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Chapter 1

(1) In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
 (2) The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.
 (3) Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

Chapter 1

(1) In the eighth month {Heshvan [Oct.-Nov.]}^a in the second year of Darius {3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.}^{b*} the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Zechariah {Jehovah has remembered}^c the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
 (2) **The LORD {Jehovah} has been greatly displeased with your forefathers.**
 (3) **Therefore say to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Turn to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}^d, and I will turn to you, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.**

1:1a - eighth month - Heshvan (October-November) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

1:1b - Darius - Darius Hystaspes [Ahasuerus of the book of Esther – see [Messiah: His First Coming Scheduled](#) by Dr. David Cooper, p. 436] {not the same as Darius of Daniel chapter 6} - 2nd year of Darius' reign is 16th year after Cyrus' decree ending the Babylonian captivity of Judah - This same year work on rebuilding the temple resumed. It will be completed 4 years later - 19 years total after Cyrus' decree and 70 years from the destruction of Solomon's temple. - See Haggai 1:1 - Haggai gave some prophecies two months prior to Zechariah. -- see Ezra 4-6. . It will be 14 years after the temple is completed before Nehemiah will come to inspect the broken down walls around Jerusalem.

1:1c - Zechariah {זְכַרְיָה} - JAH has remembered [JAH is a short form of Jehovah]

1:3d - LORD of hosts - Jehovah sabaoth {יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת} - Lord of armies or multitudes

2nd year of Darius Hystaspes

[*3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.] - See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(4) Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

(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 take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

(7) Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

(8) I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* red horses, speckled, and white.

(9) Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *be*.

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(4) **Do not be as your forefathers, to whom the former prophets have cried, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Turn now from your evil ways, and *from* your evil deeds: but they did not hear, nor listen to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.**

(5) **Your forefathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live forever?**

(6) **But My words and My laws, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your forefathers? and they answered and said, The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has dealt with us just as He thought to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our deeds.**

(7) **On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which *is* the month Sebat {11/24/3605 A.H.} {[Jan.-Feb.]}^e in the second year of Darius {3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.},* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,**

(8) **I saw by night, and a Man riding upon a red horse, and He stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the valley; and behind Him *there were* red horses, gray-speckled, and white.**

(9) **Then I said, O my lord, what *are* these? And the Angel who talked with me said to me, **I will show you what these *are*.****

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(9) Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these *be*.

(10) And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are they* whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

(11) And they answered the angel of the LORD 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.

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(8) I saw by night, and a Man riding upon a red horse, and He stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the valley; and behind Him *there were* red horses, gray-speckled, and white.

(9) Then I said, O my lord, what *are* these? And the Angel who talked with me said to me, **I will show you what these *are*.**

(10) And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, **These *are those whom the LORD {Jehovah} has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.***

(11) And they spoke to the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} Who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, **We have walked back and forth through the earth, and, indeed, all the earth sits still, and is at rest.**^f

1:7e - eleventh month - Shebat - (January-February) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

1:11f - the purpose of the horsemen is to report the conditions on the earth [not for the Lord's benefit, but for the angels who can only be in one place at a time].
See Rev. 6:2

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(12) Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

(13) And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

(14) So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

(15) And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

(16) Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

(17) Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

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(12) Then the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} answered and said, O LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You have had indignation these seventy years?

(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} answered the Angel who talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

(14) So the Angel who communed with me said to me, Cry, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

(15) And I am very greatly displeased with the heathen {ungodly nations} *who are* at ease: because I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

(16) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies: My house {temple} shall be built in it, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and a {measuring} line^s shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

(17) Cry again, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; My cities through prosperity will yet be spread abroad; and the LORD {Jehovah} will yet comfort Zion, and will yet choose Jerusalem.

1:16g – measuring line – see Zech. 2:1

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(18) Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.
(19) And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.
(20) And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.
(21) Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

Chapter 2

(1) I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, 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 be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

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(18) Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look four horns {kings}.^h
(19) And I said to the Angel Who talked with me, What *are* these? And He answered me, *These are the horns {kings} who have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.*
(20) And the LORD {Jehovah} showed me four carpenters.
(21) Then I said, What did these come to do? And He spoke, saying, *These are the horns {kings}ⁱ who have scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head: but these have come to fight them, to cast out the horns {kings} of the Gentiles {non-Jews; nations}, who lifted up *their* horn {king} over the land of Judah to scatter it.*

Chapter 2

(1) I lifted up my eyes again, and looked, and saw a man with a measuring line in his hand.
(2) Then I asked, Where are you going? And he said to me, *Measuring Jerusalem, to see what its width is, and what its length is.*
(3) And, indeed, the Angel Who talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet Him,
(4) And said to Him, *Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be lived in as towns without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle in it:*

1:18h - horns - kings - see Dan. 8:20-21 - horns represent kings - see Zech. 1:19
1:21i - horns - kings - see Dan. 8:20-21

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(5) For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

(6) Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

(7) Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.

(8) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

(9) For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD 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 the LORD.

(11) And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

(12) And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

(13) Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

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(5) Because, I, says the LORD {Jehovah}, will be to her a wall of fire all around, and will be the glory in her midst.

(6) Oh, oh, {listen} *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, says the LORD {Jehovah}: because I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) Deliver yourself, O Zion, who lives *with* the daughter of Babylon.

(8) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; After the glory He has sent me to the nations which spoiled you: because he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

(9) Because, indeed, I will shake My hand upon them, and they will be a spoil to their servants: and you will know that the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has sent me.

(10) Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: because, indeed, I am coming, and I will live in the midst of you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) And many nations will be joined to the LORD {Jehovah} in that day, and will be My people: and I will live in your midst, and you will know that the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has sent Me to you.

(12) And the LORD {Jehovah} will inherit Judah His portion in the holy land, and will choose Jerusalem again.

(13) Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD {Jehovah}: because He is raised up out of His holy house {temple}.

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Chapter 3

(1) And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

(2) And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD 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 stood before the angel.

(4) And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

(5) And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

(6) And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

(7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

Chapter 3

(1) And He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah}, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

(2) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Satan, **The LORD {Jehovah} rebuke you, O Satan; even the LORD {Jehovah} Who has chosen Jerusalem rebukes you: is this not a brand plucked out of the fire?**

(3) Now Joshua was clothed with filthy clothes,^a and stood before the angel.

(4) And He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, **Take away the filthy clothes from him.** And to him He said, **Indeed, I have caused your sin to pass from you, and I will clothe you with a change of clothes.**

(5) **And I said, Let them set a fair mitre {priestly hat}^b upon his head. So they set a fair mitre {priestly hat} upon his head, and clothed him with robes. And the angel of the LORD {Jehovah} stood by.**

(6) And the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to Joshua, saying,

(7) **This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give you places to walk among these who stand by.**

3:3a - filthy clothes - filthy clothes represent unrighteousness [by God's standard]; clean, white clothes represent righteousness – see Rev. 19:8

3:5b - mitre - priestly hat [similar to one worn by the pope]

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(8) Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

(9) For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

(10) In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Chapter 4

(1) And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

(2) And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven 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) So 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 be? And I said, No, my lord.

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(8) Listen now, O Joshua the high priest, you, and your fellows who sit before you: because they *are* men wondered at: because, indeed, I will bring forth My servant the BRANCH.

(9) Because look the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall* seven eyes *be*: see, I will engrave its engraving, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and I will remove the evil of that land in one day.

(10) In that day, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, everyone of you shall call his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

Chapter 4

(1) And the Angel Who talked with me came again, and awoke me, as a man who is awakened out of his sleep,

(2) And said to me, **What do you see?** And I said, I have looked, and I see a candlestick all *of* gold, with a bowl upon its top, and its seven lamps on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which *are* upon its top:^a

(3) And two olive trees^b by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* of it.

(4) So I answered and spoke to the Angel Who talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?

(5) Then the Angel who talked with me answered and said to me, **Do you not know what these are?** And I said, No, my lord.

4:2a - seven branched candlestick – menorah – Ex. 25

4:3b – two olive trees – Zech. 4:14; Rev. 11:1-7

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(6) Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

(7) Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

(8) Moreover the word of the LORD 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 the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

(10) For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, 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 candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?

(12) And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?

(13) And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord.

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(6) Then He answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD {Jehovah} to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(7) Who *are* you, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain: and he shall bring forth its headstone *with* shouts, *crying*, Grace, grace {undeserved favor}^c to it.

(8) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(9) The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house {temple};^d his hands will also finish it; and you will know that the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has sent me to you.

(10) Because who has despised the day of small things? because they will rejoice, and will see the plumb line^e in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, which run back and forth through the whole earth.

(11) Then I answered, and said to Him, What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon its left *side*?

(12) And I asked again, and asked Him, What *are these* two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves?

(13) And He answered me and said, **Do you not know what these *are*?** And I said, No, my Lord.

4:7c – grace – undeserved favor

4:9d - this house - i.e. the temple

4:10e - plummet - plumb line used to measure how straight up and down something is

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(14) Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Chapter 5

(1) Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, 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 ten cubits.

(3) Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.

(4) I will bring it forth, saith the LORD 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 remain 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* an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This *is* their resemblance through all the earth.

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(14) Then He said, These *are* the two anointed ones, who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.^f

Chapter 5

(1) Then I turned, and lifted up my eyes, and looked, and saw a flying scroll.

(2) And He said to me, **What do you see?** And I answered, I see a flying scroll; its length *is* twenty cubits {about 30 ft.; 9.2 m.},^a and its width ten cubits {about 15 ft.; 4.6 m.}.^b

(3) Then He said to me, **This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: because according to this side everyone who steals shall be cut off; and according to the other side everyone who swears shall be cut off.**

(4) I will bring it forth, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him who swears falsely by My Name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with its timbers and its stones.

(5) Then the Angel Who talked with me went forth, and said to me, **Lift up now your eyes, and see what this is that goes forth.**

(6) And I said, What *is* it? And He said, **This is an ephah** {a container that holds about 6 gal.; 22 L.}^c that goes forth. Furthermore He said, **This is what they represent through all the earth.**

4:14f- Rev. 11:1-7

5:2a - 20 cubits - about 30 feet - about 9.2 meters

5:2b - 10 cubits - about 15 feet - about 4.6 meters

5:6c - ephah - 22 liters - 24 quarts - 6 gallons - 3 pecks - a container that holds this amount

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(7) And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

(8) And he said, This *is* wickedness. And he cast it 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 looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the 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 it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

Chapter 6

(1) And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

(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 grisled and bay horses.

(4) Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

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(7) And, look, there was lifted up a talent of lead: {about 75.6 lbs; 34.3 kg.}^d and this is a woman who sits in the midst of the ephah {container}.

(8) And He said, This *is* wickedness. And He cast it into the midst of the ephah {a container that holds about 6 gal.; 22 L.}; and He cast the weight of lead upon its mouth.

(9) Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; because they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah {container} between the earth and the heaven.

(10) Then I asked the Angel Who talked with me, Where are these carrying the ephah {container}?

(11) And He said to me, To build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon its own base.

Chapter 6

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

(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 gray-speckled and red horses.^a

(4) Then I answered and asked the Angel Who talked with me, What *are* these, my Lord?

5:7d - talent - 75.6 lbs - 34.3 kilograms
- see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)
6:3a - Zech. 18

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(5) And the angel answered and said unto 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 forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.
(7) And the bay 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 upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.
(9) And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
(10) Take of *them of* the captivity, *even of* Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;
(11) Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

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(5) And the Angel 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* in it go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the gray-speckled go forth towards the south country.
(7) And the red went forth, and sought to go that they might walk back and forth through the earth: and He said, Go from here, walk back and forth through the earth. So they walked back and forth through the earth.
(8) Then He cried to me, and spoke to me, saying, *Indeed*, these who go toward the north country have quieted My Spirit in the north country.
(9) And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
(10) Take of *those of* the captivity, *even of* Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon, and you come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;
(11) Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

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(12) And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

(13) Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, 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 the LORD.

(15) And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

King James Paraphrase

(12) And speak to him, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, says, Indeed the Man Whose Name is The BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(13) Even He shall build the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}; and He shall bear the glory, 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 the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) And those *who are* far off will come and build in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}, and you will know that the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has sent me to you. And *this* will come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

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Chapter 7

(1) And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu;
 (2) When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,
 (3) *And* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD 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 the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,
 (5) Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, *even* those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me?

Chapter 7

(1) And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius {3607 A.H./C-435 B.C.},^{a*} *that* the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu {9/4/3607 A.H.} {[Nov.-Dec.]};^b
 (2) *When they had sent to the house {temple} of God Sherezzer and Regemmelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD {Jehovah},*
 (3) *And* to speak to the priests who *were* in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and to the prophets, saying, *Should I weep in the fifth month {Ab [Jul.-Aug.]}^c, separating Myself, as I have done these so many years?*
 (4) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} came to me, saying,
 (5) Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, *When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month {Ab [Jul.-Aug.]} and seventh month {Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]}^d, *even* those seventy years,^e did you at all fast to Me, *even* to Me?*

7:1a - 4th year of king Darius - 2 years before the temple will be completed, 17 years after Cyrus' decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem

7:1b - ninth month - Kislev (November-December) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

7:3c - fifth month - Ab - (July-August) - according to Jewish tradition, both Solomon's temple and Herod's temple were destroyed on the 9th day of the fifth month - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

7:5d - seventh month - Tishri (September-October)

7:5e - seventy years - i.e. the seventy years of Babylonian captivity and destruction of the temple - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

[*3607 A.H./C-435 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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(6) And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?

(7) *Should ye* not *hear* the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the south and the plain?

(8) And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

(9) Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

(10) And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

(11) But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

(12) Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

King James Paraphrase

(6) And when you ate, and when you drank, did you not eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?

(7) *Should you* not *hear* the words which the LORD {Jehovah} has cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited {lived in} and in prosperity, and its cities all around her, when *men* lived in the south and the plain?

(8) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Zechariah, saying,

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says, saying, Let everyone execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion to his brother:

(10) And do not oppress the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

(11) But they refused to listen, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

(12) Yes, they made their hearts *as* a hardened stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has sent in His Spirit by the former prophets: therefore a great wrath {anger; judgment} came from the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

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(13) Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

(14) But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Chapter 8

(1) Again the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me*, saying,

(2) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

(3) Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

(4) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

(5) And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

King James Paraphrase

(13) Therefore it has come to pass, *that* as He cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}:

(14) But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they did not know. And so the land became desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: because they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Chapter 8

(1) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} came *to me*, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

(3) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; I have returned to Zion, and will live in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} the holy mountain.

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; There will yet live old men and old women in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand because of old age.

(5) And the streets of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

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(6) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

(7) Thus saith the LORD 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 the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

(10) For before these 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 affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

(11) But now I *will not be* unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

King James Paraphrase

(6) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in My eyes? says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(7) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Indeed, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country;

(8) And I will bring them, and they shall live in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

(9) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, who *were* in the day *that* the foundation of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} was laid, that the temple might be built.

(10) Because before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him who went out or came in because of the affliction: because I set all men everyone against his neighbor.

(11) But now I *will not be* to the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

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(12) For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, 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 come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen, 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 the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:

(15) So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.

(16) These *are* the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

(17) And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

(18) And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

King James Paraphrase

(12) Because the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine will give her fruit, and the ground will give her increase, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

(13) And it will come to pass, *that* as you were a curse among the heathen {ungodly nations}, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so I will save you, and you will be a blessing: do not fear, *but* let your hands be strong.

(14) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; As I thought to punish you, when your forefathers provoked Me to wrath {anger; judgment}, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and I did not repent:

(15) So again I have thought in these days to do well to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: do not fear.

(16) These *are* the things that you shall do; Let every man speak the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

(17) And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: because all these *are things* that I hate, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} came to me, saying,

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(19) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

(20) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

(21) And the inhabitants of one *city* shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

(22) Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

(23) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even 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*.

King James Paraphrase

(19) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; The fast of the fourth *month* {Tammuz [Jun.-Jul.]},^a and the fast of the fifth *month* {Ab [Jul.-Aug.]},^b and the fast of the seventh *month* {Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]},^c and the fast of the tenth *month* {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]},^d shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

(20) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; *It will yet come to pass*, that there will come people, and those who live in many cities:

(21) And those who live in one *city* will go to another, saying, Let us quickly go to pray before the LORD {Jehovah}, and to seek the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}: I will go also.

(22) Yes, many people and strong nations will come to seek the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(23) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; In those days *it will come to pass*, that ten men will take hold out of all languages of the nations, even will take hold of the clothes of him who is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: because we have heard *that God is with you*.

8:19a - fourth month - Tammuz (June-July) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

8:19b - fifth month - Ab (July-August) - month temple was destroyed

8:19c - seventh month - Tishri (September-October)

8:19d - tenth month - Tebeth (December-January)

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Chapter 9

(1) The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD.

(2) And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.

(3) And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

(4) Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

(5) Ashkelon shall see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

(6) And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will 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: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

Chapter 9

(1) The vision of the word of the LORD {Jehovah} in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus *will be* its rest; when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *will be* towards the LORD {Jehovah}.

(2) And Hamath also will border by it; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it is very wise.

(3) And Tyrus built herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire {mud} of the streets.

(4) Indeed, the Lord will cast her out, and He will strike her power in the sea; and she shall be burned up with fire.

(5) Ashkelon will see *it*, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; because her expectation will be ashamed; and the king will perish from Gaza, and no one will live in Ashkelon.

(6) And an illegitimate child will live in Ashdod, and I will 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: but he who remains, even he, *will be* for our God, and he will be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

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(8) And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor 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 having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and 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 heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

(11) As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

(12) Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee;

(13) When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

(14) And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

King James Paraphrase

(8) And I will encamp around My house {temple} because of the army, because of him who passes by, and because of him who returns: and no oppressor will pass through them any more: because now I have seen with My eyes.

(9) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: Look, your King comes to you: He *is* just, and having salvation; humble, and riding upon a donkey; upon a colt the foal of a donkey.^a

(10) And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be cut off: and He will speak peace to the heathen {ungodly nations}: and His Kingdom *will be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

(11) As for you also, by the blood of your covenant I have sent forth your prisoners out of the pit in which there *is* no water.

(12) Turn to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope: even today I do declare *that* I will pay double to you;

(13) When I have bent Judah for Myself, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you as the sword of a mighty man.

(14) And the LORD {Jehovah} will be seen over them, and His arrow will go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD {Jehovah} will blow the trumpet, and will go with whirlwinds of the south.

9:9a - Mat. 21:5; John 12:15

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(15) The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

(16) And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

(17) For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Chapter 10

(1) Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

(2) For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.

(3) Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

King James Paraphrase

(15) The LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} will defend them; and they will devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they will drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they will be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

(16) And the LORD {Jehovah} their God will save them in that day as the flock of His people: because they *will be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as a banner {flag} upon His land.

(17) Because how great His goodness *is*, and how great His beauty *is*! corn will make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Chapter 10

(1) Ask of the LORD {Jehovah} rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD {Jehovah} will make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.

(2) Because the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.

(3) My anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: because the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} has visited His flock the house of Judah, and has made them as His good horse in the battle.

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(4) Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

(5) And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *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 bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.

(7) And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

(8) I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed 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 again.

(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.

King James Paraphrase

(4) Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

(5) And they will be as mighty *men*, who tread down *their enemies* in the mire {mud} of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD {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 bring them again to place them; because I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: because I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and will hear them.

(7) And *those of* Ephraim will be like a mighty *man*, and their hearts will rejoice as through wine: yes, their children will see *it*, and be glad; their hearts will rejoice in the LORD {Jehovah}.

(8) I will whistle for them, and gather them; because I have redeemed them: and they will increase as they have increased.

(9) And I will sow them among the people: and they will remember Me in far countries; and they will live with their children, and 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* will not be found for them.

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(11) And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

(12) And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

Chapter 11

(1) Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

(2) Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

(3) *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

(4) Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

(5) Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed *be* the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

(6) For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour'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*.

King James Paraphrase

(11) And He will pass through the sea with affliction, and will strike the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river will dry up: and the pride of Assyria will be brought down, and the sceptre {kingdom} of Egypt will depart away.

(12) And I will strengthen them in the LORD {Jehovah}; and they will walk up and down in His Name, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 11

(1) Open your doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour your cedars.

(2) Howl, fir tree; because the cedar has fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O you oaks of Bashan; because the forest of the vintage has come down.

(3) *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; because their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; because the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

(4) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} my God says; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

(5) Whose possessors kill them, and do not hold themselves guilty: and those who sell them say, Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah}; because I am rich: and their own shepherds do not pity them.

(6) Because I will no more pity those who live in the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}: but, indeed, I will deliver every man into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they will strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(7) And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.

(8) Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

(9) Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

(10) And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

(11) And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

(12) And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.

(13) And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

(14) Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

King James Paraphrase

(7) And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took to Myself two clubs; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock.

(8) Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and My soul hated them, and their souls also hated Me.

(9) Then I said, I will not feed you: let that which dies, let it die; and let that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let all the rest eat the flesh of another.

(10) And I took My staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it away, that I might break My covenant which I had made with all the people.

(11) And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon Me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(12) And I said to them, If you think clearly, give *Me* My price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for My price thirty *pieces* of silver.^a

(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Cast it to the potter: a goodly price that I was valued by them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.^b

(14) Then I cut my other staff in pieces, *even* Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

11:12a - Mat. 26:15; 27:3; 27:9; Ex. 21:32 – see note on Hos. 3:2

11:13b – Mat. 27:5-8

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(15) And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

(16) For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

(17) Woe to the idol 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.

Chapter 12

(1) The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

(2) Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

(3) And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

King James Paraphrase

(15) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to me, Take to yourself the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

(16) Because, indeed, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *who* will not visit those who are cut off, neither will seek the young one, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which stands still: but he will eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

(17) Woe to the idol shepherd who leaves the flock! the sword *will be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm will be completely dried up, and his right eye will be completely darkened.

Chapter 12

(1) The vision of the word of the LORD {Jehovah} for Israel, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Who stretches forth the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.

(2) Indeed, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the people all around, when they will be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

(3) And in that day^a I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all who burden themselves with it will be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth will be gathered together against it.

12:3a – in that day – Rev. 16:19; Rom. 9:11

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(4) In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite 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 the LORD of hosts their God.

(6) In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

(7) The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

(8) In that day shall the LORD 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 the LORD 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.

King James Paraphrase

(4) In that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will strike every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: 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 will say in their hearts, Those who live in Jerusalem *will be* my strength in the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} their God.

(6) In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they will devour all the people all around, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem will be lived in again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

(7) The LORD {Jehovah} also will save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of those who live in Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

(8) In that day the LORD {Jehovah} will defend those who live in Jerusalem; and he who is feeble among them at that day will be as David; and the house of David *will be* as God, as the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} before them.

(9) And it will come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

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King James 1769 Version

(10) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me 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 *his* firstborn.

(11) In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon 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 Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

(14) All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

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 come to pass in that day, saith the LORD 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.

King James Paraphrase

(10) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon those who live in Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of requests: and they will look upon Me whom they have pierced,^b and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and will be in bitterness for Him, as one who is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

(11) In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Mageddon.

(12) And the land will 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 Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

(14) All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Chapter 13

(1) In that day^a there shall be a Fountain opened to the house of David and to those who live in Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

(2) And it will come to pass in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, *that* I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they will be remembered no more: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

12:10b – Matt. 27:25-26

13:1a – in that day – Armageddon – Second Coming – Rev. 16:19; Rom. 9:11

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(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 the LORD: 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 hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive:

(5) But he shall say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

(6) And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

(7) Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

(8) And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left therein.

King James Paraphrase

(3) And it will come to pass, *that* when any will yet prophesy, then his father and his mother who gave birth to him will say to him, You shall not live; because you speak lies in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah}: and his father and mother who gave birth to him will thrust him through {kill him with a sword} when he prophesies.

(4) And it will come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets will be ashamed everyone of his vision, when he has prophesied; neither will they wear rough clothes to deceive:

(5) But he will say, I *am* no prophet, I *am* a husbandman {farmer; rancher}; because man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

(6) And *one* will say to him, What *are* these wounds in your hands? Then he will answer, I was wounded with *these* *in* the house of my friends.

(7) Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man *Who is* My Fellow, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}: strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered:^a and I will turn My hand upon the little ones.

(8) And it will come to pass, *that* in all the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}, two parts in it will be cut off *and* die; but the third will be left in it.

13:7a – Mat. 26:31

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(9) And I will bring the third part 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 hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Chapter 14

(1) Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and 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 the LORD 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 cleave 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.

King James Paraphrase

(9) And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they will call on My Name, and I will hear them: I will say, These *are* My people: and they will say, The LORD {Jehovah} is my God.

Chapter 14

(1) Indeed, the day of the LORD {Jehovah} is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst.

(2) Because I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city will be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city will go forth into captivity, and the remnant of the people will not be cut off from the city.

(3) Then the LORD {Jehovah} will go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.

(4) And His feet will stand in that day upon the mount of Olives,^a which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives will split in its midst towards the east and towards the west, *and there will be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain will move towards the north, and half of it towards the south.

14:4a – mount of Olives – Acts 1:11-12

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(5) And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.

(6) And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark:

(7) But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.

(8) And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

(9) And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

(10) All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

(11) And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

King James Paraphrase

(5) And you will flee *to* the valley of the mountains; because the valley of the mountains will reach to Azal: yes, you will flee, as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD {Jehovah} my God will come, *and* all the saints with you.

(6) And it will come to pass in that day, *that* the light will not be clear, *nor* dark:

(7) But it will be one day which will be known to the LORD {Jehovah}, not day, nor night: but it will come to pass, *that* at evening time it will be light.

(8) And it will be in that day, *that* living waters will go out from Jerusalem; half of them towards the eastern {Dead} Sea,^b and half of them towards the western {Mediterranean} Sea:^c in summer and in winter it will be.

(9) And the LORD {Jehovah} will be King over all the earth: in that day there will be one LORD {Jehovah}, and His Name one.

(10) All the land will be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it will be lifted up, and lived in 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 wine-presses.

(11) And *men* will live in it, and there will be no more complete destruction; but Jerusalem will be safely lived in.

14:8b - eastern sea - Dead Sea

14:8c - western sea - Mediterranean Sea – Ezek. 47:10; Jn. 7:38; Rev. 22:1

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(12) And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

(13) And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

(14) And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen 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 these tents, as this plague.

(16) And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

(17) And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

King James Paraphrase

(12) And this will be the plague with which the LORD {Jehovah} will strike all the people who have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh will consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes will consume away in their holes, and their tongue will consume away in their mouth.

(13) And it will come to pass in that day, *that* a great tumult from the LORD {Jehovah} will be among them; and they will lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

(14) And Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen {ungodly nations} all around will be gathered together, gold, and silver, and clothing, in great abundance.

(15) And so shall the plague of the horse be, of the mule, of the camel, and of the donkey, and of all the beasts that will be in these tents, as this plague.

(16) And it will come to pass, *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem will even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.^d

(17) And it will be, *that* whoever will not come up of *all* the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, even upon them there will be no rain.

14:16d – Feast of Tabernacles – Lev. 23:34

{38} Zechariah

King James 1769 Version

(18) And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

(19) This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

(20) In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

(21) Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

King James Paraphrase

(18) And if the family of Egypt does not go up, and does not come, who *has* no rain; there will be the plague, with which the LORD {Jehovah} will strike the heathen {ungodly nations} who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(19) This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

(20) In that day there will be *inscribed* upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS TO THE LORD {Jehovah}; and the pots in the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple} will be like the bowls before the altar.

(21) Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holiness to the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}; and all those who sacrifice will come and take of them, and boil in them: and in that day the Canaanite will no more be in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

