

Jehovah's words live on to do what He says;

the horsemen among the myrtle trees

CHAPTER 1

1 In the eighth new moon, in the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah,^{1a} the son of Berechiah,^{1b} the son of Iddo,^{1c} the prophet, saying,

2 Jehovah was enraged with rage against your fathers.

3 And say to them, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Turn back to me - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - and I will turn back to you, says Jehovah of hosts.

4 Do not be as your fathers, to whom the former prophets have called out, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Turn back now from your evil well trod ways, and from your evil doings, and they did not attentively hear, and they did not prick up their ears to me - An oracle of Jehovah.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

6 But my words and my enactments, which I commanded my servants, the prophets, did they not reach your fathers? And they turned back, and said, What Jehovah of hosts planned to do to us, according to our well trod ways, and according to our doings, so he has done to us.

7 Upon the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh new moon, which is the new moon, Sebat, in

the second year of Darius, the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a rose colored horse, and he stood among the myrtle *trees* that were in the shade, and behind him *were* rose colored horses, bright red, and white.

9 And I said, Oh my lord, what are these? And the Messenger who spoke with me said to me, I will cause you to see what these *are*.

10 And the man who stood among the myrtle *trees* answered and said, These *are* they whom Jehovah has sent to walk through the earth.

11 And they answered the Messenger of Jehovah who stood among the myrtle *trees*, and said, We have walked through the earth, and behold, all the earth is sitting down, and is at rest.

12 And the Messenger of Jehovah answered and said, Oh Jehovah of hosts, how long will you not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which you have been enraged these seventy years?

13 And Jehovah answered the Messenger who spoke with me with good comfortable words.

^{1a} **1;1 Zechariah**, Jehovah Has Remembered.

^{1b} **1;1 Berechiah**, The Kneeling Down of Jehovah, The Blessing of Jehovah.

^{1c} **1;1 Iddo**, Timely.

ZECHARIAH 2 *Four horns tremble before the four fabricators; Jerusalem measured to be inhabited of Judah to scatter it.*

14 And the Messenger who spoke with me said to me, Call out, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I am jealous for Jerusalem, and for Zion with a great jealousy.

15 And I am greatly enraged with rage against the peoples who are haughtily secure, because I was enraged a little, and they surrounded the evil with help.

16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, I am turned back to Jerusalem with compassions; my house shall be built in it - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - and a measuring line shall be stretched upon Jerusalem.

17 Yet call out, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Yet my cities shall overflow from good, and Jehovah shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said to the Messenger who spoke with me, What *are* these? And he said to me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And Jehovah caused me to see four fabricators.

21 And I said, What do these come to do? And he said, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah; no mouth of man has lifted up his head, and these have come to cause them to tremble, to hold out the hand to the horns of the peoples, which lifted up their horn over the land

CHAPTER 2

1 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 And I said, To where do you walk? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* its width, and what *is* its length.

3 And behold, the Messenger who spoke with me went out, and another messenger went out to meet him,

4 And said to him, Run; speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns of open country for the abundance of men and animals in its midst;

5 An oracle of Jehovah - And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, and I will be the heavy glory in her midst.

6 Oh, Oh! And flee from the land of the north - An oracle of Jehovah - because I have spread you out as the four winds of the heaven - An oracle of Jehovah.

7 Oh Zion, Escape, you who dwell *with* the daughter of Babylon,

8 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, He has sent me after heavy glory to the peoples who plundered you, because he who touches you touches the pupil of his eye,

9 Because, behold, I will shake my hand against them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants, and you shall know by seeing that Jehovah of hosts has sent

The reign of the Messiah; the priest, filthy, accused by Satan, then clean, represents Jesus **ZECHARIAH 3-4**
me.

10 Shout and rejoice, Oh daughter of Zion, because lo, I come, and I will reside in your midst - An oracle of Jehovah.

11 And many peoples shall be joined to Jehovah in that day, and shall be my people, and I will reside in your midst, and you shall know by seeing that Jehovah of hosts has sent me to you.

12 And Jehovah shall inherit Judah, his allotment, on the holy soil, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 Oh all flesh, be silent, before the face of Jehovah, because he has opened his eyes out of his holy habitation.

CHAPTER 3

1 And he caused me to see Joshua, the great priest, standing before the face of the Messenger of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 And Jehovah said to Satan, Jehovah rebuke you, Oh Satan, even Jehovah who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you; is not this a brand snatched out of the fire?

3 And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the face of the Messenger.

4 And he answered and said to those standing before his face, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And he said to him, See, I have caused your crookedness to cross over from you, and I will clothe you with special clothing.

5 And I said, Let them put a pure headdress upon his head. And they put a pure headdress upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the Messenger of Jehovah stood by.

6 And the Messenger of Jehovah testified to Joshua, saying,

7 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, If you will walk in my well trod ways, and if you will hedge about my guard duty, then also you shall judge my house rightly, and also you shall hedge about my courts, and I will give you places to walk among these who stand by.

8 Attentively hear now, Oh Joshua, the great priest, you and your companions who sit before your face, because they *are* men of miracles, because, behold, I will bring forth my servant the SPROUTED BRANCH,

9 Because, behold the stone which I have given before the face of Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes; behold, I will open its sculpturing - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - and I will remove the crookedness of that land in one day.

10 In that day - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - you shall call out to every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAPTER 4

1 And the Messenger who spoke with me turned again, and woke me, as a man who is awakened out of his sleep,

ZECHARIAH 5 *The word to Zerubbabel, Not by resources, not by power, but by my Spirit; the flying roll*

2 And said to me, What do you see? And I said, I have seen, and behold a chandelier, all gold, with a bowl upon its head, and its seven lamps on it, seven, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon its head;

3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon its left side.

4 And I answered and said to the Messenger who spoke with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the Messenger who spoke with me answered, and said to me, These? Do you not know what they *are*? And I said, No, my lord.

6 And he answered and said to me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by resources, and not by power, but by my Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.

7 Who *are* you, Oh great mountain? *You shall become* a plain before the face of Zerubbabel, and he shall bring out its headstone with loud clamor, Grace, grace to it.

8 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands shall finish it, and you shall know by seeing that Jehovah of hosts has sent me to you,

10 Because who has held the day of small things in disrespect? And they will rejoice, and will see the tin weight in the hand of
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Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of Jehovah, which travel the whole earth.

11 And I answered, and said to him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right side of the chandelier, and upon its left side?

12 And I answered again, and said to him, What *are* the two olive streams which pour out of themselves the golden *oil* through the two golden pipes?

13 And he said me saying, Do you not know what these *are*? And I said, No, my lord.

14 And he said, These *are* the two sons of anointing, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

1 And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold a flying roll.

2 And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see a flying roll; its length *is* twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits.

3 And he said to me, This *is* the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth, because everyone who, on this *hand*, steals shall thus be cleared away, and everyone who, on that *hand*, swears *a lie*³ shall thus be cleared away.

4 An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - I will bring it out and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him who swears a lie by my name, and

³ 5:3 swears *a lie*; Note that verse 4 has the word lie, *sheqer*, in it.

The ephah (measurement), a woman, two women; the four chariots representing the four Spirits **ZECHARIAH 6**

it shall stay in the midst of his house, and shall end it with its timber and its stones.

5 And the Messenger who spoke with me went out, and said to 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. And he said, These *are* their eyes through all the earth.

7 And behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead, and this *is* one woman who sits in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he threw her into the midst of the ephah, and he threw the weight of lead upon its mouth.

9 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, two women came out, and the wind *was* in their wings, because to them *were* wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 And I said to the Messenger who spoke with me, To where do these walk the ephah?

11 And he said to me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar, and it shall be set up, and deposited there upon her own base.

CHAPTER 6

1 And I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains, and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

2 To the first chariot *were* rose colored horses, and to the second chariot black horses;

3 And to the third chariot white horses; and to the fourth chariot speckled red horses.

4 And I answered and said to the Messenger who spoke with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the Messenger answered, and said to 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 out into the north parts of the earth; and the white go forth after them, and the speckled go forth toward the south parts of the earth.

7 And the red went out, and sought to walk that they might walk to and fro through the earth; and he said, Walk! Walk through the earth. And they walked through the earth.

8 And he cried upon me, and spoke to me, saying, See these who go out toward the north parts of the earth have quieted my Spirit in the north parts of the earth.

9 And the word of Jehovah was to me, saying,

10 Take of the captivity, Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah who have come from Babylon, and you come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah;

ZECHARIAH 7 *The man! SPROUTED BRANCH shall build the Temple of Jehovah; fasting?*

11 And take silver and gold, and make crowns, and put them upon the head of Joshua, the son of Josedech, the great priest;

12 And say to him, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold the man! SPROUTED BRANCH¹² is his name, and he shall sprout up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of Jehovah;

13 And he shall build the temple of Jehovah, and he shall lift up the glorious authority, 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 Jehovah.

15 And they far off shall come and build in the temple of Jehovah, and you shall know by seeing that Jehovah of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall be, if you will attentively hear the voice of Jehovah your God.

CHAPTER 7

1 And it was in the fourth year of king Darius, the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth new moon, in Chisleu;

¹² 6:12-13 These two verses declare that the Priest and King shall be united into one person, the Messiah, and He will build the temple described in Ezekiel, chapter 40 and following, for the one thousand years reign of Christ on earth.

2 And they had sent Sherezer, and Regemmelech, and their mortal men to the house of God to rub the face of Jehovah,

3 To speak to the priests who *were* in the house of Jehovah of hosts and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth new moon, separating myself,³ as I have done these many years?

4 And the word of Jehovah of hosts was to me, saying,

5 Say to all the people of the earth, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *new moons*, even those seventy years, fasting, did you fast to me, to me?

6 And when you ate, and when you drank, was it not for those eating and for those drinking?

7 *Should you not attentively hear* the words which Jehovah has called out by the hand of the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited, and at peace, and her cities all around her, and those who inhabited the Negev and the coastal slopes?

8 And the word of Jehovah was to Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, saying, Pronounce true judgment, and do mercy and compassions, every man to his brother;

10 And do not oppress the widow, nor the bereaved, the stranger, nor him who is looked down on with harshness, and let

³ 7:3 **separating myself, nazir**, abstain, consecrated to God, Nazirite. Num 6:2; Jud 13:7; 16:17.

The reason for their being scattered: hard hearts; I am turned back to Zion **ZECHARIAH 8**

no man calculate evil against his brother in your heart.

11 And they refused to prick up their ears, and gave the shoulder, turning away, and made their ears heavy, that they should not attentively hear.

12 And they put their hearts as a hard stone *lest* they should attentively hear the law and the words which Jehovah of hosts has sent in his Spirit by the hand of the former prophets, and there was a great wrath from Jehovah of hosts.

13 And it was, so he called out, and they would not attentively hear; so they called out, and I would not attentively hear, says Jehovah of hosts;

14 And I scattered them among all the peoples whom they did not know. Thus the earth was a stunned desolation after them; they crossed over through, and turned back, and they put the pleasant land a stunned desolation.

CHAPTER 8

1 Again the word of Jehovah of hosts was *to me*, saying,

2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great heat.

3 Thus says Jehovah, I am turned back to Zion, and will reside in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth, and the mountain of Jehovah of hosts *shall be called* the Holy Mountain.

4 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Yet old men and old women shall dwell there in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for abundance of days.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

6 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes? - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts.

7 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the sunrise of the earth, and from the going down of the sun;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall reside in the midst of Jerusalem, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Let your hands be strong, you who attentively hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of Jehovah of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built,

10 Because before these days there was no salary for man; there was no salary for animal; there existed none, and to him who went out or came in there existed no peace because of the oppression, and I sent all men every man against his neighbor.

ZECHARIAH 9 *Peoples shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem; judgment on Tyre*

11 And now I *will not be* to the remnant of this people as in the former days - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts -

12 Because the seed *shall be* in peace, the vine shall give her fruit, and the earth shall give her produce, 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 be, that as you were a curse among the peoples, Oh house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing; do not fear; let your hands be strong,

14 Because thus says Jehovah of hosts, As I planned to break you in pieces when your fathers caused me to burst out in rage, says Jehovah of hosts, and I did not comfort myself,

15 So again I have planned in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; do not fear.

16 These are the words that you shall do: Every man speak the truth to his neighbor; pronounce the judgment of peace, of truth in your gates;

17 And let no man calculate evil in your hearts against his neighbor, and do not love a false oath because all these are what I hate - An oracle of Jehovah.

18 And the word of Jehovah of hosts was to me, saying,

19 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, The fast of the fourth *new moon*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to 1448

the house of Judah gladness and joy, and good appointed meetings, and love the truth and peace.

20 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Yet people shall come, and the inhabitants of many cities;

21 And the inhabitants of one city shall walk to another, saying, Let us walk, walking to rub the face of Jehovah, and I also will walk to seek Jehovah of hosts.

22 And many peoples and strong peoples shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to rub the face of Jehovah.

23 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, It *shall be* in those days, that ten mortal men shall take hold out of all tongues of the peoples, even shall take hold of the skirt of a man who *is* a Jew, saying, We will walk with you because we have attentively heard, God is with you.

CHAPTER 9

1 The burden of the word of Jehovah in the land of Hadrach,¹ and Damascus *shall be* its rest; when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward Jehovah.

2 And also Hamath shall border there, Tyre, and Zidon, though it is very wise.

3 And Tyre built herself a military mound, and heaped up silver as the dust, and mined gold as the mud of the outdoors.

4 Behold, the Lord will possess her, and he will strike her resources in the sea, and she shall

¹ 9:1 Hadrach, a Syrian god.

The Palestinians cut off; the first and second comings of Messiah; they trusted lies **ZECHARIAH 9**
be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see *it* and fear, and Gaza *shall see it* and twist *in pain* greatly, and Ekron, because of her expectation shall pale in shame, and the king shall be lost from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the *assumed* majesty of the Palestinians.

7 And I will take away his bloods out of his mouth, and his disgusting filth from between his teeth, and he who remains, he *shall be* for our God, 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 who crosses over, and because of him who turns back, and no driver⁸ shall cross over them any more, because now I have seen with my eyes.

9 Spin around in emotion greatly, Oh daughter of Zion; shout, Oh daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes to you; he is righteous, and saves; *he is* looked down on with harshness, and riding upon a male donkey, and upon a colt, the son of a female donkey. Mat 21:5

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 to the peoples, and his dominion *shall be* from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

⁸ **9:8 driver**, one who drives the people by oppression.

11 Also you, by the blood of your covenant, I have sent your prisoners out of the pit where there exists no water.

12 You prisoners, turn back to the fortress *with* a cord of *hope*; also today I cause *it* to stand out boldly *that* I will turn back double to you;

13 When I have bent Judah for myself, filled the bow with Ephraim, and woke up your children, Oh Zion, against your children, Oh Greece, and put you as the sword of a mighty man,

14 Then Jehovah shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning, and the Lord Jehovah shall blow the trumpet, and shall walk with hurricanes of the south.

15 Jehovah of hosts shall hedge them about, and they shall devour, and tread down with sling stones, and they shall drink, and make a loud noise as *through* wine, and they shall be filled like bowls, as the corners of the altar.

16 And Jehovah, their God, shall save them in that day as the flock of his people, because they shall be as the stones of a diadem, lifted up as an ensign upon his soil,

17 Because what goodness *is* his, and what beauty *is* his! Grain shall cause the young men to flourish, and fresh grape juice, the virgins.

ZECHARIAH 10 *Judah and Joseph (Israel) will prevail in Jehovah; Shepherd the flock of the slaughter*

CHAPTER 10

1 Ask of Jehovah rain in the time of the harvest rain; Jehovah shall make lightnings, and give them showers of rain, to *give to* every man the plant in the field,

2 Because the family healing images have spoken vanity, and those who seek to determine the future by magic have gazed at a lie and have spoken ruinous dreams; they comfort in vain; therefore they pulled up as a flock; they were looked down on with harshness because there existed no shepherd.

3 My nostrils burned against the shepherds, and I visited against the he goats, because Jehovah of hosts has visited his droves, the house of Judah, and has put them *to be* as his horse of glorious authority in the battle.

4 Out of him *is* a corner; out of him *is* a nail; out of him *is* a battle bow - out of him came forth every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as mighty men who trample down in the mud of the outdoors in the battle, and they shall devour because Jehovah *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be in confused disappointment.

6 And I will cause the house of Judah to prevail, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will turn them back because I have compassions upon them, and they shall be as though I had not cast them off because I *am*

Jehovah, their God, and will answer them.

7 And they shall be like a mighty man of Ephraim, and their heart shall rejoice as *through* wine, and their children shall see it and rejoice; their heart shall spin around in emotion in Jehovah.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them, because I have ransomed 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 back.

10 And I will turn them back 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 *room* shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall cross over through the sea with distress, and shall strike the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the river shall dry up; and the majesty of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will cause them to prevail in Jehovah, and they shall walk in his name - An oracle of Jehovah.

CHAPTER 11

1 Open your doors, Oh Lebanon, and fire shall devour your cedars.

2 Howl, Oh cypress, because the cedar has fallen, because the mighty are ravaged; howl, Oh you oaks of Bashan, because the forest of the vintage has come down.

3 *There is* a voice of howling of the shepherds because their ampleness is ravaged; *there is* a voice of the roaring of young lions, because the majesty of Jordan is ravaged.

4 Thus says Jehovah, my God, Shepherd the flock of the slaughter,

5 Whose possessors fatally strike them, and do not hold themselves guilty, and they who sell them say, Blessed is Jehovah, and I am rich, and their own shepherds do not spare them in pity,

6 Because I will not any more spare the inhabitants of the earth in pity - An oracle of Jehovah - and lo, I will bring forth the men, every man, into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king, and they shall violently strike the earth, and I will not snatch them out of their hand.

7 And I will shepherd the flock of slaughter, Oh looked down on with harshness of the flock. And I took to myself two sticks; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bonds, and I shepherded the flock.

8 And I will destroy three shepherds in one month, and my soul cut them off, and also their soul loathed me.

9 And I said, I will not shepherd you; that which dies, let it die, and that which is to be hidden *in destruction*, let it be hidden *in destruction*; and let the rest eat, every woman the flesh of her female associate.

10 And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it down, that I might break my covenant which I had cut with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day, and so those looked down on with harshness of the flock who hedged me about knew that it *was* the word of Jehovah.

12 And I said to them, If *it is* good in your eyes, give me my price, and if not, cease. And they weighed my price, thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 And Jehovah said to me, Throw it to the potter; an ample value¹³ that I was heavily valued of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and threw them to the potter in the house of Jehovah. Mat 26:15; 27:7

14 Then I cut down my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And Jehovah said to me, Yet take to yourself the instruments of a foolish shepherd,

16 Because lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the earth, who shall not visit those hidden *in destruction*, he shall not seek the young

¹³ 11:13 ample value is said in sarcasm.

ZECHARIAH 12 *The final battle against Jerusalem; they shall look upon me whom they have pierced*

one, and he will not heal the broken, and he shall not maintain those stationed, and he shall devour the flesh of the fat, and break off their hoofs.

17 Woe to the good for nothing shepherd who forsakes the flock! The sword shall be upon his outstretched arm, and upon his right eye; his outstretched arm drying up, shall be dried up, and his right eye becoming darkened, shall be darkened.

CHAPTER 12

1 The burden of the word of Jehovah for Israel - An oracle of Jehovah - who stretches out the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him. Gen 1:26-27; 2:7

2 Behold, I will put Jerusalem *to be* a cup of reeling drunkenness to all the peoples all around, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

3 And in that day it will be that I will put Jerusalem *to be* a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all who burden themselves with it, being gashed, shall be gashed, and all the people of the earth shall be gathered together against it.

4 In that day - An oracle of Jehovah - I will strike every horse with consternation, and his rider with raving insanity, and I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah, and will strike 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 Jehovah of hosts, their God.

6 In that day I will put the governors of Judah *to be* like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a flame of fire in a sheaf, and they shall devour all the peoples all around, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, in Jerusalem.

7 And Jehovah shall save the tents of Judah first, that the splendor of the house of David, and the splendor of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not make themselves great against Judah.

8 In that day Jehovah shall hedge about the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and he who totters weak legged among them at that day *shall be* as David, and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the Messenger of Jehovah, before their face.

9 And it shall be in that day, that I will seek to desolate all the peoples who 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 earnest prayers for grace, and they shall look intently upon me whom they have pierced,¹⁰ and they shall mourn over him, as one mourns over *his*

¹⁰ 12:10 me whom they have pierced is God who was pierced in God the Son on the cross of Calvary. Joh 21:34, 37.

only *son*, and shall be in bitterness over him, as one who is in bitterness over *his* firstborn.

11 In that day *there shall be* a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad Rimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the earth shall mourn, family by family separate; the family of the house of David separate, and their wives separate; the family of the house of Nathan separate, and their wives separate;

13 The family of the house of Levi separate, and their wives separate; the family of Shimei separate, and their wives separate;

14 All the families who remain, family by family separate, and their wives separate.

CHAPTER 13

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 be in that day - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - I will cut off the names of the carved idols out of the earth, and they shall not be remembered any more, and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to cross over from the earth.

3 And it shall be, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother who begot him shall say to him, You shall not live, because you speak lies in the name of Jehovah; and his father and his mother who begot

him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

4 And it shall be in that day, that the prophets shall pale in shame every man of his vision when he has prophesied, and they shall not wear a rough garment in order to deceive;

5 And he shall say, *I am* no prophet; *I am* a man, a servant of the soil, because man taught me to acquire from my youth.

6 And one shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? And he shall say, *Those with* which I was struck in the house of those my beloved.

7 Oh sword, awake, against my shepherd, and against the mighty man who is my kin - An oracle of Jehovah of hosts - strike the shepherd, and the flock shall be dashed to pieces; and I will turn back my hand upon the little ones. Mat 26:31; Mrk 14:27

8 And it shall be, that in all the earth - An oracle of Jehovah - two parts in it shall be cut off, expiring, and one third shall be left in it.

9 And I will bring the one third 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 answer them; I will say, They *are* my people, and they shall say, Jehovah *is* my God.

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CHAPTER 14

1 Behold, the day of Jehovah comes, and your spoil shall be allotted in your midst,

2 Because I will gather all peoples against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be captured, and the houses plundered, and the women raped, and half of the city shall go out into captivity, and those left of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 And Jehovah shall go forth and devour against those peoples as the day he devoured in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is against the face of Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall break open in its middle toward the sunrise, and toward the sea, and *there shall be* a very great gorge, and half of the mountain shall recede toward the north, and half toward the south.

5 And you shall flee to the gorge of the mountains, because the gorge of the mountains shall reach to Azal, and you shall flee like you fled from before the face of the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah; and Jehovah my God shall come, all the saints with you.

6 And it shall be in that day, the light shall not be clear or cloudy;

7 And it shall be one day which shall be known to Jehovah, not day, and not night, and it shall be, at the time of dusk it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in harvest and after harvest it shall be.

Ezk 47:8-10

9 And Jehovah shall be king over all the earth; in that day there shall be one Jehovah,⁹ and his name one.

10 All the earth shall be turned around into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem, and it shall rise and be inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the first gate, to the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses.

11 And they shall dwell in it, and there shall not be destruction any more, and Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

⁹ **14:9 one Jehovah**, meaning that all people will acknowledge the one and only Jehovah God who created the heavens and the earth, who chose Israel, and who sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus, and that He is not some other Jehovah as represented in the golden calves which Jeroboam set up in Dan and Bethel, and other perverted beliefs in God. Many people have the notion that all people of the earth believe in the same God, but call Him by different names, which they believe, really makes no difference. Jehovah God will show in that day that He was not believed in under these other names. Each name of a god carries with it a certain set of beliefs, all of which are beliefs inspired by evil spirits and fleshly notions of the souls of humans, except the true revelations from Jehovah God given through His prophets in Israel, and supernaturally recorded in the Bible, and revealed in the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, and authoritatively interpreted by the Apostles including the Apostle Paul. All the other holy books of the various religions will be shown to be false and inspired by evil spirits to deceive humans away from the true and living God. You see very clearly, in verse 12, the judgment awaiting all peoples of the earth who are against Jehovah God's Holy Spirit given revelation in Israel.

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12 And this shall be the plague which Jehovah will inflict upon all the people who have amassed their armies 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 mouths.

13 And it shall be in that day, there shall be a great confused uproar from Jehovah among them, and they shall seize every man on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall go up against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And also Judah shall devour at Jerusalem, and the resources of all the peoples all around shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and clothing, in great abundance.

15 And so shall the plague be of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the donkey, and of all the animals that shall be in these camps, as this plague.

16 And it shall be, everyone who is left of all the peoples who came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to prostrate themselves to the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to march in the festival of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, whoever will not come up of all the families of the earth to Jerusalem to prostrate themselves to the King, Jehovah of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt will not ascend, and not come, then no *rain shall be* upon them; the plague shall be there, by which

Jehovah will plague the peoples who do not ascend to march in the festival of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the penalty¹⁹ of Egypt, and the penalty of all peoples who do not come up to march in the festival of tabernacles.

20 In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS TO JEHOVAH, and the pots in Jehovah's house shall be like the bowls before the face of the altar.

21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness to Jehovah of hosts, and all they who sacrifice shall come and take of them and boil in them, and there shall not be any more the Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts in that day.

¹⁹ **14:19 This shall be the penalty of Egypt, and the penalty of all peoples...** The word for sin is *chatta'ah*, and the word for the penalty of sin is the same word, because sin becomes its own penalty - **him who knew no sin, was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him**, 2 Cor 5:21. Although Jesus did not sin, he had to become sin to be the penalty in our place. Those who do not receive the Messiah, the Lord Jesus, as the penalty for the sin of unbelief, will receive the temporary penalty on earth, spelled out in this verse, as well as eternal punishment in hell hereafter.

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