

Old Testament PowerPoint presentation

Zechariah

Suggested Bible Reading: Zechariah Chapter 13

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– The key phrase - ‡ “The LORD of Hosts” is found 53 times in the book (N.K.J.Version), which points to the book’s basic message of God’s Power being employed on behalf of His people. ‡ to open →

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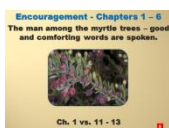
– Some background information. ‡ Zechariah has been known as the Prophet of Hope. ‡ He was contemporary with Haggai. See Ezra chapter 5. ‡ He prophesied about 520BC, in the reign of King Darius. ‡ His prophecy deals with the return of the people of Judah to their own land from 70 years exile in Babylon. This was foretold by Jeremiah (Chapter 25 & 29). The people return to their homeland under the leadership of Zerubabel and Ezra, Nehemiah coming later to repair the walls of Jerusalem. ‡ Much of his prophecy is in symbolic form. ‡ Like Haggai, Zechariah’s message was one of encouragement. ‡ to open →

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– Chapters 1-6 are times of encouragement. The Temple will be ‡ rebuilt in Jerusalem. Chapter 1 vs.16. ‡ to open →

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– Encouragement – the man among the myrtle trees. Chapter 1: 8-13.

‡ Speaking good and comforting words. Note: the Myrtle tree has white flowers and purple fruit. The Myrtle tree is an insect repellent; connected to the feast of Tabernacles (Nehemiah 8: 15). Myrtle's fruits and leaves are used in the cosmetics and medical industries. The plant has been mentioned as an antiseptic and connected to treatments for dysentery, eye diseases, headaches and more. In the past, it was even used to produce a soap called *barda*. Today, it is marketed under



the commercial name Myrtol for the treatment of respiratory illnesses. Myrtle itself has the advantages of being evergreen, drought-resistant and highly fragrant. Myrtle flowers during the summer months, mainly between May and June. Secondary flowering lasts from summer to October. Flowers are white and fragrant, with five petals and many white stamens. Juicy, dark purple fruits mature in the fall. (Source: Jerusalem Botanic Gardens) ‡ to open →

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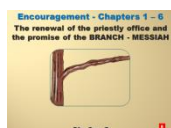
- Horns are cut off – symbolising that ‡ the Gentile nations no longer have power to hurt God's people. Chapter 1: 18-21. ‡ to open →

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– A measuring stick (or line) – ‡ signifies that the rebuilding of Jerusalem is about to begin. Chapter 2: 1. Note that this refers to the rebuilding of the houses and other buildings in Jerusalem. The building of the wall around the city was supervised by Nehemiah at a later date. Meanwhile, God will protect His people – vs.5. ‡ to open →

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-- There will be the renewal of the Priestly office, ‡ and the promise of the Branch = the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. Chapter 3: 8. ‡ to open →

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– The candlestick and the oil from the olive branches. ‡ Chapter 4: 1-6. Reminds us of the constant supply of the Spirit of God to His people. Verse 6. ‡ to open →

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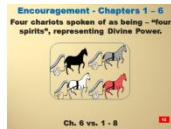
- The flying scroll - ‡ God's word of judgement on the earth. Chapter 5: 1-4. ‡ to open →

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– The container of an ephah of wheat - ‡ a picture of wickedness being judged. Chapter 5: 5-11. ‡ to open →

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- The four chariots with different coloured horses ‡ - they are spoken of as being the four spirits of heaven. Chapter 6: 5. they tell of Divine Power. ‡ to open →

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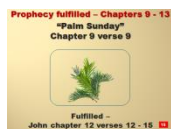
- The word of the LORD came to Zechariah – chapter 7. ‡ Obedience is better than fasting. vs.1-7, ‡ Disobedience resulted in the Captivity. vs.8-14. Note: God is reiterating (emphasising) to Zechariah, past history and underlines clearly the reasons for the Captivity and dispersion. ‡ to open →

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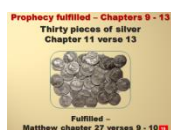
- The word of the LORD came to Zechariah – chapter 8. ‡ God is jealous for His people. vs.1-2. ‡ there is anticipation of what God will do for His restored and returned people. vs.3-23. ‡ to open →

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- Prophecy fulfilled – chapters 9-13. ‡ “Palm Sunday” (explain) – chapter 9: 9. Fulfilled in John chapter 12: 13-15. ‡ to open →

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- Prophecy fulfilled – chapters 9-13. ‡ Thirty pieces of silver (explain) – chapter 11: 13. Fulfilled in Matthew chapter 27: 9-10. ‡ to open →

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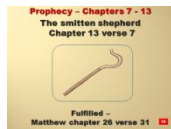
- Prophecy fulfilled – chapters 9-13. ‡ Wounds which Christ received while on the Cross – the spear (explain) – chapter 12: 10. Fulfilled in John chapter 19: 34, 37. ‡ to open →

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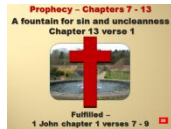
- Prophecy fulfilled – chapters 9-13. ‡ Wounds on the Cross – the nails (explain) – chapter 13: 6. Fulfilled in John chapter 20: 25. ‡ to open →

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– Prophecy fulfilled – chapters 9-13. ‡ The smitten shepherd (explain) – chapter 13: 7. Fulfilled in Matthew 26: 31. ‡ to open →

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– Prophecy fulfilled – chapters 9-13. ‡ A fountain for sin and uncleanness (explain) – chapter 13: 1. Fulfilled in 1 John 1: 7-9. The Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ is where our sin and uncleanness have been dealt with. ‡ to open →

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– A glorious climax – chapter 14. ‡ The Lord's return – vs.4, ‡ the Lord's reign as King – vs.9, ‡ the Lord's Sovereignty – vs.16-17, and ‡ the Lord's Holiness – vs.21-22. ‡ He will reign for ever and ever! (Revelation 5: 13) ‡

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