

ZECHARIAH

Chapter 1

Return to the Lord

1 ¶ In the eighth month, in the ^asecond year of Darius, the word of the LORD came ^bto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of ^cIddo the prophet, saying,

2 “The LORD has been very angry with your fathers.

3 “Therefore, say to them, “Thus says the LORD of armies, “Return ^dto Me,” says the LORD of armies, “and I will return to you,” says the LORD of armies.

4 “Do not be as your fathers ^eto whom the former prophets cried out, saying, “Thus says the LORD of armies, ^f“Turn now from your evil ways and *from* your evil deeds.”” But they did not hear, nor hearken to Me,” says the LORD.

5 “Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

6 “Did not ^gMy words and My statutes that I commanded My servants the prophets overtake your fathers? So they returned and said, ^h“As the LORD of armies thought to do to us, according to our ways, and according to our deeds, so He has dealt with us.” ’ ’ ’ ’

Men Among the Myrtle Trees

7 ¶ On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, that *is* the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Ze-

chariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet.

8 During the night I had a vision, and behold, ⁱa man riding on a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that *were* in the *valley* bottom. And behind him *there were* red ^jhorses, speckled and white.

9 Then I said, “O ^kmy lord, what *are* these?” And the angel who talked with me said, “I will show you what these *are*.”

10 Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, ^l“These *are those* whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth.”

11 ^mAnd they answered the angel of the LORD who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, “We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth sits still and is at rest.”

12 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, “O LORD of armies, ⁿhow long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against whom You have had indignation ^othese seventy years?”

13 Then the LORD answered the angel who talked with me *with* ^pgood words *and* comfortable words.

14 So the angel who communed with me said to me, “Cry out, saying,

Chapter 1: a Zc 7:1 b Mt 23:35 c Ne 12:4,16 d Mt 3:7-10 e 2 Ch 36:15,16 f Is 31:6 g Is 55:11 h Lm 1:18; 2:17 i Rv 6:4 j Zc 6:2-7 k Zc 4:4,5,13; 6:4 l Hb 1:14 m Ps 103:20,21 n Ps 74:10 o Jr 25:11,12; 29:10 p Jr 29:10

“Thus says the LORD of armies, “I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great zeal.

15 “And I am very displeased with the nations *that are* at ease. For while I was only a little angry, they increased the calamity.”

16 “Therefore, thus says the LORD, “I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house will be built in it,” says the LORD of armies, “and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.”

17 “Cry out again, saying, “Thus says the LORD of armies, “My cities through prosperity will again be spread abroad. And the LORD will again comfort Zion and will again choose Jerusalem.” ”

Four Horns and Craftsmen

18 ¶ Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What *are* these?” And he answered me, “These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem.”

20 And the LORD showed me four craftsmen.

21 Then I said, “What are these coming to do?” And He said, “These *are* the horns that have scattered Judah, so that no man lifts up his head. But these have come to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.”

Chapter 2

The Measuring Line

1 ¶ I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then I said, “Where are you going?” And he said to me, “To measure Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is.”

3 And behold, the angel who talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him.

4 And he said to him, “Run! Speak to this young man, saying, “Jerusalem will be inhabited *as* towns without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle within it.

5 ‘For I,’ says the LORD, ‘will be to her a wall of fire all around. And I will be the glory in her midst.’

6 ¶ “Ho there! Flee from the land of the north,” says the LORD. “For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven,” says the LORD.

7 “Deliver yourself, O Zion, who dwells *with* the daughter of Babylon.”

8 ¶ For thus says the LORD of armies, “After glory he has sent me to the nations that plundered you. For he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

9 “For behold, I will shake My hand on them and they will be plunder for their servants. And you will know that the LORD of armies has sent me.

10 ¶ “Sing and rejoice, O daughter

q Zc 8:2 r Is 47:6 s Zc 2:10; 8:3 t Er 6:14,15 u Is 44:28 v Zc 2:1-3 w Is 40:1,2; 51:3 x Zc 2:12 y Lm 2:17 z Er 4:1,4,7 a Ps 75:10 b Ps 75:4,5 Chapter 2: a Jr 31:39 b Rv 11:1 c Jr 31:27 d Is 26:1 e Is 60:19 f Is 48:20 g Dt 28:64 h Is 48:20 i Dt 32:10 j Is 19:16 k Zc 4:9 l Is 12:6

of Zion. For behold, I come, and ^mI will dwell in the midst of you," says the LORD.

11 ⁿ"And many nations will be joined to the LORD ^oin that day, and will be ^pMy people. And I will dwell in the midst of you and ^qyou will know that the LORD of armies has sent Me to you.

12 "And the LORD will ^rtake possession of Judah as His inheritance in the holy land and will choose Jerusalem again.

13 ^s"Be silent before the LORD all flesh, for He has aroused Himself ^tout of His holy habitation."

Chapter 3

Clean Clothes for the High Priest

1 ¶ Then he showed me ^aJoshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD and ^bSatan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "^cThe LORD rebukes you, O Satan, even the LORD who ^dhas chosen Jerusalem rebukes you. ^eIs not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with ^ffilthy garments and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you and ^gI will clothe you with rich garments."

5 Then I said, "Let them set a clean ^hturban on his head." So they set a clean turban on his head, and clothed him with rich garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

6 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD of armies, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will ⁱkeep My commandments, then you will also ^jjudge My house and will also keep My courts. And I will give you the right of access among those who are ^kstanding *here*.'

8 'Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you—for indeed they are men who are ^la sign. For behold, I am going to bring in ^mMy Servant the ⁿBranch.

9 'For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua. There are ^oseven eyes ^pon that stone. Behold, I will engrave an inscription,' says the LORD of armies, 'and ^qI will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.'

10 ^r"In that day," says the LORD of armies, 'you will invite every man his neighbor ^sunder the vine and under the fig tree.'"

Chapter 4

Golden Lampstand

1 ¶ And the ^aangel who talked with me came again and awakened me, ^bas a man who is awakened out of his sleep.

2 And he said to me, "What do you

m Lv 26:12 n Is 2:2,3 o Zc 3:10 p Ex 12:49 q Ez 33:33 r Dt 32:9 s Hk 2:20 t Ps 68:5 Chapter 3: a Hg 1:1 b Ps 109:6 c Jd 9 d Rm 8:33 e Am 4:11 f Is 64:6 g Is 61:10 h Ex 29:6 i Lv 8:35 j Dt 17:9,12 k Zc 3:4 l Ps 71:7 m Is 42:1 n Is 11:1; 53:2; Jr 23:5 o Ps 118:22 p Zc 4:10 q Jr 31:34; 50:20 r Zc 2:11 s Is 36:16 Chapter 4: a Zc 1:9; 2:3 b Dn 8:18

see?” And I said, “I have looked, and behold ^aa lampstand all of gold with a bowl on the top of it, ^dand its seven lamps, and seven spouts to the seven lamps that *are* on its top.

3 “*And two olive trees are* by it, one on the right *side* of the bowl and the other on its left *side*.”

4 Then I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, “What *are* these, my lord?”

5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.”

6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, “This *is* the word of the LORD to ^fZerubbabel, saying, ^g“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of armies.

7 “Who *are* you, ^ho great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you will become* a plain. And he will bring forth the ⁱcapstone ^jwith shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” ’ ”

8 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 “The hands of Zerubbabel ^khave laid the foundation of this house. His hands ^lwill also finish it. And ^myou will know that the ⁿLORD of armies has sent me to you.

10 “For who has despised the day of ^osmall things? For they will rejoice and will see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven. ^pThey *are* the eyes of the LORD that run throughout the whole earth.”

The Two Olive Trees

11 ¶ Then I answered and said to him, “What *are* these ^qtwo olive trees on the right *side* of the lampstand and on its left *side*?”

12 And I answered again and said to him, “What *are these* two olive branches that through the two golden pipes empty the golden *oil* from themselves?”

13 And he answered me and said, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.”

14 Then he said, “*These are* the two anointed ones ^rwho stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

Chapter 5

The Flying Scroll

1 ¶ Then I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a flying ^sscroll.

2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” And I answered, “I see a flying scroll. Its length *is* twenty cubits and its width *is* ten cubits.”

3 Then he said to me, “This *is* the ^tcurse that goes out over the face of the whole land. For everyone who steals will be cut off according to the writing on one side. And everyone who swears will be cut off according to the writing on the other side.

4 “I will bring it forth,” says the LORD of armies, “and it will enter into the house of the ^uthief and into the house of ^vhim who swears falsely by My name. And it will remain in the midst of his house and will consume ^wit with its timber and its stones.”

c Rv 1:12 d Rv 4:5 e Rv 11:3,4 f Hg 1:1 g Hs 1:7 h Jr 51:25 i Ps 118:22 J Er 3:10,11,13 k Er 3:8-10; 5:16 l Er 6:14,15 m Zc 2:9,11; 6:15 n Is 43:16 o Hg 2:3 p 2 Ch 16:9 q Zc 4:3 r Rv 11:4 s Zc 3:1-7
Chapter 5: a Ez 2:9 b Mt 4:6 c Ex 20:15 d Lv 19:12 e Lv 14:34,35

Woman in a Basket

5 ¶ Then the angel who talked with me went out and said to me, “Lift up now your eyes and see what is going forth.”

6 Then I said, “What *is* it?” And he said, “This *is* a basket that goes forth.” Furthermore, he said, “This *is* the iniquity throughout all the land.

7 “And behold, the cover of lead was raised. And this *is* a woman who sits inside the basket.”

8 And he said, “This *is* wickedness.” Then he cast it into the midst of the basket. And he cast the weight of lead on its opening.

9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings. For they had wings like the wings of a ^fstork. And they lifted up the basket between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then I said to the ^sangel who talked with me, “Where are they taking the basket?”

11 And he said to me, “To ^hbuild from it a house in the ⁱland of Shinar. When it is ready, *the basket* will be set there on its own pedestal.”

Chapter 6*The Four Chariots*

1 ¶ Then I turned and lifted up my eyes. And I looked, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains. And the mountains *were* mountains of bronze.

2 With the first chariot *were* ^ared horses, and with the second chariot

^bblack horses,

3 and with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong dappled gray horses.

4 Then I answered and ^csaid to the angel who talked with me, “What *are* these, my lord?”

5 Then the angel answered and said to me, ^d“These *are* the four spirits of the heavens who go out from ^estanding before the Lord of all the earth.

6 “The one with the black horses *is* going forth into the ^fnorth country, and the white are going forth after them, and the dappled gray are going forth toward the south country.

7 “And the strong *steeds* went forth, eager to go, that they might ^swalk to and fro throughout the earth.” And he said, “Go! Walk to and fro throughout the earth.” So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.

8 Then he cried out to me and spoke to me, saying, “Behold, these that go toward the north country have appeased My ^hSpirit in the north country.”

A Crown for Joshua

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

10 “Take *an offering* from the exiles, *even* from Heldai, from Tobijah and from Jedaiah who have come from Babylon, and go the same day and enter into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

11 “Then take silver and gold, and make ⁱcrowns. And set *them* on the

f Lv 11:13,19 g Zc 5:5 h Jr 29:5,28 i Gn 10:10 **Chapter 6:** a Zc 1:8 b Rv 6:5 c Zc 5:10 d Hb 1:7,14 e Dn 7:10 f Jr 1:14 g Zc 1:10 h Ec 10:4 i Ex 29:6

head of ^jJoshua the son of Jozadak, the high priest.

12 “Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of armies, ‘Behold, ^kthe Man whose name is the ^lBranch. He will branch out from His place, and ^mHe will build the temple of the LORD.

13 “Even He will build the temple of the LORD. And He ⁿwill bear the glory, and will sit and rule on His throne. And ^oHe will be a priest on His throne. And the counsel of peace will be between them both.”

14 “And the crown will become a ^preminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem and to Tobijah and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah.

15 “And ^qthose *who are* far off will come and build in the temple of the LORD. Then you will know that the LORD of armies has sent me to you. And *this* will come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.”

Chapter 7

Justice and Mercy

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the fourth year of King Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came to Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *which is* Chisleu.

2 Now those of Bethel sent Sherezer and Regem Melech, and their men in order to pray before the LORD,

3 *and* to ^aspeak to the priests who *were* in the house of the LORD of

armies, and to the prophets, saying, “Should I weep in the ^bfifth month, and abstain as I have done these many years?”

4 ¶ Then the word of the LORD of armies came to me, saying,

5 “Speak to all the people of the land and to the priests, saying, ‘When you ^cfasted and mourned in the fifth and ^dseventh *months*, even those ^eseventy years, was it actually ^ffor Me that you fasted?’

6 ^g“And when you ate, and when you drank, did you not eat *for yourselves* and drink *for yourselves*?

7 ‘*Should you not hear* the words that the LORD has cried out by the ^hformer prophets when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and its cities around her, when *men* inhabited the ⁱNegev and the plain?’”

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,

9 “Thus speaks the LORD of armies, saying, ^j“Execute true justice and show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother.

10 ^k“And do not oppress the widow, nor the fatherless, the foreigner, or the poor. And ^ldo not allow any of you to imagine in your heart evil against his brother.’

11 “But they refused to hearken and ^mturned a stubborn shoulder. And they ⁿstopped their ears so that they would not hear.

12 “Yes, they made their ^ohearts *as* flint, ^plest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of

j Hg 1:1 k Jn 1:45 l Zc 3:8 m Mt 16:18; Ep 2:20; Hb 3:3 n Is 22:24 o Ps 110:4; Hb 3:1 p Ex 12:14 q Is 57:19
Chapter 7: a Mt 2:7 b Zc 8:19 c Is 58:1-9 d Jr 41:1 e Zc 1:12 f Rm 14:6 g 1 Ch 29:22 h Zc 1:4 i Jr 17:26
 j Jr 7:28 k Ex 22:22 l Mc 2:1 m Ne 9:29 n Jr 17:23 o Ez 11:19 p Ne 9:29,30

armies had sent in His Spirit by the former prophets. Therefore, there came ^ggreat wrath from the LORD of armies.

13 “Therefore, it has come to pass *just* as He called and they would not hear. So ^tthey called and I would not hear,” says the LORD of armies.

14 “But ⁱI scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they did not know. “Thus the land was desolate behind them so that no man passed through nor returned, for they made the pleasant land desolate.”

Chapter 8

Promises for Jerusalem

1 ¶ Again the word of the LORD of armies came *to me*, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ^a“I was zealous for Zion with great zeal, and I was zealous for her with great fury.’

3 “Thus says the LORD, ^b“I have returned to Zion and will ^cdwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And Jerusalem ^dwill be called a city of truth and the ^emountain of the LORD of armies the ^fholy mountain.’

4 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ‘There ^oold men and old women will again dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand because of age.

5 ‘And the streets of the city will be ^hfull of boys and girls playing in its streets.’

6 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ‘If it is marvellous in the eyes of the

remnant of this people in these days, ⁱshould it also be marvellous in My eyes?’ says the LORD of armies.

7 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ‘Behold, ^jI will save My people from the east country and from the west country.

8 “Then I will ^kbring them and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And ^lthey will be My people and I will be their God ^min truth and in righteousness.’

9 ¶ “Thus says the LORD of armies, ⁿ“Let your hands be strong, you who are listening in these days to these words from the mouth of the ^oprophets, *those* who spoke in the ^pday when the foundation of the house of the LORD of armies was laid, to the end that the temple might be built.

10 ‘For before these days there were no ^qwages for man, nor any hire for beast, nor *was there any* peace for him who went out or came in because of the affliction. For I set all men one against another.

11 ^r“But now I *will not be* to the remnant of this people as in the former days,’ says the LORD of armies.

12 ‘For ^sthe seed *will be* prosperous. The vine will give her fruit and the ^tground will give her increase, and the ^uheavens will give their dew. And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

13 ‘And it will come to pass *that* as you were a ^vcurse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Is-

q Dn 9:11,12 r Pv 1:24-28 s Dt 4:27; 28:64 Chapter 8: a Zc 1:14 b Zc 1:16 c Zc 2:10,11 d Is 1:21 e Is 2:2,3 f Jr 31:23 g Is 65:20 h Jr 30:19,20 i Lk 1:37 j Is 11:11 k Zp 3:20 l Jr 30:22; 31:1,33 m Jr 4:2 n Hg 2:4 o Er 5:1,2; 6:14 p Hg 2:18 q Hg 1:6,9 r Hg 2:15-19 s Jl 2:22 t Ps 67:6 u Hg 1:10 v Jr 42:18

rael, so will I save you and ^wyou will be a blessing. Do not fear, *but* let your hands be strong.’

14 ¶ “For thus says the LORD of armies, ^x“As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,” says the LORD of armies, ‘and ^yI have not relented,

15 ‘so again I have thought in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.

16 ‘These *are* the things that you will ^zdo: Every man ^aspeak truth to his neighbor. Give the judgment in your gates for truth, justice and peace.

17 ^b“And let none of you devise evil in your heart against his neighbor. And love no false oath. For all these *are things* that I hate,’ says the LORD.”

18 ¶ Now the word of the LORD of armies came to me, saying,

19 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ^c“The fast of the fourth *month* and the ^dfast of the fifth and the ^efast of the seventh and the ^ffast of the tenth, will be ^gjoy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah. ^hTherefore, love the truth and peace.’

20 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ‘*It will yet come to pass* that there will come people and the inhabitants from many cities.

21 ‘And the inhabitants of one *city* will go to another, saying, ⁱ“Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD and to seek the LORD of armies. I will go also.”’

22 ‘Yes, ^jmany peoples and strong nations will come to seek the LORD of armies in Jerusalem and to pray before the LORD.’

23 “Thus says the LORD of armies, ‘In those days *it will come to pass* that ten men from ^kevery language of the nations will ^ltake hold of the garment of him who is a Jew, saying, “We will go with you, for we have heard ^m*that God is with you.*”’ ”

Chapter 9

Judgment on the Nations

1 ¶ The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, with ^aDamascus as its resting place (for the ^beyes of men, and all the tribes of Israel, *will be* toward the LORD),

2 and ^cHamath also, that borders on it, and ^dTyre and ^eSidon, though they are very ^fwise.

3 And Tyre built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver as the dust and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the ^gLord will cast her out and He will smite ^hher power in the sea. And she will be devoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon will see *it* and fear. Gaza also *will see it* and be very sorrowful. Also ⁱEkron, for her expectation has been frustrated. And the king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited.

6 “And a mongrel race will dwell ^jin Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the ^kPhilistines.

w Gn 12:2 x Jr 31:28 y 2 Ch 36:16 z Zc 7:9,10 a Ep 4:25 b Pv 3:29 c Jr 52:6 d Jr 52:12 e 2 Kg 25:25 f Jr 52:4 g Et 8:17 h Zc 8:16 i Is 2:2,3 j Is 60:3; 66:23 k Is 3:6 l Is 45:14 m 1 Co 14:25 **Chapter 9:** a Is 17:1 b Am 1:3-5 c Jr 49:23 d Is 23 e 1 Kg 17:9 f Ez 28:3 g Is 23:1 h Ez 26:17 i Zp 2:4,5 j Am 1:8 k Ez 25:15-17

7 “And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth. But he who remains, even he *will be* for our God. And he will be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 ¹⁴“And I will camp around My house because of the army, because of him who passes by, and because of him who returns. And no oppressor will pass through them anymore, for now I have seen with My eyes.

Coming of the King

9 ¶ “Rejoice ^mgreatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, ⁿyour King is coming to you. He *is* just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 “And ^oI will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the ^pbattle bow will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations. And His dominion *will be* ^qfrom sea *even* to sea and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

11 ¶ “As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant I have set your ^rprisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 “Return to the stronghold, ^syou prisoners of hope. Even today I declare *that* I will render ^tdouble to you.

13 “For I have bent Judah as My bow. I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece. And I

will make you like a warrior’s sword.”

Appearance of the Lord

14 ¶ Then the LORD will be seen over them, and ^uHis arrow will go forth as the lightning. And the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, and will go ^vwith whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of armies will ^wdefend them. And they will devour and subdue with sling stones. And they will drink *and* make a noise as if with wine. And they will be filled like bowls *and* as the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God will ^xsave them in that day as the flock of His people. For they ^y*will be* as the stones of a crown, ^zlifted up as an ensign in his land.

17 For ^ahow great *is* His goodness and how great *is* His ^bbeauty! ^cGrain will make the young men cheerful and new wine the maids.

Chapter 10

Compassion for Judah

1 ¶ Ask from ^athe LORD ^brain in the ^ctime of the latter rain. The LORD will make the storm clouds. And He will give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field.

2 For the ^didols have spoken vanity and the diviners have seen a ^elie, and have told false dreams. They ^fcomfort in vain. Therefore, they went their way as a ^gflock. They were troubled ^hbecause *there was* no shepherd.

I Ps 34:7 m Zc 2:10 n Jr 23:5,6; Mt 21:5; Mk 11:7,9; Lk 19:35-38; Jn 12:15 o Hs 1:7 p Hs 2:18 q Ps 72:8 r Is 42:7 s Is 49:9 t Is 61:7 u Ps 18:14 v Is 21:1 w Zc 12:8 x Jr 31:10,11 y Is 62:3 z Is 11:12 a Ps 31:19 b Ps 45:1-16 c Jl 3:18 Chapter 10: a Jr 14:22 b Dt 11:13,14 c Jl 2:23 d Jr 10:8 e Jr 27:9 f Jb 13:4 g Jr 50:6,17

3 “My anger was kindled against the ⁱshepherds and ^jI punished the goats. For the LORD of armies has ^kvisited His flock the house of Judah and ^lhas made them as His majestic horse in the battle.

4 “From him came forth the ^mcornerstone, from him the ⁿtent peg, out of him the battle bow, from him every ruler, *all* of them together.

5 “And they will be as mighty *men* that ^otread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle. And they will fight because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses will be shamed.

6 ¶ “And I will strengthen the house of Judah and I will save the house of Joseph. And ^pI will bring them again to place them, for ^qI have mercy on them. And they will be as though I had not cast them off, because I *am* the LORD their God and ^rwill hear them.

7 “And *those of Ephraim* will be like a mighty *man*, and their ^sheart will rejoice as with wine. Yes, their children will see *it* and be glad. Their heart will rejoice in the LORD.

8 “I will ^twhistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them. And ^uthey will increase as they have increased.

9 “And ^vI will sow them among the people. And they will ^wremember Me in far countries, and they will live with their children and come back.

10 ^x“I will also bring them again out

of the land of Egypt and gather them out of Assyria. And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, ^yuntil no *place* will be found for them.

11 ^z“And he will pass through the sea with affliction, and will strike the waves in the sea. And all the depths of the river will dry up. And the ^apride of Assyria will be brought down and the ^bsceptre of Egypt will depart away.

12 “Then I will strengthen them in the LORD. And ^cthey will walk up and down in His name,” says the LORD.

Chapter 11

1 ¶ Open ^dyour doors, O Lebanon, so that the fire may devour your cedars.

2 Wail, O cypress, because the ^ecedar has fallen, because the mighty are destroyed. Wail, O you oaks of Bashan, ^ffor the thick forest has come down.

3 *There is* a voice of the wailing of the ^gshepherds, for their glory is ruined. A voice of the roaring of young lions, for the pride of Jordan is ruined.

The Two Shepherds

4 ¶ Thus says the LORD my God, “Feed the flock *destined* to slaughter.

5 “Those who buy them slay them and ^hgo unpunished, and *each* of those who sell them ⁱsays, ‘Blessed *is* the LORD, for I am rich.’ And their

h Ez 34:5-8 i Jr 25:34-36 j Ez 34:17 k Lk 1:68 l Ss 1:9 m Is 28:16 n Is 22:23 o Ps 18:42 p Jr 3:18 q Hs 1:7 r Zc 13:9 s Ps 104:15 t Is 5:26 u Ez 36:37 v Hs 2:23 w Dt 30:1 x Is 11:11 y Is 49:19,20 z Is 11:15 a Zp 2:13 b Ez 30:13 c Mc 4:5 **Chapter 11:** a Zc 10:10 b Ez 31:3 c Is 32:19 d Jr 25:34-36 e Jr 2:3; 50:7 f Hs 12:8

own shepherds ^sdo not pity them.

6 “For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land,” says the LORD. “But behold, I will deliver each man into his neighbor’s hand, and into the hand of his king. And they will strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.”

7 ¶ So I will feed the flock for slaughter, *even* you, O ^hpoor of the flock. And I took for myself two staves. One I called Grace and the other I called Unity. Then I fed the flock.

8 I also cut off three shepherds ⁱin one month. And my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then I said, “I will not feed you. ^jWhat is to die, let it die. And that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off. And let the remainder eat the flesh of one another.”

10 Then I took my staff, *even* Grace, and cut it in two so that I might break the covenant that I had made with all the people.

11 So it was broken in that day. Thus the ^kpoor of the flock who waited on me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

12 Then I said to them, “If you think good give *me* my wages, and if not, refrain.” So they ^lweighed for my wage thirty *pieces* of silver.

13 ¶ Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the ^mpotter *that* goodly wage at which I was valued by them.” And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut my other staff in two, *even* Unity, so that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 ¶ Then the LORD said to me, ⁿ“Take again for yourself the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 “For behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young one, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which still stands. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their claws in ^opieces.

17 ^p“Woe to the worthless shepherd who leaves the flock! The sword *will be* on his arm and on his right eye. His arm will be completely dried up and his right eye will be utterly darkened.”

Chapter 12

Judgment of Jerusalem's Enemies

1 ¶ The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel. The LORD, ^awho stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth, and ^bforms the spirit of man within him, says,

2 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a ^ccup of reeling to all the people all around. And when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

3 ^d“And in that day I will make Jerusalem a ^eheavy stone for all people. All who burden themselves with it will be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth are gathered together against it.

4 “In that day,” says the LORD, ^f“I

g Ez 34:2,3 h Zp 3:12 i Hs 5:7 j Jr 15:2 k Zp 3:12 l Ex 21:32; Mt 26:15; 27:9,10 m Mt 27:3-10 n Is 56:11 o Ez 34:1-10 p Jr 23:1 **Chapter 12:** a Is 42:5; 44:24 b Is 57:16 c Is 51:17 d Zc 12:4,6,8; 13:1 e Mt 21:44 f Ez 38:4

will strike every horse with astonishment and his rider with madness. And I will open My eyes on the house of Judah and will strike every horse of the people with blindness.

5 “Then the governors of Judah will say in their heart, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem *will be* my strength in the LORD of armies, their God.’

6 “In that day I will make the governors of Judah [℣]like a firepan in the forest, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf. And they will devour all the people all around on the right hand and on the left. But Jerusalem will be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.

7 ¶ “The LORD will also save the tents of Judah first so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

8 “In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And he who is feeble among them in that day will be as David. And the house of David *will be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 “And it will come to pass in that day *that* I will seek to [℣]destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Mourning Over the Pierced One

10 ¶ [℣]“Then I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications. And they will [℣]look on Me whom they have pierced and they will mourn for Him [℣]as one mourns for *his* only son. And they will weep

bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

11 “In that day there will be a great [℣]mourning in Jerusalem, [℣]as the mourning of Hadad Rimmon in the Valley of Megiddon.

12 [℣]“And the land will mourn, every family by itself, the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves, the family of the house of [℣]Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 “the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves, the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 “all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

Chapter 13

Cleansing of Sin

1 ¶ “In that [℣]day there will be a [℣]fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for [℣]unclean-ness.

2 “And it will come to pass in that day,” says the LORD of armies, “*that* I will [℣]cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they will no longer be remembered. And I will also cause the [℣]prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

3 “And it will come to pass *that* when any would still prophesy, then his father and his mother who begat him will say to him, ‘You will [℣]not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and his

g Ob 18 h Hg 2:22 i Jl 2:28,29 j Jn 19:34,37; 20:27; Rv 1:7 k Jr 6:26 l Rv 1:7 m 2 Kg 23:29 n Mt 24:30 o Lk 3:31 **Chapter 13:** a Rv 21:6,7 b Hb 9:14 c Ez 36:25 d Ex 23:13 e Jr 23:14,15 f Dt 18:20

mother who begat him ^swill thrust him through when he prophesies.

4 ¶ “Now it will come to pass in that day *that* ^heach of the prophets will be ashamed of his vision when he has prophesied. Neither will they wear a ^hairy garment to deceive.

5 ^j“But he will say, ‘I *am* no prophet. I *am* a farmer, for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.’

6 “Then *one* will say to him, ‘What *are* these wounds on your body?’ Then he will answer, ‘*Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.’

The Scattered Sheep

7 ¶ “Awake, O sword, against ^kMy shepherd and against the man ^lwho *is* my companion,” says the LORD of armies. ^m“Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered. And I will turn My hand on the ⁿlittle ones.

8 “Now it will come to pass *that* in all the land,” says the LORD, ^o“two-thirds in it will be cut off *and* die, but ^p*one*-third will be left in it.

9 “And I will bring the *one*-third ^qthrough the fire and will ^rrefine them as silver is refined. And I will test them as gold is tested. ^sThey will call on My name and I will hear them. ‘I will say, ‘It *is* My people.’ And they will say, ‘The LORD *is* my God.’”

Chapter 14

Reign of the Lord

1 ¶ Behold, the ^aday of the LORD is

coming and your plunder will be divided in the midst of you.

2 For ^bI will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be taken and the houses plundered and the women ravished. And half of the city will go forth into captivity and the remnant of the people will not be cut off from the city.

3 ¶ Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations as when He fought in the day of battle.

4 And His feet will stand in that day ^con the Mount of Olives that *is* in front of Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives will divide in its middle from the east and from the west. ^d*There will be* a very great valley. And half of the mountain will move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

5 And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel. Yes, you will flee as you fled before the ^eearthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. And ^fthe LORD my God will come *and* ^gall the saints with You.

6 Then it will come to pass in that day *that* there will be no light. The lights will dwindle.

7 But it will be a day ^hthat is known to the LORD, neither day nor night. But it will come to pass *that* in ⁱevening it will be light.

8 ¶ And it will be in that day *that* living ^jwaters will go out from Jerusa-

g Dt 13:6-11 h Mc 3:6,7 i 2 Kg 1:8 j Am 7:14 k Is 40:11 l Jn 10:30 m Mt 26:31,56,67; Mk 14:27; 1 Pt 5:4; Rv 7:16,17 n Lk 12:32 o Ez 5:2,4,12 p Rm 11:5 q Is 48:10 r 1 Pt 1:6,7 s Ps 50:15 t Hs 2:23 **Chapter 14:** a Is 13:6,9 b Zc 12:2,3 c Ez 11:23 d Jl 3:12 e Am 1:1 f Mt 24:30,31; 25:31 g Jl 3:11 h Mt 24:36 i Is 30:26 j Ez 47:1-12

lem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea. It will be in summer and in winter.

9 And the LORD will be ^kKing over all the earth. In that day there will be ^lone LORD and His name one.

10 All the land will be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. And it will be lifted up and ^minhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, ⁿand from the Tower of Hananeel to the king's winepresses.

11 And *men* will dwell in it, and there will be ^ono more utter destruction. ^pBut Jerusalem will be safely inhabited.

12 ¶ And this will be the plague with which the LORD will smite all the people who have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will consume away while they stand on their feet and their eyes will consume away in their sockets, and their tongue will consume away in their mouths.

13 ¶ And it will come to pass in that day *that* a ^qgreat tumult from the LORD will be among them. And everyone will take hold of the hand of his neighbor, and ^rhis hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And ^sthe wealth of the nations all around will be gathered together, gold and silver and apparel, in great abundance.

15 ^tAnd so will be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel and of the donkey, and of all the cattle that will be in those camps.

16 ¶ Then it will come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations who came against Jerusalem will ^ugo up from year to year to ^vworship the King, the LORD of armies, and to keep the ^wfeast of tabernacles.

17 ^xAnd it will be *that* whoever does not come up of *all* the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of armies, there will be no rain on them.

18 And if the family of ^yEgypt does not go up and enter, ^zthey will *have* no *rain*. There will be the plague with which the LORD will smite the nations that do not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that do not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 ¶ In that day there will be on the bells of the horses, ^a“HOLY TO THE LORD.” And the ^bpots in the LORD'S house will be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of armies. And all those who sacrifice will come and take from them, and cook in them. And in that day the ^cCanaanite will no longer be ^din the house of the LORD of armies.

k Rv 11:15 l Dt 6:4 m Zc 12:6 n Jr 31:38 o Jr 31:40 p Jr 23:6 q 1 Sm 14:15,20 r Jg 7:22 s Ez 39:10,17 t Zc 14:12 u Is 2:2,3; 60:6-9; 66:18-21 v Is 27:13 w Lv 23:34-44 x Is 60:12 y Is 19:21 z Dt 11:10 a Is 23:18 b Ez