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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Zechariah

C1-3

C1 The Medes and Persians have conquered the Babylonians. It is time for God's people to return. Both the people and prophets are dead (5). The prophet has a vision.

He sees four horses: two reds, brown, white, they were patrolling the earth. There was peace everywhere. It was the end of the seventy year period (12).

There's an extraordinary comparison. God's anger toward his own was little in comparison to his anger with all other nations that oppressed them (15-16).

Then there were horns: representing nations scattering Judah and Israel. Then four blacksmiths to terrorize the terrorizing nations.

C2 The angels measure Jerusalem. Things are measured when preparing to receive substance. In this case people are going to be heading him to Jerusalem. What an extraordinary time. Now, it is a period of God's protection from all who harmed them.

God is so marvelous this way . After we have learned what we need to learn. We need to

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remember it is Hos name that is on the line. There are times when we really need to enjoy complete what Hod is doing. There are days of tragedy, days of boredom, days of misunderstanding, so when those days of fun and enjoyment are upon us believers need to relish the period (10-12).

C3 The priest are central to following The Lord. They had to be rededicated.

Make no mistake. Given every step nearing victory Satan is right there making accusations.

Jeshua the high priest needed to be rededicated. His clothes were filthy. He and the priests were representing the future, The Branch (Jesus). This is what is so marvelous. God can the sins and change circumstances in a single day

C4-6

C4 The prophet is awaken as if sleep. There's a word for Zerrubabel. It's by the Lord's spirit. Now, His people are free. And when His people are freed nothing can stop them (7).

The relationship between the symbolism of the Book of Revelation and the prophecy of Zechariah. When we see the term seven lamps, they represent the eyes of The Lord looking everywhere (10).

The olive trees represent the heavenly beings. The oil is always representing empowerment and healing.

C5 The object lesson or vision of the flying scroll. Ironically two sins are identified (stealing, lying). There must be concerned with every person about darkness that remains in a house (4). Contextually, lying and stealing, particularly with the rebuilding effort.

Note the wickedness on the form of a woman in a basket. Is there significance to this being female. There is nothing contextual that suggest much. Two female also fly this basket into Babylon. The most that void be said is that wickedness began with a woman foiled, Eve. It could also be the fact that nations are often characterized as the female gender. Like the Church is the bride of Christ. The bottom line does not suggest that women are more wicked than men.

C6 Again, the horses of Revelation are apparent. Now these different horses are speculated to have different functions. Contextually, they are four spirits that work for The Lord. The black horse went north - venting God's anger.

Jeshua receives a crown, but key to this chapter is one (the Branch) who will come who will be priest, King and priest. If this is not Jesus, Himself no question it is a shadow of Jesus to come.

C7 Another message came to Zechariah. The people wanted to know if they were to

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continue mourning and fasting? It was a practice of their seventy years on captivity. The response is that the fast and mourn practice was for them (4-6). They were to show concern for the widowed, orphaned, foreigner and poor. Their ancestors would not listen so they were scattered.

C8-10

C8 Nevertheless, The Lord loves them so deeply. A great day is coming to Jerusalem. And them a familiar refrain given what seemed so unlikely. We as believers or persons who don't know The Lord can do such damage to ourselves and others. But the word is, is there anything to hart for The Lord (6).

He calls on them to do it. Finish the task (9). The Lord is planting seed of peace and prosperity. Notice He is planting the seed of peace and prosperity. Recovery is a process and not an instantaneous occurrence (12).

Notice The Lord does not do anything for us without expecting a return or enlargement of the kingdom. He is making them a symbol and blessing. The symbol is for others (13). We are blessed to be a blessing. And the greatest thing the people of God can do is to be an example to others that we belong to the true and living God.

He called them to be faithful to each other. This is what he calls believers to do (16-17).
An end is put to the fasting periods of captivity.

C9 This chapter is dedicated to all if the nations that dealt treacherously with Israel. Even in her evil and punishment, it is not healthy for nations to have anything to do with the downfall of Israel.

But the proclamation of a great King. Perhaps the striking characteristic is that she rides on a donkey's colt (9).

C10 Again, the fall of God's people is placed squarely on the shoulder of the shepherds (3). There will be a day when the people of Israel will be strengthened on a way that will not allow them to be defeated again (6-7). Powers like Assyria and Egypt will be futile in comparison (11-12).

C11-13

C11 The prophet sees a period of destruction for nations. It is a chapter shrouded in a metaphor. It is not clear who the specific objects are in the chapter. It is clear it is a region of the ancient near east. Lebanon, Jordan valley, oaks of Bashan and shepherds who have no compassion (5).

There's the metaphor of two staffs named Favor and Union. The Lord removed the evil shepherds but is not appreciated by the flock. Finally, Judah and Israel are identified (14).

Now, it is clearer it is either a future period or a reflection on what had happened.

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C12 This chapter returns to a victorious Judah. It will conquer nations. This is so difficult to conceive when a nation has been taken captive(3-4).

They will be extremely protected and successful (7-9). Then an incredible word representing the crucifixion of Jesus (10-11).

C13. Now, a cleansing is seen. It 's a day when idol worship of erased . It's a day when no one proclaims a prophetic gift. It avoids altogether aptly kind obedience other than that to The Lord. A remnant is taken through fire to refine them (8-9).

C14 it's an overview of correction, restoration, and then a period when The Lord is over all upon the earth (9).

Again a major battle is envisioned and God sends a plague against the attacking nations . It's an extraordinary victory.

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