

JEREMIAH:
 EXILE WILL LAST SEVENTY YEARS (ch. 30-33) (25:11, 29:10)
 VS.
ZECHARIAH & HAGGAI:
 SEVENTY YEARS, WHAT? (SEE EZRA 5:1-2)

ZECHARIAH

READING ZECHARIAH IS A WILD RIDE!

- LIFE DOESN'T FIT INTO NEAT, ORDERLY PATTERNS
- WE'RE INVITED TO LOOK ABOVE THE CHAOS & HOPE FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM

THROUGH IT ALL, WE'LL BE... STARTLING IMAGERY

1:1-6 INTRODUCTION

↑ EARLIER PROPHETS
 EXILE!

TURN BACK TO GOD! DON'T BE LIKE YOUR ANCESTORS!
 WE REPENT!
 ...OR SO IT SEEMS

1:7-6 ZECHARIAH'S DREAM-VISIONS

WARNING: THESE ARE BIZARRE (LIKE YOUR DREAMS)
 - THE IDEA OF GOD SPEAKING IN DREAMS IS ROOTED IN GENESIS (JACOB, ch20; JOSEPH, ch37; PHAROAH, ch11)
 - THEY EXPLAIN CURRENT EVENTS @R! POINT TO THE FUTURE.

7-8 CONCLUSION

SHOULD WE STOP GRIEVING? IS GOD'S KINGDOM COMING SOON?
 ONLY IF YOU ARE FAITHFUL TO THE COVENANT. (8:1-7)
 QUESTION REVERSED: WILL YOU BECOME PEOPLE WHO ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

9-11 IMAGES OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM, PT. 1

9-10 THE COMING KING...
 "REJOICE, JERUSALEM--YOUR KING COMES! HE'S RIGHTEOUS, HUMBLE, AND RIDES A DONKEY." (9-9)

11 ...BECOMES THE REJECTED SHEPHERD
 LEADERS OF ISRAEL
 PEOPLE OF ISRAEL
 WILL THIS REJECTION LAST FOREVER...? **No!**

1 FOUR HORSEMEN ON PATROL
 1:8-17
 THE WORLD IS AT PEACE!
 GOD RAISED UP PERSIA TO CONQUER BABYLON & BRING PEACE.

2 FOUR HORNS, FOUR BLACKSMITHS
 1:18-21
 SYMBOL OF ASSYRIA & BABYLON (ISRAEL)
 SYMBOL OF PERSIA

3 JERUSALEM IS MEASURED
 2:1-13
 LET US HELP!
 WELCOME!

4 JOSHUA, THE HIGH PRIEST
 3:1-10
 IF YOU ARE FAITHFUL TO GOD, YOU WILL LEAD HIS PEOPLE... AND BECOME A SYMBOL OF THE FUTURE MESSIANIC KING. (3:7-8)
 ISRAEL'S SIN REMOVED

BONUS VISION!
 6:9-15
 SYMBOL OF FUTURE MESSIANIC PRIEST-KING, BUT ONLY IF THIS GENERATION OBEYS GOD.

70 YEAR EXILE IS ALMOST OVER. IS NOW THE TIME FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM?
UNANSWERED
 THE NORTH LAND IS AT REST!
 (6-8)

8 FOUR HORSEMEN ON PATROL
 6:1-8

REFLECTIONS ON ISRAEL'S PAST SIN & EXILE
 SHINAR (BABYLON)
 SYMBOL OF ISRAEL'S REBELLION EXILED TO BABYLON

7 WOMAN IN A BASKET
 5:5-11

THE NEW JERUSALEM: A BEACON TO THE NATIONS, PURIFIED BY THE SCRIPTURE

6 THE FLYING SCROLL
 5:1-4

MESSIANIC KINGDOM WILL ONLY COME IF THE PEOPLE ARE FAITHFUL

JOSHUA / ZERUBABEL
 SUCCESS WILL COME ONLY IF THEY DEPEND ON GOD'S SPIRIT.

5 ZERUBABEL, ROYAL HEIR OF DAVID
 4:1-14

12-14 IMAGES OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM, PT. 2

GOD'S JUSTICE CONFRONTS EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS (SEE JOB 3 & EZEKIEL 38-39)
 GOD POURS OUT A SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE ON HIS PEOPLE
 WE'RE SORRY WE REJECTED YOU!
 12-10
 RIVER OF LIFE
 ALL NATIONS