

Zechariah

(3) The First and Second Vision

The First Vision continues...1:7-17

What does Christ ask of the Father (Lord Almighty)? vs.12

How long will You withhold mercy from Jerusalem/towns of Judah...

What kind of reply was given? vs.13

The Lord spoke to the (intercessory) angel, kind and comforting words. No anger here.

And what was the very important word (which Zechariah was to proclaim)? vs.14 Mt.23:37-39

The Lord Almighty (Father) says, "I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion".

What is the basic issue here? Ps.132:13-18

The Lord has chosen Zion (Jerusalem) as His habitation, forever. See Rev.21:1-4

If the Lord has chosen Zion, why has there always been so much strife there?

Precisely because He has chosen Zion! Satan attempts to destroy, usurp, replace, etc...

What else does the Lord Almighty say? vs.15 see 1:11

He says that He is very angry with the (gentile) nations that feel secure (at peace).

The Babylonians had overrun Jerusalem. Why was He angry with them? vs.15 Is.54:8; Ps.83:2-5

Because they had destroyed way beyond what was appropriate! They added calamity.

What principle is clearly taught here as well as in the NT? Obadiah 1:10-16; Mt.7:1-2

Be very gracious in your judging. You will be judged by your own actions. Sober thoughts.

What does the Lord Almighty now proclaim re Jerusalem? vs.16

I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, rebuild My house, use measuring line (ownership).

And Zechariah is further to proclaim that the Lord Almighty declares what? vs.17

My towns (vs.12) will again overflow w/prosperity. I will again comfort/choose Jerusalem.

Put into a summary, what is absolutely clear from the Lord Almighty?

He is going to restore Jerusalem/temple/people/towns. It all belongs to Him.

While partially fulfilled (Ezra 6:15; Neh.6:15), perfect fulfillment awaits what? Ez.43:5-9

It will be perfectly completed during the Millennial reign of Christ. See Rev.20:6

The Second Vision, details of the First...1:18-21

What does Zechariah now see? 1:18 What do they represent? 1:18 Ps.75:4-5

He sees 4 horns (ram or goat?). Represent the powers of the conquering gentile nations.

What is one of the most likely interpretations of this vision?

Likely Assyria, Egypt, Babylonia, and Medo-Persia since 'scattered' is past tense.

Then what are the four craftsmen representing?

The God appointed means of judging / removing these temporary gentile powers.

What is the summary interpretation of this vision? see Gen.12:3

God will preserve Jerusalem/Zion/Jews. He will judge those who 'curse' them.