

Majoring in the Minors

Week 12 – Zechariah

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The Lord Remembers: Our Hope in the Coming King

I. Introduction – A Book of Hope for a Hurting People

- A. Zechariah's name means "The Lord Remembers"
- B. God's people were discouraged, back from exile, trying to rebuild, feeling forgotten
- C. Zechariah shows them—and us—that God never forgets His promises
- D. More than any other Minor Prophet, Zechariah points us to Jesus—both His first coming in humility and His second coming in glory

II. Overview of Zechariah

- A. Author/Date: Zechariah, a young prophet (possibly a teenager), ministering 520–518 BC
- B. Theme: Return to me, and I will return to you (1:3)
- C. Importance: Over 40 NT quotations; more Messianic prophecies than all the other Minor Prophets combined

III. Structure & Key Sections

- A. A Call to Return (1:1–6)
 - 1. Repentance is the foundation of renewal
 - 2. God promises: Return to me... and I will return to you
- B. Eight Night Visions (1:7–6:8)
 - 1. God's watchful care, cleansing, Spirit-empowered work, judgment on sin
- C. The Branch, Priest-King (6:9–15)
 - 1. Crowning of Joshua foreshadows the Messiah who will be both Priest and King
- D. True Worship & Obedience (Ch 7–8)
 - 1. God desires justice, mercy, and truth, not empty rituals
- E. Prophecies of the Coming King (Ch 9–14)
 - 1. From a humble donkey-ride to the return of the King on the Mount of Olives

IV. Christ in Zechariah

Zechariah paints three pictures of the Messiah that all find fulfillment in Jesus:

- A. The Humble Messiah (Zechariah 9:9)
 - 1. "See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey."
 - 2. Fulfilled in Matthew 21:1–9
 - 3. Jesus came not with military power but meekness and mercy

4. He came to set us free from sin, not Rome
5. Romans 5:8 & 1 John 4:10 - His love displayed in the cross

B. The Suffering Savior (Zechariah 11:12–13; 12:10; 13:6)

1. 30 pieces of silver - Judas' betrayal (Matthew 27)
2. "They will look on me, the one they have pierced."
3. His wounds were given "at the house of my friends."
4. John 15:13 - He laid down His life for His friends

C. The Mighty King (Zechariah 14:1–9)

1. The Lord returns, stands on the Mount of Olives, defeats His enemies
2. Echoed in Revelation 16, 22 and Ezekiel 47 → rivers of life flowing, renewal for all creation
3. "The Lord will be king over the whole earth." (14:9)

V. Take Aways

- A. Philippians 2:5–11 → At the name of Jesus every knee will bow

JESUS IS THE HUMBLE MESSIAH WHO CAME FOR US
THE SUFFERING SAVIOR WHO DIED FOR US
AND THE MIGHTY KING WHO IS COMING AGAIN TO REIGN OVER US

B. How Might We Respond:

1. Return to Him today—repent and renew your trust
2. Rest in Him today—hope in His promises
3. Rejoice in Him today—our Savior-King is coming again