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**“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About...**

THE BOOK OF  
**ZECHARIAH**

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**Online Bible Study**

## I. BASIC DETAILS ABOUT THE BOOK

1. Zechariah means **“Yahweh Remembers”** or **“Yahwah has remembered”**
2. 38<sup>th</sup> book of the Bible; 16<sup>th</sup> of 17 books of prophecy (Isaiah – Malachi); 11<sup>th</sup> of the 12 minor prophets (Hosea – Malachi). 14 chapters, 211 verses, 6,444 words.
3. Should read the book of Zechariah along with the books of Haggai and Malachi.
4. 30 Old Testament people with the same name.
  - Zechariah the minor prophet
  - Saul’s uncle – 1 Chron. 8:31; 9:37
  - Meshelemiah’s oldest son – 1 Chron. 9:21; 26:2, 14
  - A harp player – 1 Chron. 15:18, 20; 16:5
  - A priest who was permitted to blow the trumpet – 1 Chron. 15:24
  - A Levitical priest in David’s service – 1 Chron. 24:25
  - A son of Hosah – 1 Chron. 26:11
  - A member of the half tribe of Manasseh – 1 Chron. 27:21
  - A princely leader of Judah – 2 Chron. 17:7
  - Father of Jahaziel – 2 Chron. 20:14
  - One of Jehoshat’s sons who was killed by his brother – 2 Chron. 21:2
  - Fearless son of the priest, Jehoiada – 2 Chron. 24:20; Matthew 23:35
  - Ad advisor to King Uzziah – 2 Chron. 26:5
  - A son of King Jeroboam II. Killed after ruling only 6 months – 2 Kings 14:29; 15:8, 11
  - Son of Jeberechiah – Isaiah 8:2
  - King Hezekiah’s maternal grandfather – 2 Kings 18:2
  - A Levite, descendant of Asaph – 2 Chron. 29:13
  - A relative of Beerah and a clan chief of the tribe of Reuben – 1 Chron. 5:7
  - Of the Kohath family – 2 Chron. 34:12
  - Second in command at the temple in Josiah’s time – 2 Chron. 35:8
  - A friend of Ezra – Ezra 8:3
  - Of the family of Bebai – Ezra 8:11
  - A distinguished leader of the Jewish community – Ezra 8:16
  - A member of the family of Elam – Ezra 10:26
  - Stood at Ezra’s left when Ezra read the law – Nehemiah 8:4
  - Son of Amariah, ancestor of Athaiah – Nehemiah 11:4
  - Descendant of Shelah – Nehemiah 11:5

- A priest, son of Pashur – Nehemiah 11:12
- Another descendant of Asaph – Nehemiah 12:35; 12:41?

**None of these are the same as the Zechariah in the New Testament, the father of John the Baptist – Luke 1; 3:1**



## What is it?

- Comes from Greek word apokalupto meaning “to reveal.” Uses symbolic language and imagery to reveal God’s mysterious plans.
- Characteristics
  - Expects inbreaking of God to the present age to usher in a different age.
  - Uses angelic mediators to convey message
  - Often a human recipient of msg will “journey” to the heavenly realms
  - High symbolic visions and dreams
  - Visions of final, divine judgment and warnings
  - Encouragement to persevere through suffering

# *Zechariah & Revelation Are Apocalyptic Books!*

## II. MAJOR THEMES OF ZECHARIAH



### **What needed to be finished? The Temple**

The first 8 chapters of Zechariah were written to encourage the people while they were rebuilding the Temple.



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### **The Plan is revealed through:**

- 8 visions
- 1. 1:7-17
- 2. 1:18-21

3. 2:1-13
4. 3:1-10
5. 4:1-14
6. 5:1-4
7. 5:5-11
8. 6:1-8

**The final 6 chapters of Zechariah were written after the completion of the Temple and anticipate Israel's coming Messiah.**

## Messianic Prophecies in ZECHARIAH

The prophet Zechariah prophesies about the final week of Christ's ministry

**He will enter Jerusalem on a donkey**  
*9:9 (fulfilled in Matt. 21:1-5)*

**He will be sold for thirty pieces of silver, which are later used to buy a potter's field**  
*11:12-13 (fulfilled in Matt. 26:15; 27:7)*

**He will be pierced**  
*12:10 (fulfilled in John 19:34-37)*

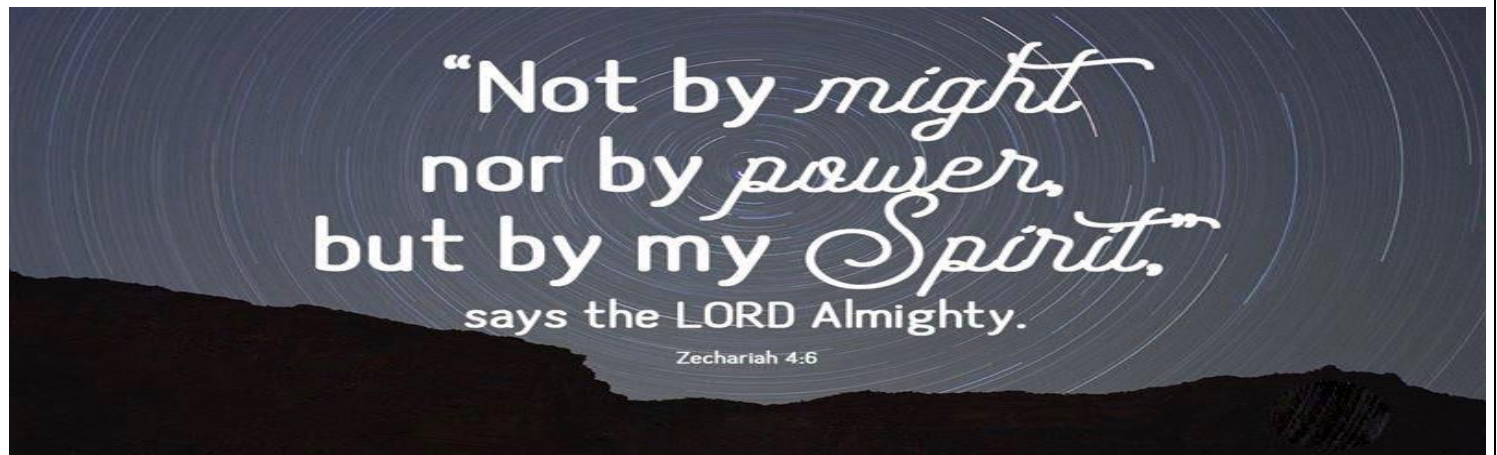
**His disciples will forsake him**  
*13:7 (fulfilled in Matt. 26:31,56)*

Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - [www.thequickviewbible.com](http://www.thequickviewbible.com)

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. – 9:9-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup> "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." – Matthew 21:1-11

### III. WHY CONTEXT IS SO IMPORTANT



Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like someone awakened from sleep. <sup>2</sup> He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. <sup>3</sup> Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." <sup>4</sup> I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" <sup>5</sup> He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied. <sup>6</sup> So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to

Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. <sup>7</sup> "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>9</sup> "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. <sup>10</sup> "Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?"

#### **IV. BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO ON ZECHARIAH**

#### **V. NEXT WEEK: READ MALACHI**

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