

Zechariah [The Prophet]

Zechariah worked alongside Haggai with their enthusiasm for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem [520BC].

Zechariah was a young man when he began to prophesy.

A prophetic major task is to proclaim the Word of God, today the Christian Bible, pointing out what is sinful and explaining the consequences of sin, calling the people of their generation but through God's Word, every generation to confess their sins to God and repent.

God has used scores of people to act as prophets, faithfully delivering God's message to the people despite rejection, ridicule and persecution.

At times these prophets were given visions foretelling future events.

Zechariah was such a man.

With spectacular apocalyptic imagery and graphic details, Zechariah tells of the Messiah, the One whom God the Father will send to rescue His people of every generation and then reign over eventually the whole earth.

Zechariah gives details Messianic references that were clearly fulfilled by the life of Jesus Christ at His first coming to earth.

Zechariah saw the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem as a first act in the drama of the eventual end of human misrule and the perfect rule of the Messiah on His Second Coming, [Zechariah 14:4-9], a stirring message of hope to those ex-captives and exiles, their King was coming.

The prophecy of Zechariah was written 500 years before the first part of their fulfilment, the second part is yet to be fulfilled.

Much of what Zechariah is saying we will not fully understand until the events actually happen, other parts have dual fulfilment, part within Zechariah's time but more fully in the future. This is true of much prophecy in God's Word, showing that the Creator God is in full control of human history.

The Creator God knows and controls the future, He knows the end from the beginning.

Isaiah 41:26 [New King James] *“Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know? And former times, that we may say, ‘He is righteous’? Surely there is no one who shows, surely there is no one who declares, surely there is no one who hears your words.”*

This proves the righteousness of our Creator God.

Isaiah 46:10 [New King James] *“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.’”*

With such knowledge we can be secure if we trust Him.

Read Zechariah and strengthen your faith in the Creator God, whatever you may see happening in this world, for God alone is your hope and security.

Zechariah tells us that the Messiah came as a servant to die for us. He will return as a victorious King ushering in peace throughout the world.

We all need to submit to the Messiah's leadership now to be ready for His triumphant return, becoming part of His ruling Kingdom, [Revelation 20:4, 11-13].

There was opposition to God's Plan in Zechariah's day and he prophesied future times of trouble, but God's Word and His promises found in it endure, for God always remembers the covenants He makes with those who have faith in Him.

The Creator God cares for His people, all those who truly submit their lives to Him out of gratitude for what He has done for all humanity through Jesus Christ, [**Romans 12:1**] and He will deliver them from all the worldly powers that oppress them.

Even if our physical bodies are destroyed, we need never to fear our ultimate destiny if we love and obey our Creator God.