

# RESOURCES

*Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi* - Eugene H. Merrill

*Rose Guide to End-Times Prophecy* - Timothy Paul Jones

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# THROUGH THE BIBLE

with Pastor Troy Warner

## MY NOTES

# ZECHARIAH

The people of God finally returned to Israel, and the young prophet ministered to Judah in the Promised Land. A contemporary to Haggai, Zechariah reminded the Jews of God's coming restoration. He encouraged Israel to continue in their rebuilding of the Temple, and to not grow weary of doing God's will in this way. The Temple was soon after completed. Though the Lord judged Judah for their sin through the Babylonian captivity, Zechariah reminded Israel of God's covenant with them, especially of their ultimate deliverance in the Day of the Lord. The Lord's promises assured the newly restored nation of God's faithfulness to them.

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# ABOUT ZECHARIAH



**Author:** Zechariah

**Date:** ca. 500-480 BC

**Genre:** Prophecy

**Purpose:** To exhort the people of Israel to repent of apathy, to call them to action in rebuilding the Temple, and to encourage Israel about the future reign of the Lord.

**Characteristics:** Several prophetic visions, apocalyptic literature, and exhortative addresses.

# OUTLINE

- I. Call to Repentance (1:1-6)
- II. Visions in the Night(1:7-6:8)
  - A. The Rider on the Red Horse (1:7-17)
  - B. The Four Horns and Four Blacksmiths (1:18-21)
  - C. The Man with the Measuring Line (2:1-13)
  - D. The Clothing of Joshua the High Priest (3:1-10)
  - E. The Golden Lampstand and Two Olive Trees (4:1-14)
  - F. The Flying Scroll (5:1-4)
  - G. The Woman in the Basket (5:5-11)
  - H. The Four Chariots (6:1-8)
- III. Joshua the High Priest (6:9-15)
- IV. Questions About Fasting (7:1-14)
- V. Israel's Bright Future (8:1-23)
- VI. The Nations and the Messiah (9:1-14:21)
  - A. Messiah's First Advent and Rejection (9:1-11:17)
  - B. Messiah's Second Advent and Acceptance (12:1-14:21)

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# QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- 1.) The book of Zechariah is full of prophecies that were fulfilled at the Messiah's first coming, yet some will be fulfilled in Christ's second coming. What is our instruction from Scripture as we wait expectantly for His return?
- 2.) The Lord repeatedly encourages Israel that He will cleanse and restore them, even though their sin had to be judged. How has God revealed this same mercy to us?
- 3.) God declared through the prophet Zechariah that He will at long last deliver Israel. How will God's promised restoration of Israel be completed in the Day of the Lord?

# THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS IN ZECHARIAH

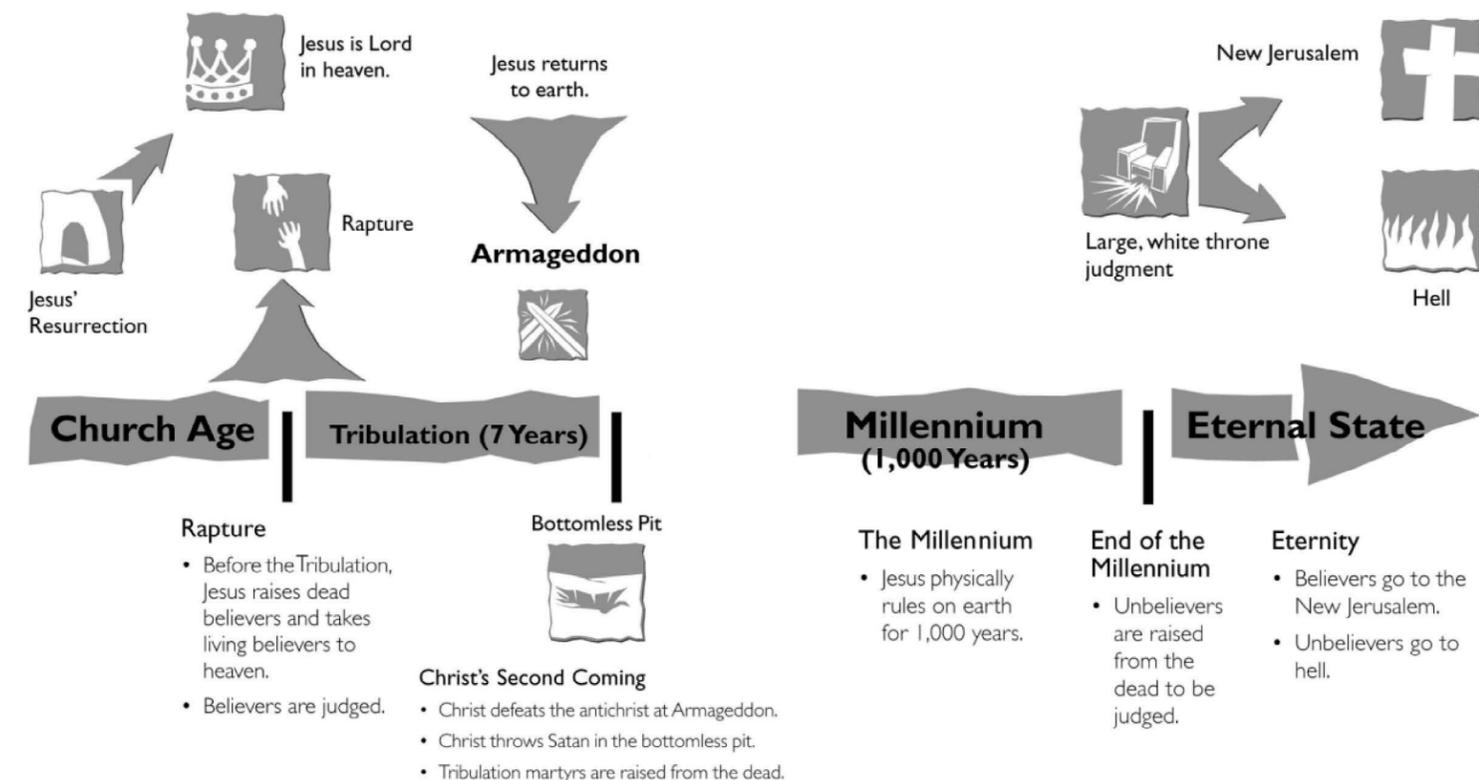
## Predicting Jesus

Writing 500 years before Jesus, Zechariah makes astonishingly accurate predictions about Jesus' life and ministry. New Testament writers took notice and declared that Jesus fulfilled those prophecies. Here are three of the more obvious prophecies about Jesus.

ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY	NT FULFILLMENT
<p><b>Donkey Rider</b></p> <p>"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey." - <i>Zechariah 9:9</i></p>	<p><b>Jesus rides upon a donkey during the Triumphal entry.</b></p> <p>"They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road." - <i>Matthew 21:7-8</i></p>
<p><b>Sold for 30 Pieces of Silver</b></p> <p>"And the Lord said to me, 'Throw it to the potter' -- that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter." - <i>Zechariah 11:13</i></p>	<p><b>Judas betrays Jesus for thirty pieces of silver; and the silver is used to purchase a potter's field.</b></p> <p>"Then one of the twelve, Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?' And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver." - <i>Matthew 26:14-15</i></p> <p>"And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in." - <i>Matthew 27:7</i></p>
<p><b>Scattering the Sheep</b></p> <p>"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,' says the Lord of hosts. 'Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered'" - <i>Zechariah 13:7</i></p>	<p><b>Jesus tells the disciples they'll desert Him.</b></p> <p>"Then Jesus said to them, 'All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night'" - <i>Matthew 26:31</i></p> <p>"But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled." - <i>Matthew 26:56</i></p>

Adapted from The Complete Guide to the Bible

# END TIMES: THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS



# Through the Bible – Zechariah

## *The Order of Events in the Day of the Lord*

### *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ*

A time is coming when Christ will physically set foot on this planet again, coming to establish His millennial kingdom on earth (Luke 21:25-26; Revelation 1:7-8) – the date or time we do not know. Zechariah prophesies of both the first and second coming of Christ in his addresses to Israel. Of the second return of Christ, he says, “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle, and in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west” (Zechariah 14:3-4a). Jesus will come back to the earth as a King fit for battle, administering justice and wrath to the kings and armies of the world who will gather to engage Him in war.

When we consider the second coming of Christ, we must take into consideration the entire timeline of eschatology. What are the events in the days leading to Jesus’ return, and what is meant by the phrase “the second coming of Christ?” Several key markers through Scripture establish for us the second coming of Christ and set forward the order of events:

1.) *The Rapture of the Church* – The first event to happen in the end times is the rapture of the Church from the earth. The Bible teaches us that believers in the age of the Church will be caught up in the air, or raptured, to meet the Lord in the air. During the rapture, those who have died in Christ will be resurrected, and those who are alive at the time Jesus calls believers home with the trumpet shout will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:15-18). Christ’s return for His bride is imminent, so there is nothing that must occur before He comes back for us in the Rapture. It could be today, but He may also tarry for years. The imminent return of Jesus (1 Thess. 5:2) is what we are to be looking for as believers, and it is a distinct event from what we term the second coming of Christ. In fact, this is how the early believers regarded Christ’s arrival for the Church (James 5:9; Philippians 4:5; 1 Peter 4:7; Revelation 3:11).

2.) *The 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel* – Daniel prophesied about the Day of the Lord, laying out the one of the most specific timeline of events we have in the Bible. To summarize, the Lord reveals to Daniel in Daniel 9:25-27 a period of seventy sevens, or “weeks” as we commonly refer to them. Each week represents a 7-year period. God reveals to Daniel the timeline for the restoration of Jerusalem would be 70 weeks, or 490 years (separated into three segments). The clock of 490 years began ticking with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem from Artaxerxes (Ezra 1:1-11; Daniel 9:25). The first of three sections, a seven-week (49-year) period, would pass until the completion of Jerusalem’s rebuilding. Upon Jerusalem’s complete rebuilding, the period of 62 weeks (434 years) would start (Daniel 9:25-26), and would culminate with the Messiah being cut off. This period of 434 years ended during the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. So this leaves 69 weeks having been completed. Where is the 70<sup>th</sup> week, or last 7-year period being fulfilled?

During the Tribulation (Revelation 6-19), the Antichrist will sign a covenant of peace with the people of Israel, which will inaugurate the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel.

*3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ* – The Tribulation period will be the outpouring of God’s wrath upon the earth and the inhabitants who reject Him and follow the Antichrist. The Antichrist and forces of evil will wage war against the Tribulation saints, and will force the people of the world to worship him. Those who refuse will be persecuted, and the Antichrist will prevail against many of them (Daniel 7:21). At the conclusion of the Tribulation, through the vial judgments that the Lord brings upon the earth, the Lord prepares the kings of the earth for the Battle of the Lord Almighty, commonly known as the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:13-21). Finally, the Lord will return to the earth – the second coming of Christ! – to establish His rule and reign upon the earth. John records this magnificent sight:

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Revelation 19:11-15**

In His second coming, Jesus defeats kings and armies that gather against Him in battle. He will capture the beast and the false prophet and cast them into the lake of fire, and the rest in opposition will be “killed with the sword which proceed[s] from the mouth of Him who [sits] on the horse” (Revelation 19:19-21). From this point forward, Satan is bound 1,000 years, and Jesus and the saints with Him reign upon the earth for a millennium. After the millennium, the Great White Throne judgment occurs, where Satan and all who reject the Messiah are eternally cast into judgment in hell, and the new heaven, earth, and Jerusalem are revealed.

*Looking Forward*

As we long expectantly for the return of Christ in the Church age, we look forward to the day when we will go to be with the Lord in the rapture. According to the testimony of Scripture, we also look forward to the day when we return with Christ at His second coming, to rule on the earth with Him for His millennial reign. Until that Day, we wait with hopeful expectation for the imminent return of Jesus for His bride, “and everyone who has this hope in Him purifies Himself, just as He is pure” (1 John 3:3). Our part is to live faithfully in service to Christ and eagerly await our trumpet shout to go home where “we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2). After the Great Tribulation, we will return to earth with the Lord as He establishes the millennial kingdom.