

## ZECHARIAH

# By My Spirit

MAJOR LESSONS

FROM THE MINOR

PROPHETS

## **ZECHARIAH 1:1**

**<sup>1</sup>In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:**

## **ZECHARIAH 4:1–3**

**<sup>1</sup> Then the angel who talked with me returned and woke me up, like someone awakened from sleep. <sup>2</sup> He asked me, “What do you see?”**

## **ZECHARIAH 4:1–3**

I answered, “I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it, with seven channels to the lamps. <sup>3</sup> Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.”

## **ZECHARIAH 4:4,5**

<sup>4</sup> I asked the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” <sup>5</sup> He answered, “Do you not know what these are?” “No, my lord,” I replied.

## ZECHARIAH 4:6

<sup>6</sup> So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.

# • Might = military strength

After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD,  
his going out is sure and he will come to us;  
the LORD will come to us as the spring rains that water the earth.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

But like Adam they transgressed the covenant,  
there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Gilead is a city of evildoers,  
tracked with blood.

As robbers lie in wait for a man,  
so the priests band together;  
they murder on the way to Shechem,  
they commit villainy.

but they will not find him;  
he has withdrawn from them.

They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD  
for they have borne alien children.  
Now the new moon shall devour them with  
their fields.

Blow the horn in Gibeon,  
the trumpet in Ramah,  
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,  
we follow you, O Benjamin!

Ephraim shall become a desolation  
because he has forsaken his God,  
making himself an alien child.  
I make known what is sure.

The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
because he was determined to go after filth.

But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king.  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.

For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.  
I, even I, will tear and go away;  
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;  
Ephraim is a cake not turned.  
Strangers devour his strength,  
and he knows it not;  
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,  
and he knows it not.

The grid of Israel is stiffened to his face,  
they do not return to the LORD their God  
nor seek him for all this.

Ephraim is like a dove,  
silly and without sense,  
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.

As they go, I will spread over them my net;  
I will bring them down like birds of the  
heavens.

I will discipline them according to the reproach  
made to their congregation.  
Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!  
Destruction to them; for they have rebelled  
against me!

I would redeem them,  
but they speak lies against me.

They do not cry to me from the heart,  
but they wall upon their beds;  
for grain and wine they gash themselves,  
they rebel against me.

Although I trained and strengthened their  
arms,  
yet they devise evil against me.

They return, but not upward;  
they are like a treacherous bow;  
their princes shall fall by the sword.

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# • Power = human strength

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on the third day he will raise us up,  
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his going out is sure and he will come to us;  
as the spring rains that water the earth.

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Your love is like a morning cloud,  
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Therefore I have loved on the day of anger,  
I have slain them by the word of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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but they will not find him,  
he has withdrawn from them.  
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for they have borne alien children.  
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because he has forsaken his God,  
his strength, his rock,  
I make known what is sure.

The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed,  
because he has refused to go after me.  
But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

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and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king,  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.

For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
and like a young lion to the house of Judah,  
I, even I, will tear and go away;  
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

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Ephraim is a cake not turned.  
Strangers devour his strength,  
and he knows it not;  
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,  
and he knows it not.

The spirit of Israel testifies to his face,  
they have sworn to the LORD their God,  
but they do not believe in him,  
nor seek him for all this.

Ephraim is like a dove,  
silly and without sense,  
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.

As they go, I will spread over them my net;  
they will be caught like birds of the air,  
I will discipline them according to the report  
made to their congregation.

Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!  
Destruction to them; for they have rebelled  
against me!

I would redeem them,  
but they speak lies against me.

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but they wall upon their beds;  
for grain and wine they gash themselves,  
they rebel against me.

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arms,  
yet they devise evil against me.

They return, but not upward;  
they are like a treacherous bow;  
their princes shall fall by the sword.



- **Might = military strength**
- **Power = human strength**
- **Spirit = God's strength**

BY GOD'S SPIRIT...

# Grace wins

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on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us see  
his going out is as the morning;  
he will come to us as the shower,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.

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I make known what is sure  
among the tribes of Israel.  
The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.

Ephraim is like a dove,  
because he is soft and gentle,  
but I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king,  
But he is not able to cure you  
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Strangers devour his strength,  
and he knows it not;  
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,  
and he knows it not.  
The pride of Israel testifies to his face,  
yet they do not return to the LORD their God,  
nor seek him, for all this.

Ephraim is like a dove,  
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**ZECHARIAH 4:7 NASB**

**7 ‘What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”’**

BY GOD'S SPIRIT...

# Discouragement loses

## **ZECHARIAH 4:9**

**9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.**

## **ZECHARIAH 4:10**

<sup>10</sup> “Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?”

BY GOD'S SPIRIT...

Jesus fills us

**ZECHARIAH 4:14 NASB**

<sup>14</sup> Then he said, “These are the two **anointed ones** who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.”



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***Anointed one* = Messiah**

## **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19,20**

**<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

## **EPHESIANS 2:21,22**

**<sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.**

**<sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**