the* midst of thee. **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 Jehovah 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 be cleft 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 ¹⁰¹ye shall flee ¹⁰²*by* the valley

⁹⁸ Or, in thine hands

⁹⁹ Or, lovers.

¹⁰⁰ or, even or, also

¹⁰¹ A few mss., Sept., Gk^{Symm} Targums read *the* valley of my mountains shall be stopped; [Not, Gihon shall be *nor*, the valley of Hinnom shall be *etc.*]

¹⁰² Or, to

of ¹⁰³my mountains; for *the* valley of *the* mountains shall reach unto ¹⁰⁴Azel; yes, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before ¹⁰⁵the earthquake in *the* days of Uzziah king of Judah; and Jehovah my God shall come, *and all the* holy ones with ¹⁰⁶thee. **6** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* ¹⁰⁷*the* light shall not be bright *nor* dark; *the* bright ones shall withdraw themselves: **7** but it shall be one day which is known unto Jehovah; not day, and not night; but it shall come to pass, *that* towards evening time there shall be light. **8** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall Jehovah be one, and his name one. **10** All the land shall be made like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from the* tower of Hananel unto the king's winepresses. **11** And *men* shall dwell therein, and there shall be no more ¹⁰⁸curse; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. **13** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great ¹⁰⁹tumult from Jehovah 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 nations 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 those camps, as that plague.

16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations *that* came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship *the* King, Jehovah

¹⁰³ So Massoretic, Sept. Aram., (Vg.) read the

¹⁰⁴ Meaning, joining; (*where the two halves join*)

¹⁰⁵ At the outbreak of Uzziah's leprosy, according to Josephus, Antiquities IX, viii, 4. If so, then in the 41st year of Uzziah (Azariah).

¹⁰⁶ Many mss. and versions read him

¹⁰⁷ Sept., Aram., Vg., Gk^{Symm} read there shall not be light, but cold and ice:

¹⁰⁸ Or, ban; or, devoting to destruction;

¹⁰⁹ Or, discomfiture

of hosts, and to keep the feast of ¹¹⁰booths. 17 And it shall be, *that* whoso of *all the* families of the earth goeth not up unto Jerusalem to worship *the* King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. 18 And if *the* family of Egypt go not up, and come not, ¹¹¹*that have* no rain; on them *there* shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of booths. 19 This shall be *the* ¹¹²punishment of Egypt, and *the* punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of booths. 20 In that day shall there be upon *the* bells of the horses, ¹¹³HOLY UNTO JEHOVAH; and the pots in Jehovah's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto Jehovah of hosts; and all they *that* sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil therein: and in that day there shall be no more a ¹¹⁴Canaanite in *the* house of Jehovah of hosts.

End of the Book of Zechariah

¹¹⁰ *Or, tabernacles. Hb. Sukkoth. The feast was on the 7th month, days 15-22. Lv 23:34-36, 39-43; Nu 29:12-38. Here its meaning might be prophetic.*

¹¹¹ *Egypt typically receives 10 cm of rain, or less, in an average year – too little to sustain crops. It is the Spring inundation of the Nile that leaves the land fertile for the growing season. Many people in Upper (southern) Egypt grow up never seeing rain. Sept. Aram. read upon them shall be the plague etc.*

¹¹² *Or, sin (both times)*

¹¹³ *A specific phrase. See Ex 28:36-38.*

¹¹⁴ *Or by extension, merchant*