

Zechariah 1:7-17

The Eight Visions of Zechariah 1-6

Zechariah 1-6 - Zechariah's Eight Visions on February 15, 519 BC

1. **Man among the myrtle trees** – God is watching and controlling history
 2. **Four horns and four horn cutters** – God will remove the oppressive nations
 3. **Measuring line** – Jerusalem will have a population explosion
 4. **Garments for the High Priest** – God is reinstalling the priesthood of Aaron
 5. **Golden lamp stand and two olive trees** – Joshua and Zerubbabel are anointed and are providing the oil for Israel's lamp
 6. **Flying scroll** – There is a curse hanging over the land. Violators of the covenant will be removed from history
 7. **Woman in a basket** – the system of evil will be returned to the pagan land of Babylonia but it will not be part of Israel's new nation.
 8. **Four chariots** – God ultimate victory over the oppressive nations is won and judgment is brought to those nations
- 1-3 focus on Judah's return from captivity
 - 4-5 focus on the anointed of the Lord
 - 6-8 focus on the seat of wickedness and the removal of that wickedness

The phrase of “all the earth” (*kol-ha'ares*) is used often to present YHWH as active and in control in a universal sense

Potentially a pattern in the eight visions concerning scope of message following: A-B-C-D-D-C-B-A

- Visions 1 and 8 – universal perspective and the omniscience of the Lord
- Visions 2 and 7 – international matters and Judah's relationship with the nations
- Visions 3 and 6 – national issues of Judah, particularly in Jerusalem
- Visions 4 and 5 – the temple and its leadership

Zechariah 1:7 – “On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying,

1867 [e]	8147 [e]	8141 [e]	7627 [e]	2320 [e]	1931 [e]	2320 [e]	6240 [e]	6249 [e]	702 [e]	6242 [e]	3117 [e]
le·dā·re·yā·weš;	šə·ta·yim	biš·nat	šə·bāt,	hō·deš	hū-	hō·deš	'ā·sār	le·'aš·tê-	we·'ar·bā·'āh	'eš·rīm	be·yō·wm
לְדַרְיוֹשׁ	שְׁתַּיִם	בִּשְׁנַת	שֶׁבַט	חֹדֶשׁ	הוּא־	חֹדֶשׁ	עָשָׂר	לְעֶשְׂתֵּי־	וָאַרְבָּעָה	עֶשְׂרִים	בַּיּוֹם 7
of Darius	second	in the year	Shebat	the month	that [is]	the month	[and] ten	of one	and the four	twenty	On day
Prep-1 N-proper-ms	Number-1d	Prep-b N-fsc	N-proper-fs	N-msc	Pro-3ms	N-ms	Number-msc	Prep-1 Number-csc	Conj-w Number-ms	Number-cp	Prep-b N-msc

559 [e]	5030 [e]	5714 [e]	1121 [e]	1296 [e]	1121 [e]	2148 [e]	413 [e]	3068 [e]	1697 [e]	1961 [e]
lê·mōr.	han·nā·bī	'id·dō·w	ben-	be·rek·yā·hū,	ben-	ze·kar·yāh	'el-	Yah·weh	de·bar-	hā·yāh
לֵאמֹר:	הַנָּבִיא	עֵדוּא	בֶן־	בִּרְכִיָּהוּ	בֶן־	זְכַרְיָה	אֶל־	יְהוָה	דְּבַר־	הָיָה
saying	the prophet	of Iddo	the son	of Berechiah	son	Zechariah	to	of Yahweh	the word	came
Prep-1 V-Qal-Inf	Art N-ms	N-proper-ms	N-msc	N-proper-ms	N-msc	N-proper-ms	Prep	N-proper-ms	N-msc	V-Qal-Perf-3ms

1. February 15, 519 BC

- a. Three months after Zechariah’s first oracle on October 27, 520 BC
- b. Two months after Haggai’s last two messages on December 18, 520 BC
- c. A few days before the New Year’s festivals in Jerusalem.

1:8 – “I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses.

996 [e]	5975 [e]	1931 [e]	122 [e]	5483 [e]	5921 [e]	7392 [e]	376 [e]	2009 [e]	3915 [e]	7200 [e]
bên	'ō-mêḏ,	wə-hū	'ā-ḏōm,	sūs	'al-	rō-ḵēḇ	'iš	wə-hin-nêh-	hal-lay-lāh,	rā-'î-tî
בֵּין	עָמַד	וְהוּא	אָדָם	סוּס	עַל-	רֹכֵב	אִישׁ	וְהִנְהִי	הַלַּיְלָה	רָאִיתִי
among	stood	and it	red	a horse	on	riding	a man	and behold	by night	I saw
Prep	V-Qal-Prtcppl-ms	Conj-w Pro-3ms	Adj-ms	N-ms	Prep	V-Qal-Prtcppl-ms	N-ms	Conj-w Interjection	Art N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-1cs

3836 [e]	8320 [e]	122 [e]	5483 [e]	310 [e]	4699 [e]	834 [e]	1918 [e]
ū-le-bā-nīm.	śə-ruq-qîm	'ā-ḏum-mîm,	sū-sîm	wə-'a-ḥā-rāw	bam-mə-ṣu-lāh;	'ā-šer	ha-hā-ḡas-sîm
וּלְבָנִים	שָׂרָקִים	אָדָמִים	סוּסִים	וְאַחֲרָיו	בְּמַצְלָה	אֲשֶׁר	הַהֲדָסִים
and white	sorrel	red	[were] horses	and behind him	in the hollow	that [were]	the myrtle trees
Conj-w Adj-mp	Adj-mp	Adj-mp	N-mp	Conj-w Prep 3ms	Prep-b, Art N-fs	Pro-r	Art N-mp

1. Characters in vision:
 - a. A man riding on a red horse (is this the same as c and f?)
 - b. An angel talking to Zechariah (verses 9, 13, 14) (also in 1:19; 2:3; 4:1, 4; 5:5, 10; 6:4)
 - c. A man standing among the myrtle trees (same as Angel of the Lord – f, and maybe a)
 - d. The LORD
 - e. The riders (angels) on the red, reddish-brown and white horses – sent to patrol the earth
 - f. The Angel of the LORD standing among the myrtle trees (same as man standing among myrtle trees – c, and maybe a)
2. “horses” indicate military presence, an angelic military presence
3. Colors of the horses are:
 - a. Red
 - b. Sorrel – reddish brown
 - c. White
4. Myrtle tree is an evergreen shrub 7-8 feet high known for use in construction of the booths (little shelters) used in the Feast of Tabernacles (Nehemiah 8:15). This could indicate God’s presence or dwelling with Israel, or better, the people of Jerusalem dwelling with the Lord.

1:9 – “I asked the angel who was talking with me, “My lord, what do these horses mean?” “I will show you,” the angel replied.

589 [e]		1696 [e]	4397 [e]	413 [e]		559 [e]	113 [e]	428 [e]	4100 [e]		559 [e]
'ā-nī	bî,	had-dō-bēr	ham-mal-'āk	'ê-lay,		way-yō-mer	'ā-dō-nî;	'êl-leh	māh-		wā-'ō-mar
אָנִי	בִּי	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמַּלְאָךְ	אֵלַי		וַיֹּאמֶר	אֲדֹנָי	אֵלֶּה	מָה		וַיֹּאמֶר
I	with me	who talked	the angel	to me		so said	My lord	these	what [are]		And I said
Pro-1cs	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclperf-3ms	N-msc 1cs	Pro-cp	Interrog	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclperf-1cs		

	428 [e]	1992 [e]	4100 [e]	7200 [e]
	'êl-leh.	hêm-māh	māh-	'ar-'e-kā
	אֵלֶּה:	הֲמָה	מָה	אֲרָאךְ
	these	are	what	will show you
	Pro-cp	Pro-3mp	Interrog	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs 2mse

1:10 – “So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’

834 [e]	428 [e]	559 [e]	1918 [e]	996 [e]	5975 [e]	376 [e]	6030 [e]
'ā-šer	'êl-leh	wa-	ha-hā-das-sîm	bên-	hā-'ō-mêḏ	hā-'îš	way-ya-'an,
אֲשֶׁר	אֵלֶּה	וַיֹּאמֶר	הַהַדְּסִים	בֵּין	הָעֵמֶד	הָאִישׁ	וַיַּעַן
whom	these [are the ones]	and said	the myrtle trees	among	who stood	the man	And answered
Pro-r	Pro-cp	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclperf-3ms	Art N-mp	Prep	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclperf-3ms

	776 [e]	1980 [e]	3068 [e]	7971 [e]
	bā-'ā-reṣ.	le-hiṭ-hal-lék	Yah-weh,	šā-lah
	בְּאֶרֶץ:	לְהִיטֵל	יְהוָה	שָׁלַח
	throughout the earth	to walk to and fro	Yahweh	has sent
	Prep-b, Art N-fs	Prep-l V-Hitpael-Inf	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms

1:11 – “And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’

	559 [e]	1918 [e]	996 [e]	5975 [e]	3069 [e]	4397 [e]	853 [e]	6030 [e]
	way-yō-mē-rū	ha-hā-das-sîm,	bên	hā-'ō-mêḏ	Yah-weh	mal-'ak	'et-	way-ya-'ā-nū
	וַיֹּאמְרוּ	הַהַדְּסִים	בֵּין	הָעֵמֶד	יְהוָה	מַלְאָךְ	אֶת-	וַיַּעֲנוּ
	and said	the myrtle trees	among	who stood	of Yahweh	the Angel	-	So they answered
	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclperf-3mp	Art N-mp	Prep	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclperf-3mp

	8252 [e]	3427 [e]	776 [e]	3605 [e]	2009 [e]	776 [e]	1980 [e]
	wə-šō-qā-tet.	yō-še-bet	hā-'ā-reṣ	kāl	wə-hin-nêh	bā-'ā-reṣ;	hiṭ-hal-lak-nū
	וְשָׁקֵטָה:	יֹשֵׁבֶת	הָאָרֶץ	כָּל-	וְהִנֵּה	בְּאֶרֶץ	הִתְהַלַּכְנוּ
	and quietly	is resting	the earth	all	and behold	throughout the earth	we have walked to and fro
	Conj-w V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	Art N-fs	N-msc	Conj-w Interjection	Prep-b, Art N-fs	V-Hitpael-Perf-1cp

1. The Persian world was at rest or had peace in 520-519 BC in the sense that all were under the oppression of Persia
2. Rebellion broke out in:

- a. Media
- b. Elam
- c. Armenia
- d. Iran
- e. Egypt and Asia Minor were effected

1:12 – “Then the angel of the LORD said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?’

3808 [e]	859 [e]	4970 [e]	5704 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	559 [e]	3068 [e]	4397 [e]	6030 [e]
lō-	'at-tāh	mā-tay,	'ad-	ṣə-bā-'ō-wṭ,	Yah-weh	way-yō-mar	Yah-weh	mal-'ak-	way-ya-'an
לֹא־	אתָּה	מָתִי	עַד־	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	מַלְאָךְ־	בִּיעָן
not	You	long	how	of hosts	Yahweh	and said	of Yahweh	the Angel	And answered
Adv-NegPrt	Pro-2ms	Interrog	Prep	N-cp	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

8141 [e]	7657 [e]	2088 [e]	2194 [e]	834 [e]	3063 [e]	5892 [e]	853 [e]	3389 [e]	853 [e]	7355 [e]
šā-nāh.	šib-'im	zeh	zā'am-tāh,	'ā-šer	ye-hū-dāh;	'ā-rê	we-'êt	ye-rū-šā-lim,	'et-	te-ra-hēm
שָׁנָה:	שִׁבְעִים	זֶה	זַעַמְתָּה	אֲשֶׁר	יְהוּדָה	עָרֵי	וְאֵת	יְרוּשָׁלַם	אֶת־	תִּרְחַם
years	seventy	this [is]	You were angry	against which	of Judah	on the cities	and	on Jerusalem	-	will have mercy
N-fs	Number-cp	Pro-ms	V-Qal-Perf-2ms	Pro-r	N-proper-ms	N-tpc	Conj-w DirObjM	N-proper-fs	DirObjM	V-Piel-Imperf-2ms

1:13 – “And the LORD answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

5150 [e]	1697 [e]	2896 [e]	1697 [e]	1696 [e]	4397 [e]	853 [e]	3068 [e]	6030 [e]	
ni-hu-mim.	de-bā-rim	ṭō-w-ḥim;	de-bā-rim	bī	had-dō-ḥêr	ham-mal-'āk	'et- Yah-weh	way-ya-'an	
נְחֻמִים:	דְּבָרִים	טוֹבִים	דְּבָרִים	כִּי	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמְּלַאָךְ	אֶת־	יְהוָה	וַיַּעַן
[and] comforting	words	good	[with] words	to me	who talked	the angel	-	Yahweh	and answered
N-mp	N-mp	Adj-mp	N-mp	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

1:14 – “So the angel who talked with me said to me, ‘Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion.

3068 [e]	559 [e]	3541 [e]	559 [e]	7121 [e]	1696 [e]	4397 [e]	413 [e]	559 [e]	
Yah-weh	'ā-mar	kōh	lé-mōr,	qə-rā	bī,	had-dō-ḥêr	ham-mal-'āk	'ê-lay,	way-yō-mer
יְהוָה	אָמַר	כֹּה	לֵאמֹר	קְרֵא	בִּי	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמְּלַאָךְ	אֵלַי	וַיֹּאמֶר
Yahweh	says	thus	saying	Proclaim	with me	who spoke	the angel	to me	So said
N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv	Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	V-Qal-Imp-ms	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

1419 [e]	7068 [e]	6726 [e]	3389 [e]	7065 [e]	6635 [e]
gē-dō-w-lāh.	qin-'āh	ū-le-šf-yō-wn	lī-rū-šā-lim	qin-nê-ṭī	ṣə-bā-'ō-wṭ;
גְּדוֹלָה:	קִנְיָה	וּלְצִיּוֹן	לְיְרוּשָׁלַם	קִנְיָתִי	צְבָאוֹת
great	with zeal	and for Zion	for Jerusalem	I am zealous	of hosts
Adj-fs	N-fs	Conj-w, Prep-I N-proper-fs	Prep-I N-proper-fs	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	N-cp

1:15 – “And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster.

7107 [e]	589 [e]	834 [e]		7600 [e]	1471 [e]	5921 [e]		7107 [e]	589 [e]	1419 [e]	7110 [e]	
qā·ṣap·tī	'ā·nī	'ā·šer	–	haš·ša·'ā·nan·nīm;	hag·gō·w·yim	'al-		qō·ṣêḅ,	'ā·nī	gā·dō·wl	wə·qe·ṣeḅ	
וְאֲנִי כַצַּפְתִּי	אֲנִי	אֲשֶׁר	–	הַשְּׂאֲנָנִים	הַגּוֹיִם	עַל-		קִצְּרָה	אֲנִי	גְּדוֹלִי	וְאֲנִי	15
was angry	I	for		at ease	the nations	with		very displeased	I	exceedingly	And am angry	
V-Qal-Perf-1cs	Pro-1cs	Pro-r		Art Adj-mp	Art N-mp	Prep		V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Pro-1cs	Adj-ms	Conj-w N-ms	
								7451 [e]	5826 [e]	1992 [e]	4592 [e]	
								lə·rā·'āh.	'ā·ze·rū	wə·hēm·māh	mə·'āṭ,	
								לְרָעָה:	עֲזָרוּ	וְהֵמָּה	מֵעֵט	
								[but] with evil [intent]	helped	and they	a little	
								Prep-I Adj-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj-w Pro-3mp	Adj-ms	

1:16 – “Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.

	1129 [e]	1004 [e]		7356 [e]	3389 [e]	7725 [e]	3068 [e]	559 [e]	3541 [e]	3651 [e]	
	bāh,	yib·bā·neh	bê·tī	bə·ra·ḥā·mīm,	lī·rū·šā·lim	šab·tī	Yah·weh	'ā·mar	kōh-	lā·kên	
	בָּהּ	יִבְנֶה	בֵּיתִי	–	בְּרַחֲמִים	לִירוּשָׁלַיִם	אֲנִי	אָמַר	כֹּה־	לְכֹן	16
	in it	shall be built	My house		with mercy	to Jerusalem	I am returning	Yahweh	says	thus	Therefore
Prep 3fs	V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	N-msc 1cs		Prep-b N-mp	Prep-I N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Perf-1cs	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv	Adv	
	3389 [e]	5921 [e]		5186 [e]	6961 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	5002 [e]			
	ye·rū·šā·lim.	'al-		yin·nā·ṭeh	wə·qāw	wə·qā·wāh	šə·bā·'ō·wt;	Yah·weh	nə·'um		
	יְרוּשָׁלַיִם:	עַל-		יִנְטֶה	(וְקוֹ)	[וְקוֹה]	–	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	נֹאֵם	
	Jerusalem	over		shall be stretched out	and a [surveyor's] line	-		of hosts	Yahweh	says	
	N-proper-fs	Prep		V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	Conj-w N-ms	Conj-w N-ms		N-cp	N-proper-ms	N-msc	

1:17 – “Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.”

5892 [e]	6327 [e]	5750 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	559 [e]	3541 [e]	559 [e]	7121 [e]	5750 [e]
'ā·ray	te·pū·še·nāh	'ō·wḏ	še·bā·'ō·wt,	Yah·weh	'ā·mar	kōh	lê·mōr,	qe·rā	'ō·wḏ
עָרַי	תִּפְּצֵינָהּ	עוֹד	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	אָמַר	כֹּה	לֵאמֹר	קְרָא	עוֹד וְ
My cities	shall spread out	again	of hosts	Yahweh	says	thus	saying	proclaim	Again
N-fpc 1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fp	Adv	N-cp	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv	Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	V-Qal-Imp-ms	Adv

s	3389 [e]	5750 [e]	977 [e]	6726 [e]	853 [e]	5750 [e]	3068 [e]	5162 [e]	2896 [e]
	bī·rū·šā·lim.	'ō·wḏ	ū·bā·ḥar	šī·yō·wn,	'eṭ-	'ō·wḏ	Yah·weh	we·ni·ḥam	miṭ·ṭō·wb;
ס .	בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם:	עוֹד	וּבָחַר	צִיּוֹן	אֶת-	עוֹד	יְהוָה	וְנַחֵם	מִטּוֹב
-	Jerusalem	again	and will choose	Zion	-	again	Yahweh	and will comfort	through prosperity
Punc	Prep-b N-proper-fs	Adv	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-proper-fs	DirObjM	Adv	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-3ms	Prep-m N-ms