

Outline of Zechariah

- 1:1-6 Do not be disobedient like your forefathers.

- Eight Visions:

 - 1:7-17 1. A man riding on a red horse: The 70 years have come to an end.
 - 1:18-21 2. The four horns of the nations being thrown down: The enemies that have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem are done away with.
 - 2:1-13 3. A man with a measuring line: The rebuilt Jerusalem will have glorious peace.
 - 3:1-10 4. The restoration of Joshua the High Priest: The Saviour (the "Branch") is coming.
 - 4:1-14 5. The gold lampstand and the two olive trees: By the work of the Holy Spirit and through the hands of Zerubbabel the work on the temple will be completed.
 - 5:1-4 6. The flying scroll: The houses of the thief and of those who swear falsely are cursed.
 - 5:5-11 7. The woman in the basket being transported to Babylonia: A house will be built there for the wickedness.
 - 6:1-8 8. Four Chariots: Those going toward the north country will give God's Spirit rest there.

- 6:9-15 If you obey the Lord your God the "Branch" will come and make the Temple glorious.

- 7:1-3 Question: "Should I mourn and fast in the fifth month?"
- Fourfold Answer:

 - 7:4-6 1. When you fasted, was it really for me? When you were eating and drinking were you not just feasting for yourselves?
 - 7:7-14 2. The forefathers have made the land desolate because they have not obeyed the prophecy of righteousness.
 - 8:1-17 3. God promises the restoration of Jerusalem and his country and his people with his merciful presence amongst them if they obey the prophecy of righteousness. The turning point is the building of the Temple with the presence of the Lord in 8:8-9.
 - 8:18-23 4. The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months will become joyful festivals for Judah and nations will turn to the Lord through Israel.

- An Oracle ("Massa": 9:1-11:17)

 - 9:1-17 The Messiah will reign in peace over Jerusalem and all the world.
 - 10:1-12 The evil shepherds scatter the flock, but God's Spirit gathers them and makes them strong.
 - 11:1-17 Four bad shepherds stand in contrast to the one good shepherd, that is the Lord.

- An Oracle ("Massa": 12:1-14:21)

 - 12:1-13:6 While the last war rages against Jerusalem, Jerusalem and Judah receive salvation.
 - 13:7-9 Because the good shepherd, the closest friend of the Lord is killed, the sheep are scattered.
 - 14:1-21 While the last war rages against Jerusalem, Jerusalem and Judah receive salvation and glory, because the Lord comes to rule the world from there.