## **Messages and burdens!**


# **God’s Prophet Zechariah**

## **THE INTRODUCTION, 1:1-6**

## **THE 8 NIGHT VISIONS, 1:7-6:8**

##  **THE FOUR MESSAGES, 7:1-8:23**

## **#1 – Don’t fast in remembrance of events but mourn over the sin that caused the events.**


## **#2 – Obedience is better than sacrifice.**


## **#3 – Great blessing is coming and a universal return of Israel to the land.**


## **#4 – In Messiah’s kingdom, days of fasting will be turned into days of joy.**


## **THE TWO BURDENS, 9:1-14:21**

## **FIRST BURDEN: Messiah’s appearances; but He will be rejected.**

## **SECOND BURDEN: A focus on the “Second Coming” of the Messiah. Discusses what will take place in “THAT DAY” (i.e. the day of the Lord). Israel’s repentance, salvation and deliverance.**

## **12:1ff. – The nations of the earth will be judged.**


## **12:10-13:1 – Israel’s sorrow and spiritual restoration.**


## **14:1-4 – Messiah returns to the Mount of Olives.**


## **The question: 518 BC two years later came this:**

## ***Zech 7:1 Now in the fourth year of King Darius it came to pass that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, on the fourth day of the ninth month, Chislev, 2 when the people sent Sherezer, with Regem-Melech and his men, to the house of God, to pray before the LORD,***

## ***3 and to ask the priests who were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and the prophets, saying, “Should I weep in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?”***

## **This is literally the month of AV. The ninth of AV is the second most important “fast day” and month! The first, is Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur.**

## **9th of AV is a date like no other**

## **Spies give Israel a bad report.**


## **First temple destroyed on this day**

## **Second temple was destroyed on it.**

## **City of Betar second Jewish revolt destroyed, and the Temple mount was plowed under and sowed with salt and**


## **The False Messiah gets hundreds of thousands killed. The rest deported.**


## **5. 1290 AD Jews expulsion from England.**

## **6. 1492 Jews expulsion from Spain.**

## **7. 1914 WW1 begins**

## **8. 1942 start of the Holocaust camp Treblinka.**


##  **So… *“Should I weep in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?”***

## **The answer:**

## ***Zech 7:4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, 5 “Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me–for Me?***

## ***6 ‘When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink for yourselves? 7 ‘Should you not have obeyed the words which the LORD proclaimed through the former prophets***

## ***when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?’ ”***

## **NO, YOU DID NOT OBEY, and destruction happened!**


## ***Zech 7:11 “But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. 12 “Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.***


## ***13 “Therefore it happened, that just as He proclaimed and they would not hear, so they called out and I would not listen,” says the LORD of hosts. 14 “But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate.”***


## **Now they know from experience that what God says….. will happen!**


## **They had the good Law and the good land**

## ***Zech 7:9 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.’***


## ***Zech 8:16 These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;***

## ***17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath.***


## ***For all these are things that I hate,’ Says the LORD.”***

## **Today, Church, Jesus through the HOLY SPIRIT has taught these same things!!!!!!**

## ***Ephesians 4:22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,***


## ***24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.***

## ***25 Therefore,***

## ***putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.***

## ***26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.***


## ***28 Let him who stole steal no longer,***

## ***but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.***

## ***29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.***


## ***30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.***


## ***31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away***


## ***from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.***


## **This is an inward change that happens as we meditate on the WORD of GOD!**

## ***Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.***


## ***2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.***


## ***Zech 7:14 “But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they had not known. Thus the land became desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned; for they made the pleasant land desolate.”***


## **Let not our Land be desolate!**

## ***2 Pet 1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,***


## ***7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.***


## ***9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.***


## **Next week: burdens**