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Zechariah

Zechariah 1

Zechariah 1:1

ULT

¹ In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah son of Berechiah son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

UST

¹ When Darius had been the emperor of Persia for two years, in the eighth month of his reign, Yahweh gave Zechariah the prophet, son of Berechiah and grandson of Iddo the prophet, this message:

During whose reign did Zechariah prophesy?

Zechariah prophesied during the reign of Darius.

Who was Zechariah?

Zechariah was the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet.

Zechariah 1:2

ULT

² "Yahweh was exceedingly angry with your fathers!

UST

² "I was very angry with your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:3**ULT**

³ Say to them, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: Turn to me!—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts— and I will return to you, says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

³ So tell this to the people: Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: 'Return to me, and if you do that, I will help you again.

What did Yahweh of hosts say he would do if the people would turn to him?

Yahweh of hosts said if the people would turn to him, he would return to them.

Zechariah 1:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not be like your fathers to whom the prophets cried out previously, saying, "Yahweh of hosts says this: Turn now from your evil ways and your evil practices!" But they would not hear and did not pay attention to me—this is Yahweh's declaration.'

UST

⁴ Do not be like your ancestors. Prophets, who have now died, continually I proclaimed to your ancestors that they should stop doing the evil things that they were always doing. But they refused to pay attention to what I said.

What did their fathers do when Yahweh told them to turn from their evil ways and wicked practices?

Their fathers would not hear and did not pay attention to Yahweh.

Zechariah 1:5**ULT**

⁵ Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, are they here forever?

UST

⁵ Your ancestors have died and are now in their graves. Even the prophets did not live forever either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:6**ULT**

⁶ But my words and my decrees that I commanded my servants the prophets, have they not overtaken your fathers? So they repented and said, 'Just as Yahweh of hosts planned to do to us what our ways and actions deserved, so he has dealt with us.'

UST

⁶ But the commands and the decrees that I had instructed my servants the prophets to tell them—your ancestors did not obey them, so I punished them. So then they repented and said that I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, had done to them what they deserved for their evil behavior, just like I had said I would do.'

What did the people say when they repented?

When they repented the people said, "Yahweh of hosts's plans are made in keeping with his word and practice, and he has carried them out."

Zechariah 1:7**ULT**

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 Yahweh came to Zechariah son of Berechiah son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

UST

⁷ On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, Yahweh gave another message to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:8**ULT**

⁸ "I saw in the night, and, look! a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees that {are} in the valley; and behind him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses."

UST

⁸ During the night I had a vision. In the vision I saw an angel who was on a red horse. He was in a narrow valley among some myrtle trees. Behind him were angels on other horses—red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

What did Zechariah see when the word of Yahweh came to him in the night?

Zechariah saw a man riding on a red horse among the myrtle trees in the valley. Behind him were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

Zechariah 1:9**ULT**

⁹ I said, "What {are} these things, Lord?" Then the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what these things are."

UST

⁹ I asked the angel who had been talking to me, "Sir, who are those angels on the horses?" He replied, "I will show you who they are."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These {are those} Yahweh has sent out to roam throughout the earth."

UST

¹⁰ Then the angel who had stopped under the myrtle trees explained. He said, "They are the angels whom Yahweh has sent to patrol the entire world."

What were the horses that Zechariah saw?

The horses were those Yahweh had sent out to roam throughout the earth.

Zechariah 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ They answered the angel of Yahweh who stood among the myrtle trees; they said to him, "We have been roaming throughout the earth; and see, all the earth sits still and is at rest."

UST

¹¹ Then those angels reported to the angel of Yahweh who was under the myrtle trees, "We have traveled throughout the world, and we have found out that the army of the emperor has conquered nations throughout the world, and that they are now helpless and inactive."

What did the horses who roamed throughout the earth find?

The horses found all the earth sitting still and at rest.

Zechariah 1:12**ULT**

¹² Then the angel of Yahweh answered and said, "Yahweh of hosts, how long will you show no compassion to Jerusalem and to the cities of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?"

UST

¹² Then the angel asked, "Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, how long will you continue to not act mercifully toward Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah? You have been angry with them for seventy years!"

What question did the angel of Yahweh have for Yahweh concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?

The angel of Yahweh asked Yahweh how long he would show no compassion to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.

Zechariah 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh answered the angel who had talked with me, {with} good words, words of comfort.

UST

¹³ So Yahweh spoke kindly to the angel who had talked to me, saying things that comforted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So the angel who had talked {with} me said to me, "Call out and say, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great passion!

UST

¹⁴ Then the angel who had been talking with me said to me, "Proclaim this to the people of Jerusalem: Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says that he is very concerned about the people who live on Mount Zion and in the other parts of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I am very angry with the nations that are at ease. When I was only a little angry with them, they made the disaster worse.

UST

¹⁵ And he is very angry with the nations that are proud and feel safe. He was only a little bit angry with Judah, but they caused them to suffer much more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Therefore Yahweh says this: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house will be built within her—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—and the {measuring} line will be stretched out over Jerusalem!

UST

¹⁶ Therefore, he says that he will go back to Jerusalem and help the people. It will be as if he himself had surveyed and measured all the land in the city.

What did Yahweh of hosts say concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said he had returned to Jerusalem with mercies, that his house would be built within her and the measuring line would be stretched out over Jerusalem. Yahweh also said his cities would once again overflow with goodness and Yahweh would again comfort Zion and once again choose Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Again call out, saying, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: My cities will once again overflow with goodness, and Yahweh will again comfort Zion, and he will once again choose Jerusalem.'"

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also said to tell people in his cities in Judah that they will soon be very prosperous again. He will encourage the people of Jerusalem again, and he will again choose Jerusalem as his special city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:18**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁸ Then I looked up and saw four animal horns in front of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I spoke to the angel who talked with me, "What {are} these?" He answered me, "These {are} the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

UST

¹⁹ I asked the angel who had been speaking to me, "What are those horns?" He replied, "Those horns represent the nations that forced the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah and Israel to go to other countries."

What were the four horns that Zechariah saw?

The four horns were those who had scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then Yahweh showed me four craftsmen.

UST

²⁰ Then Yahweh showed me four blacksmiths.

**Who were the four blacksmiths that Zechariah saw and what were they going to do?
(vv20-21)**

The blacksmiths were people who were going to drive out and cast down the horns of the nations who had lifted up any horn against the land of Judah to scatter her.

Zechariah 1:21**ULT**

²¹ I said, "What {are} these people coming to do?" He answered, and said, "These {are} the horns that scattered Judah so that no man would lift up his head. But the {blacksmiths} have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations that lifted up a horn against the land of Judah to scatter her."

UST

²¹ I asked, "What are those men coming to do?" He replied, "The nations that those horns represent scattered the people of Judah, so they suffered greatly. But these blacksmiths are coming to frighten and destroy those nations and to throw down their horns, their power—all those nations who had attacked the land of Judah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2

Zechariah 2:1

ULT

¹ Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.

UST

¹ Then I looked up and saw a man with a surveyor's line.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:2

ULT

² I said, "Where {are} you going?" So he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what {is} its width and what {is} its length."

UST

² I asked him, "Where are you going?" He replied, "I am going to survey Jerusalem, to determine how wide it is and how long it is."

What was the young man going to do with the measuring line in his hand?

He was going to measure Jerusalem, to determine its width and its length.

Zechariah 2:3

ULT

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

UST

³ Then the angel who had been talking to me started to leave, and another angel walked toward him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:4**ULT**

⁴ And he said to him, "Run and speak to that young man; saying, 'Jerusalem will sit in the open country because of the multitudes of men and beasts within her.

UST

⁴ The second angel said to him, "Run and tell that young man with the surveyor's line: Some day there will be very many people and livestock in Jerusalem, so they will not all be able to live inside the city walls; many will live outside the walls in the open country.

Why did the second angel say that Jerusalem would sit in the open country?

The second angel said this because of the multitudes of men and beasts that would be within her.

Zechariah 2:5**ULT**

⁵ For I—this is Yahweh's declaration—will become for her a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.

UST

⁵ Yahweh says that he himself will be like a wall of fire around the city, and he will be among the people with his glory."

What did Yahweh say he would become for Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would become a wall of fire around her and he would be the glory in her midst.

Zechariah 2:6**ULT**

⁶ Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north—declares Yahweh— for I have scattered you like the four winds of the skies!—declares Yahweh.

UST

⁶ Yahweh declares to the people who the Babylonians took away as slaves: "Run! Run! Flee from Babylonia, and flee from the places where I scattered you to the four winds!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:7**ULT**

⁷ Up! Escape to Zion, you who live with the daughter of Babylon!”

UST

⁷ Run! You who now live in Babylon, run here to Jerusalem!”

What was Yahweh’s declaration to those who lived with the daughter of Babylon?

Yahweh told them to escape to Zion.

Zechariah 2:8**ULT**

⁸ For Yahweh of hosts said this, after he honored and sent me against the nations that plundered you— for whoever touches you, touches the apple of God’s eye!

UST

⁸ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, honored me by telling me to go to the nations who took everything you owned, for those who harm you harm what is most precious to him! After he did that, he said this to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:9**ULT**

⁹ “For I myself will shake my hand over them, and they will be plunder for their slaves.” Then you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me.

UST

⁹ “Tell them that I, Yahweh, will attack them. Their own slaves will take back their possessions from them, the people who had taken them in the first place.” When that happens, you Jewish people will know that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is the one who sent me, Zechariah, as a prophet.

How were they supposed to know that Yahweh of hosts had sent the second angel?

The second angel said Judah and Israel would know Yahweh had sent him when he shook his hand over the nations that plundered them and when the nations that plundered Judah and Israel were plundered for their slaves.

Zechariah 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Sing and be glad, daughter of Zion, for I myself will come and encamp among you!—declares Yahweh.”

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh says, “You people of Jerusalem, shout and be happy, because I will come to you and live among you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then great nations will join Yahweh in that day and they will become my people; and I will encamp in your midst, and you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you.

UST

¹¹ At that time, people of many nations will join with Yahweh and become his people. He will live among all of you; and you will know that Yahweh, powerful Commander of the angel armies, is the one who sent me to you as a prophet.

What will happen when Yahweh comes and encamps in Zion?

When that happens great nations will join themselves to Yahweh and those of Zion will become his people.

Zechariah 2:12**ULT**

¹² Then Yahweh will inherit Judah as his rightful possession in the holy land and will once again choose Jerusalem.

UST

¹² The people of Judah will be a very special part of his own land, and Jerusalem will again be the city that he has chosen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:13

ULT

¹³ Be silent, all flesh, before Yahweh, for he has been roused from his holy place!

UST

¹³ Everyone, everywhere, should be silent in the presence of Yahweh, because he is about to come down again from where he lives in heaven to do great things for us.

Why is all flesh told to be silent before Yahweh?

All flesh is told to be silent before Yahweh because Yahweh has been roused from out of the heavens.

Zechariah 3

Zechariah 3:1

ULT

¹ Then Yahweh showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh and Satan was standing at his right to accuse him.

UST

¹ Then Yahweh showed me Joshua, the high priest, who was standing in front of the angel that Yahweh had sent. And Satan was standing at Joshua's right side, ready to accuse him of having sinned.

Who was near Joshua the high priest?

Joshua was standing before Yahweh and Satan was standing at his right hand.

What was Satan doing at Joshua's right hand?

Satan was accusing Joshua of sin.

Zechariah 3:2

ULT

² Then Yahweh said to Satan, "May Yahweh rebuke you, Satan; may Yahweh, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! {Is} this not a poker pulled from the fire?"

UST

² But the angel of Yahweh said to Satan, "Satan, may Yahweh rebuke you! He has chosen Jerusalem to be his special city, and may he rebuke you! This man, Joshua, has been brought back from Babylonia; he is certainly like a burning stick that someone has snatched from a fire."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 3:3

ULT

³ Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

UST

³ Now as Joshua was standing in front of the angel, he was wearing filthy clothes.

What was Joshua wearing as he stood before the angel?

Joshua was dressed in filthy garments.

Zechariah 3:4**ULT**

⁴ Then he spoke and said to those who stood before him, saying, "Remove the filthy clothes from upon him." Then he said to Joshua, "Look! I have caused your iniquity to pass from you and I will dress you in fine clothing."

UST

⁴ So the angel said to those other angels who were standing in front of him, "Take off those clothes he is wearing!" After they did that, the angel said to Joshua, "Look! I have taken away the guilt of your sins, and I will put beautiful clothes on you instead."

What did the angel of Yahweh say he had done for Joshua?

The angel said he had caused Joshua's iniquity to pass from Joshua.

What happened concerning Joshua's clothing? (vv4-5)

The angel commanded the filthy garments to be removed from Joshua and for Joshua to be clothed with fine clothing; a clean turban and clean garments.

Zechariah 3:5**ULT**

⁵ Then I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head!" So they set a clean turban on Joshua's head and clothed him with clothes, while the angel of Yahweh was standing by.

UST

⁵ Then the angel said to them, "Put a clean turban on his head!" So they put a clean turban on his head and new clothes on him, while the angel of Yahweh was standing there looking on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 3:6**ULT**

⁶ Next the angel of Yahweh said to Joshua,

UST

⁶ Then the same angel said this to Joshua:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 3:7**ULT**

⁷ “Yahweh of hosts says this: If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my commandments, then you will govern my house and guard my courts, for I will allow you to walk among these who stand here.

UST

⁷ “Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, says that if you do what I want you to do and obey my instructions, you will be in charge of my temple and its courtyard. And I will allow you to be part of this group of angels who are always standing near to me and can speak with me at any time.

What did Yahweh promise Joshua, the high priest, if he would walk in Yahweh’s ways and keep his commandments?

Yahweh promised Joshua that he would govern Yahweh’s house and keep Yahweh’s courts. Yahweh also promised that he would allow Joshua to come and go before those who stand before Yahweh.

Zechariah 3:8**ULT**

⁸ Please Listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your companions who live with you! For these men {are} a sign, for I myself will bring up my servant the Branch.

UST

⁸ Joshua, you are the high priest, and your associates are sitting in front of you. The fact that they are here means that I will bring a special servant of mine, someone who I will call the Branch.”

What was the servant called that Yahweh himself was going to bring up?

That servant was called “the Branch.”

Zechariah 3:9**ULT**

⁹ Now look at the stone that I have set before Joshua. There are seven eyes on this single stone, and I will engrave an inscription—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts— and I will remove the sin from this land in one day.

UST

⁹ Then the angel of Yahweh placed a stone in front of Joshua and said to him and to the other men with him: “Look at the stone that I have put in front of Joshua. There are seven sides on the stone. I will engrave a message on that stone, and in one day I will remove the guilt of all the people of this country.

What was the first part of the message to be engraved on the seven sided stone?

The first part of the message was that Yahweh would remove the sin from that land in one day.

Zechariah 3:10

ULT

¹⁰ In that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—each man will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.”

UST

¹⁰ At that time, each of you will invite his friends to come and sit under his grapevine and under his fig tree. That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, declares.”

According to Yahweh when will each man invite his neighbor to relax under his vine and under his fig tree?

Yahweh said this would occur “in that day”.

Zechariah 4

Zechariah 4:1

ULT

¹ Then the angel who was talking with me turned and roused me like a man who was roused from his sleep.

UST

¹ Then the angel who had been talking with me returned, and he called to me while I was thinking deeply, as though I had been asleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:2

ULT

² Then he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand made entirely of gold, with a bowl on its top. It has seven lamps on it and seven tubes for each lamp, which are on the top.

UST

² He asked me, "What do you see?" I replied, "I see a lampstand made completely of gold. There is a small bowl for olive oil at the top, and there are seven small lamps around the bowl, and a place for seven wicks on each lamp.

What did Zechariah see when he was roused? (vv2-3)

Zechariah saw a gold lampstand with a bowl on top, with seven lamps and two olive trees by the bowl.

Zechariah 4:3

ULT

³ Two olive trees {are} by it, one on the right side of the bowl and one on the left side."

UST

³ Furthermore, I see two olive trees, one at the right side of the lampstand and one at the left side."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:4**ULT**

⁴ So again, I spoke to the angel who was talking with me. I said, "What do these things mean, my master?"

UST

⁴ I asked the angel who was talking with me, "Sir, what do these things mean?"

Did Zechariah understand what the things in the vision meant? (vv4-5)

No, Zechariah told the angel who was talking with him that he did not understand the meaning of those things in the vision.

Zechariah 4:5**ULT**

⁵ The angel who was talking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these things mean?" I said, "No, my master."

UST

⁵ He replied, "Surely you know what they mean." I replied, "No, I do not know."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:6**ULT**

⁶ So he answered and said to me, "This {is} the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

⁶ Then the angel said to me, "This is the message from Yahweh to you, Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah: 'You will do what I want you to do, but it will not be by your own strength or power. It will be done by the power of my Spirit,' says Yahweh, commander of the angel armies."

What was the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel about how things were going to get done?

The word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel was, "Not by might nor by power, but only by my Spirit."

Zechariah 4:7**ULT**

⁷ What {are} you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel {you will become} a plain, and he will bring out the top stone to shouts of ‘Grace! Grace to it!’”

UST

⁷ The angel continued to speak to me: “Zerubbabel, you have many difficult matters to handle. They are like high mountains. But it will be as though they became flat land. And you will bring to the new temple the final stone, the highest stone, to complete it. When you set it in place, all the people will shout repeatedly, ‘It is beautiful! May God bless it!’”

What will be shouted when Zerubbabel brings out the top stone?

They will shout, “It is beautiful! May God bless it!”

Zechariah 4:8**ULT**

⁸ The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

⁸ Then Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:9**ULT**

⁹ “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house and his hands will bring {it} to completion.” Then you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you.

UST

⁹ He said to me, “Zerubbabel himself laid some of the stones for the foundation of the temple, and he will put some of the last stones in their places.” Then I said to the other men with him, “When that happens, the people will know that it is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, who has sent me to you.

How will the people know that Yahweh sent Zechariah to them?

The people will know when they see the prophecy fulfilled; the hand of Zerubbabel lay the foundation of that house and his hands finish it.

Zechariah 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For who has despised the day of small things? They will rejoice and will see the plumb stone in the hand of Zerubbabel. (These seven {are} the eyes of Yahweh, they roam over the whole earth.)

UST

¹⁰ The people who are mocking the slow way in which they are building the temple again—these same people will be glad when they see Zerubbabel holding a plumb line in his hand. The seven lamps represent the eyes of Yahweh, who looks back and forth at everything that happens all over the earth.”

What will the people see in the hand of Zerubbabel?

The people will see the plumb stone in Zerubbabel’s hand.

What did the the seven lamps mean?

The seven lamps are the eyes of Yahweh that roam over the whole earth.

Zechariah 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then I answered and said to him, “What {are} these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on the left?”

UST

¹¹ Then I asked the angel, “What is the meaning of the two olive trees, one on each side of the lampstand?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:12**ULT**

¹² Then I answered again and said to him, “What {are} these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that have golden {oil} pouring out of them?”

UST

¹² And what is the meaning of the two olive branches, one alongside each of the gold pipes from which olive oil flows to the lamps?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:13

ULT

¹³ Then he said to me, "Do you not know what these {are}?" I said, "No, my master."

UST

¹³ He replied, "Surely you know what they are." I replied, "No, sir, I do not know."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:14

ULT

¹⁴ Then he said, "These {are} the two sons of oil who stand before the Lord of all the earth."

UST

¹⁴ So he said, "They represent the two men whom the Lord who rules the whole earth has appointed."

What are the two olive branches?

The two olive branches are the two sons of oil who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.

Zechariah 5

Zechariah 5:1

ULT

¹ Then I turned and lifted my eyes, and I saw, behold, a flying scroll!

UST

¹ I looked up again, and I saw a scroll that was flying through the air.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:2

ULT

² Then he said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide."

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² The angel asked me, "What do you see?" I replied, "I see a flying scroll that is huge, nine meters long and four and a half meters wide."

How big was the scroll that Zechariah saw?

The scroll was twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide.

Zechariah 5:3

ULT

³ Then he said to me, "This {is} the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land. For every thief will be cut off according to what it says on the one {side}, and everyone who swears a false oath will be cut off {according to} what it says on the other {side}.

UST

³ Then he said to me, "On this scroll Yahweh has written the words that he is speaking to curse the entire land of Judah. On one side of the scroll it is written that every thief will be banished. On the other side it is written that everyone who tells a lie when he is calling on Yahweh to witness that he is telling the truth will also be banished from the country.

What did the angel say the flying scroll was?

The angel said the flying scroll was the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land.

Who did the scroll curse?

The scroll was a curse to every thief and to everyone who swears a false oath.

Zechariah 5:4**ULT**

⁴ “I will send it out—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—so it will enter into the house of the thief and into the house of the one that swears falsely by my name. And it will remain in his house and consume its timber and its stones.”

UST

⁴ The Commander of the angel armies says, ‘I will send this scroll to the places where thieves live and to the houses of those who use my name when they call on me to witness that they are telling the truth. This scroll will stay in their houses until those houses and all their wood and stones are destroyed.’”

What did the curse do to the thief and to the one who swears falsely by Yahweh’s name?

The curse will enter their houses and remain there and consume the timber and stones of their houses.

Zechariah 5:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, “Raise now your eyes and see what {is} coming!”

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⁵ Then the angel who had been talking to me came closer to me and said, “Look up and see what is coming!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:6**ULT**

⁶ And I said, “What is it?” And he said, “This {is} the measuring basket that {is} coming.” And he said, “This {is} their iniquity in the whole land.” ^[1]

UST

⁶ I asked him, “What is it?” He replied, “It is a big barrel for measuring grain. But it contains a record of the sins that everyone in this nation has committed.”

What was in the basket that Zechariah saw and what did the angel say it was?

An ephah was in the basket that Zechariah saw, and the angel said the ephah “is their iniquity in the whole land.”

Zechariah 5:7**ULT**

⁷ And behold, a lead covering was lifted off and there was a woman sitting inside the measuring basket!

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⁷ Then the angel lifted the barrel's cover, which was made of lead. There was a woman sitting inside the barrel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:8**ULT**

⁸ And he said, "This {is} Wickedness!" Then he threw her inside the measuring basket, and he threw the weight of lead over its opening.

UST

⁸ The angel said, "She represents the wicked things that people do." Then he pushed her back into the barrel and closed the very heavy lid again.

What did the angel say the woman in the basket was?

The angel said of the woman in the basket, "This is Wickedness!"

Zechariah 5:9**ULT**

⁹ And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming, and wind was in their wings—for they had wings like a stork's wings. And they lifted up the measuring basket between earth and between heaven.

UST

⁹ Then I looked up and saw two women in front of me. They were flying toward us, with their wings spread out in the wind. Their wings were large, like storks' wings. They lifted the barrel up into the sky.

What did the two women, who had wings like a stork's wings, do with the basket?

The two women lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

Zechariah 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And I said to the angel who was talking to me, "Where {are} they taking the measuring basket?"

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¹⁰ I asked the angel who had been talking to me, "Where are they taking that barrel?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ And he said to me, "To build for it a temple in the land of Shinar, and when it is ready, it will be set there on its base."

5:6 ^[1]. The Hebrew text has , but this is widely thought to be an error.

UST

¹¹ He replied, "They are taking it to Babylonia to build a temple for it. When the temple is finished, they will set the barrel there on a pedestal for people to worship it."

Where were the women taking the basket and for what purpose?

The women took the basket to build a temple in Shinar for it, so that when the temple is ready, the basket will be set there on its prepared base.

Zechariah 6

Zechariah 6:1

ULT

¹ And I turned and lifted my eyes and I saw, and behold, four chariots coming out from between two mountains; and the two mountains {were} made of bronze.

UST

¹ I looked up again, and I saw four chariots coming toward me. They were coming between two mountains that were made of bronze.

What did Zechariah see coming out from between two bronze mountains?

Zechariah saw four chariots coming out from between two bronze mountains.

Zechariah 6:2

ULT

² The first chariot had red horses, the second chariot had black horses,

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² The first chariot was pulled by red horses, the second chariot was pulled by black horses,

What color were the horses of each chariot? (vv2-3)

The first chariot had red horses, the second had black horses, the third had white horses, and the fourth had spotted gray horses.

Zechariah 6:3

ULT

³ and the third chariot had white horses, and the fourth chariot had spotted gray horses.

UST

³ the third chariot was pulled by white horses, and the fourth chariot was pulled by spotted gray horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:4**ULT**

⁴ And I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, "What {are} these, my master?"

UST

⁴ I asked the angel who had been speaking to me, "Sir, what do those chariots mean?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:5**ULT**

⁵ And the angel answered and said to me, "These are four winds of heaven that go out from where they were, before the Lord of all the earth.

UST

⁵ The angel replied, "These chariots and their horses represent the four winds going out from heaven; they have come from standing in the presence of the Lord who controls the entire earth. They will go across the sky in four directions.

What did the angel say the chariots were?

The angel said the chariots were the four winds of heaven.

Where had these four chariots been?

These four chariots had been standing before the Lord of all the earth.

Zechariah 6:6**ULT**

⁶ The one with the black horses is going out to the north country; and the white ones are going out to the west; and the spotted ones are going out to the south country."

UST

⁶ The chariot pulled by black horses will go north, the one pulled by white horses will go west, and the one pulled by spotted gray horses will go south."

Where were the three chariots with the black, the white and the spotted gray horses going?

The chariot with the black horses went out to the north country. The chariot with white horses went out to the west country. The chariot with the spotted gray horses went out to the south country.

Zechariah 6:7**ULT**

⁷ These strong {horses} went out and sought to go and roam over the earth, and he said, "Go and roam over the earth!" and they went to roam over the earth.

UST

⁷ When those powerful horses left, they were eager to go throughout the world. As they were leaving, the angel said to them, "Go throughout the world and see what is happening!" So they left to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:8**ULT**

⁸ Then he called out to me and spoke to me, saying, "Look at the ones that are going out to the north country; they will appease my spirit in the north country."

UST

⁸ Then the angel called to me and said, "Look, the chariots that have gone north will mollify the Spirit of Yahweh by punishing the people in that region."

What was the chariot with the black horses that went out to the north country going to accomplish?

That chariot with the black horses was going to appease the angel's spirit concerning the north country.

Zechariah 6:9**ULT**

⁹ And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

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⁹ Then Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Take from the exiles—from Heldai, and from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah—and you go this same day and take it into the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah, who has come from Babylon.

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¹⁰ He said, “Today Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah will be bringing some silver and gold from the people who were exiled in Babylon. As soon as they arrive, go to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah.

What was Zechariah supposed to do with the offering he collected from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah? (vv10-11)

Zechariah was told to take the offering into the house of Josiah, son of Zephaniah. Zechariah was to take the silver and gold, make a crown and set it upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Zechariah 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ And take the silver and gold and make a crown and set {it} on the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

UST

¹¹ Take some of that silver and gold from them and make a crown. Then put it on the head of Jehozadak’s son Joshua, the high priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:12**ULT**

¹² And speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh of hosts, saying: Behold, a man whose name {is} Branch, and he will grow from his place and he will build the temple of Yahweh!

UST

¹² Tell him that I, the Commander of the angel armies, say that the man who is called the Branch will come. He will leave the place where he is now, and he will supervise those who build my temple.

What did Yahweh of hosts say Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, would do? (vv12-13)

Yahweh said Joshua would grow up where he is and build the temple of Yahweh, raise up its splendor, and then sit and rule on his throne.

Zechariah 6:13**ULT**

¹³ And he will build the temple of Yahweh, and he will bear glory, and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne, and a counsel of peace will exist between both of them.

UST

¹³ He is the one who will tell those who will build my temple what to do. He will wear royal clothing and he will sit on his throne and rule. He will also be a priest sitting on his throne, and there will be peace between the two roles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the crown will be given to Heldai, to Tobijah, to Jedaiah, and to Hen, son of Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁴ The crown was handed over to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen son of Zephaniah, and they were to place it in the house of Yahweh, as a way to honor them."

Why was a crown to be placed in the temple of Yahweh?

A crown was to be placed in the temple of Yahweh to Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah and as a memorial to the generosity of the son of Zephaniah.

Zechariah 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then those who are far off will come and build the temple of Yahweh, so you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you; for {this} will happen if you truly listen to the voice of Yahweh your God!"

UST

¹⁵ People who are living far away will come and help to build Yahweh's temple. When that happens, you people will know that Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, have sent me to you people. That will happen if all of you faithfully obey Yahweh, your God.

What must the people do for these prophetic events to come true?

Yahweh said these events would happen "if you truly listen to the voice of Yahweh your God!"

Zechariah 7

Zechariah 7:1

ULT

¹ And it happened in the fourth year of Darius the king, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah, on the fourth {day} of the ninth month, in Kislev.

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¹ When Darius had been the emperor for almost four years, on the fourth day of Kislev (which was the ninth month in their calendar), Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:2

ULT

² {The people} of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-Melek and their men {to} beg before the face of Yahweh.

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² The people of the city of Bethel sent two men, Sharezer and Regem-Melek,, along with some other men, to the temple of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, to request that Yahweh be kind to them.

Why did the people of Bethel send Sharezer, Regem Melech, and their men?

The people of Bethel sent them to beg for Yahweh's favor.

Zechariah 7:3

ULT

³ They spoke to the priests who {were} at the house of Yahweh of hosts {and} to the prophets; they said, "Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?"

UST

³ They also asked the priests at Yahweh's temple and the prophets this question: "For many years, during the fifth month and during the seventh month of each year, we have mourned and fasted. Should we continue to do that?"

What did Sharezer, Melech, and their men ask the priest and the prophets?

They asked, "Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?"

Zechariah 7:4**ULT**

⁴ So the word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,

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⁴ Then Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, gave me a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:5**ULT**

⁵ "Speak to all the people of the land and to the priests and say, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh {month} for these seventy years, were you truly fasting for me?'

UST

⁵ He told me to say this to the priests and, in fact, to everyone in the whole land: "Tell me whom you were honoring when you did not eat but went around in dirty clothing. You were not really honoring me, were you?"

What two questions did Yahweh ask the people of the land and the priests through Zechariah concerning fasting, eating and drinking? (vv5-6)

The first question Yahweh asked was, "When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month for these seventy years, were you truly fasting for me?" The second question was, "And when you ate and drank, did you not eat and drink for yourselves?"

Zechariah 7:6**ULT**

⁶ When you ate and drank, did you not eat and {drink for yourselves}?

UST

⁶ And when you feasted at my temple, you did it just to have a good time; you did not really intend to honor me, did you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:7**ULT**

⁷ Were these not the same words that Yahweh proclaimed by the mouth of the former prophets, when you still inhabited Jerusalem and the surrounding cities in prosperity and were settled in the Negev, and the foothills to the west?"

UST

⁷ This is exactly what I kept telling the former prophets to proclaim to the people, when the people in Jerusalem and the nearby towns were many and prosperous, and when people also lived in the southern Judean wilderness, and in the foothills to the west."

Briefly, what was the last question Yahweh asked the priests and people of the land?

In brief, Yahweh asked if these were not the same words Yahweh told the people while they still inhabited Jerusalem, the surrounding cities, the Negev, and the western foothills.

Zechariah 7:8**ULT**

⁸ The word of Yahweh came to Zechariah, saying,

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⁸ Yahweh gave another message to me:

What did Yahweh through Zechariah tell the people to do? (vv8-10)

Yahweh said to judge with true justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. He said not to oppress the widow, the orphan, the foreigner or the poor person and not to do evil to one another.

Zechariah 7:9**ULT**

⁹ "Yahweh of hosts says this, 'Judge with true justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. Let each man do this for his brother.

UST

⁹ "Tell the people that this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: 'I told you to do what is just, to act kindly and mercifully toward each other, in order to honor my covenant with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ About the widow and orphan, the foreigner, and the poor person—do not oppress them, and let none of you plot any harm against another in your heart.’

UST

¹⁰ I told you not to oppress widows or orphans or foreigners or poor people. I said to not even think about doing evil to anyone else.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ But they refused to pay attention and set their shoulders stubbornly. They stopped up their ears so they would not hear.

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¹¹ But the people refused to pay attention to what Yahweh had said. They refused to cooperate with him; they refused to listen to what he said.

What was the response of the people to Yahweh’s instructions?

The people refused to pay attention to Yahweh’s words.

Zechariah 7:12**ULT**

¹² They made their hearts as hard as rock so they would not hear the law or the words of Yahweh of hosts. He had sent these messages to the people by his Spirit in earlier times, by the mouth of the prophets. But the people refused to listen, so Yahweh of hosts was very angry with them.

UST

¹² He had given these messages for his Spirit to repeat to the prophets in earlier times. The prophets were meant to speak these messages to the people. But the people were very stubborn; they would not listen to the law of Moses or to any message from God. So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, became very angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:13**ULT**

¹³ It happened that when he called, they did not listen. In the same way," said Yahweh of hosts, "they will call out to me, but I will not listen.

UST

¹³ In those times, when Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, called to the people, they refused to listen. So he said, "In exactly the same way, I will refuse to listen when they call to me.

What did Yahweh say he would do when those who formerly refused to listen to Yahweh called out to him? (vv13-14)

Yahweh said he would not listen to them and, furthermore, he would scatter those people with a whirlwind to all the nations they had not seen.

Zechariah 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For I will scatter them with a whirlwind to all the nations that they have not seen, and the land will be desolate after them. For no one will pass through the land or return to it since the people have made their delightful land into a wasteland."

UST

¹⁴ And I will scatter them among many nations, nations that they have never been to before. I will scatter them as a storm scatters leaves. After they are gone, their own land will be empty, with no one living there. No one will travel through it and no one will come back to it, because they have turned it, their most pleasant land, into a wilderness."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8

Zechariah 8:1

ULT

¹ The word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,

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¹ Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:2

ULT

² “Yahweh of hosts says this: I am passionate for Zion with great zeal and I am passionate for her with great anger!

UST

² “This is what I, Yahweh the Commander of the angel armies, say: I love the people of Jerusalem; I love them very much, and I am very angry with their enemies.

How does Yahweh express his passion for Zion?

Yahweh expresses his passion for Zion with great zeal and great anger.

Zechariah 8:3

ULT

³ Yahweh of hosts says this: I will return to Zion and will live in the midst of Jerusalem, for Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth and the mountain of Yahweh of hosts will be called The Holy Mountain!

UST

³ So this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say: Some day I will return to Mount Zion and I will live there. At that time, Jerusalem will be called The City of Faithful People, and Mount Zion will be called The Mountain that Belongs to Yahweh.”

What will Jerusalem and the mountain of Yahweh be called when Yahweh returns to live in the midst of Jerusalem?

Jerusalem will be called “The City of Truth” and the mountain of Yahweh will be called “The Holy Mountain” when Yahweh returns to live in the midst of Jerusalem.

Zechariah 8:4**ULT**

⁴ Yahweh of hosts says this: Old men and old women will once again be in the streets of Jerusalem, and every person will need a staff in his hand because he has grown so old.

UST

⁴ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: "Some day old men and old women will again sit along the streets of Jerusalem, each of them holding a cane because of their being very old.

Who will again be found in the streets of Jerusalem? (vv4-5)

Old men and old women will be in the streets, and the streets will be full of boys and girls playing in them.

Zechariah 8:5**ULT**

⁵ The streets of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in them.

UST

⁵ And the city streets will be full of boys and girls playing."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:6**ULT**

⁶ Yahweh of hosts says this: If something seems impossible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also seem impossible in my eyes?—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: "When those things happen, it will seem marvelous to the people who are still alive, but it certainly will not seem marvelous to me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh of hosts says this: Behold, I am about to rescue my people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting sun!

UST

⁷ Yahweh also says this: "I will bring my people back from the land to the east—Babylonia—and from the land to the west—Egypt—to which they had to go.

Where was Yahweh going to rescue his people from?

Yahweh was going to rescue his people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting sun.

Zechariah 8:8**ULT**

⁸ For I will bring them {back,} and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, so they will again be my people, and I will be their God in truth and in righteousness!

UST

⁸ I will bring them back to Judah, and they will again live in Jerusalem. They will again worship me as my people, and I will be their God. I will be faithful to them and act toward them in a just manner."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh of hosts says this: You who now continue to hear the same words that came from the prophets' mouths when the foundation of my house was laid—this house of mine, Yahweh of hosts: Strengthen your hands so that the temple can be built.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: "When the foundation for my temple was laid, there were prophets there who gave messages from me. Some of you people heard what those prophets said. So be brave while you are building the temple, in order that you may finish building it.

Why did Yahweh want the people to strengthen their hands?

Yahweh wanted the people to strengthen their hands so the temple could be rebuilt.

Zechariah 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For before those days no crops were gathered in by anyone, there was no profit for either man or beast, and there was no peace from enemies for anyone going or coming. I had set every person each against his neighbor.

UST

¹⁰ Before you started to rebuild the temple, your fields gave no crops, no return for either man or beast working in them. And people were afraid to go anywhere because I had caused people to be against each other.

What happened before those days when the foundation of Yahweh's house was laid?

In those days, no crops were gathered in, there was no profit, and there was no peace from enemies. Yahweh set every person each against his neighbor.

Zechariah 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ But now it will not be as in former days, I will be with the remnant of this people— this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

¹¹ But now I will act differently toward you people who are still alive, differently than I did previously. That is what I, Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, say.

How did Yahweh say it would be during Zechariah's time? (vv11-12)

Yahweh said it would not be as in former days. He said seeds of peace would be sown. The climbing vine would give its fruit, and the earth would give its produce. The skies would give their dew. Yahweh would make the remnant of that people inherit all those things.

Zechariah 8:12**ULT**

¹² For seeds of peace will be sown; the climbing vine will give its fruit and the earth will give its produce; the skies will give their dew, for I will make the remnant of this people inherit all these things.

UST

¹² From now on, I will give you peace. Your grapevines will produce grapes, and good crops will grow in your fields. There will be rain from the sky. I will always give all these things to you people who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:13**ULT**

¹³ You were an example to the other nations of a curse, house of Judah and house of Israel. So I will rescue you and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid; let your hands be strong!

UST

¹³ You people of Judah and Israel, the people of other nations think of you when they speak of what a curse means. But I will rescue you, and I will give you many good things. So do not be afraid; work hard to finish building the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For Yahweh of hosts says this: Just as I planned to do harm to you when your ancestors provoked my anger — says Yahweh of hosts—and did not relent,

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¹⁴ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: "When your ancestors caused me to become very angry, I did not change my mind about that. Instead, I indeed punished them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ so also I will plan in these days to do good again to Jerusalem and the house of Judah! Do not fear!

UST

¹⁵ But now I will do something different. I am planning to do good things to the people of Jerusalem and other towns in Judah again. So do not be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ These are the things that you must do: Speak truth, every person with his neighbor. Judge with truth, justice, and peace in your gates.

UST

¹⁶ These are the things that you should do: You should always tell the truth to each other. In the courts, your judges must make decisions according to what is correct and fair.

How does Yahweh command the people to behave and why? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said the people must all speak truth with his neighbor, and judge with truth, justice, and peace in their gates. He said let no one plot evil in their heart against their neighbor nor be attracted to false oaths. Yahweh commanded these things because they were things he hates.

Zechariah 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Do not plan to do evil within your heart against one another, and do not love false oaths—for these are the things I hate!—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

¹⁷ Do not plan to do evil things to others, and do approve of swearing false accusations against others. I hate all those things."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then the word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,

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¹⁸ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, spoke to me again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ “Yahweh of hosts says this: The fasts of the {fourth} month, the fifth month, the seventh month, and the tenth month will become times of joy, gladness, and happy festivals for the house of Judah! Therefore love truth and peace!

UST

¹⁹ This is what he said: “The times when you people of Judah abstain from food during the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months of each year will become times when you celebrate pleasant and joyful festivals instead. But you must want to speak truthfully and to be peaceful.”

In light of the fact that the fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months were going to be times of joy, gladness and happy festivals for the house of Judah, what were they told to do by Yahweh?

They were told to love truth and peace.

Zechariah 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yahweh of hosts says this: People will come again, even those who are living in many different cities.

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²⁰ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: “Some day people from many people groups and foreign cities will come here to Jerusalem.

Who did Yahweh say would come to seek him and beg his favor? (vv20-22)

Yahweh said many people from many different cities and mighty nations would come to seek Yahweh and beg his favor.

Zechariah 8:21**ULT**

²¹ The inhabitants of one {city} will go to {another} city and say, ‘Let us quickly go to beg before the face of Yahweh and to seek Yahweh of hosts! We ourselves are also going.’

UST

²¹ People from one city will go to the people in another city and say, ‘Let us go together to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh and request him to bless us; we ourselves are going.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:22**ULT**

²² Many people and mighty nations will come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem and beg for the favor of Yahweh!

UST

²² And people from many people groups and from powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh and request him to bless them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:23**ULT**

²³ Yahweh of hosts says this: In those days ten men from every language and nation will grasp the hem of your robe and say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard {that} God {is} with you!'"

UST

²³ Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: "At that time, this is what will happen everywhere: For every Jewish person, there will be ten foreigners, people who speak a different language, who will come and grab the fringe of his robe. They will say to him, 'We have heard people say that God is with you. So allow us to go with you to Jerusalem to worship him.' People from every nation and language will do this."

In those days, why will ten men from every language and nation ask to go up to Jerusalem with Yahweh's people?

They will ask to go up to Jerusalem with Yahweh's people for they will have heard that God is with them.

Zechariah 9

Zechariah 9:1

ULT

¹ “This is a declaration of Yahweh’s word concerning the land of Hadrak and Damascus, its resting place; for the eyes of all humanity and all the tribes of Israel are toward Yahweh.

UST

¹ This is another message that I received from Yahweh about the region of Hadrach and the city of Damascus, the place where they get their rest. All the eyes of the nations and the people of the tribe of Israel are all looking toward Yahweh, to see what he will say.

What does Yahweh’s declaration concern? (vv1-2)

Yahweh’s declaration concerns the land of Hadrach and Damascus, Hamath, and Tyre and Sidon.

Zechariah 9:2

ULT

² This declaration also concerns Hamath, {which} borders on Damascus, and it concerns Tyre and Sidon, for they are very wise.

UST

² This message is also about the people in the region of Hamath near to Damascus, and about the people in the cities of Tyre and Sidon, people who are very wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:3

ULT

³ Tyre has built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver like dust and refined gold like mud in the streets.

UST

³ The people in Tyre have built a high wall around their city. They piled up huge amounts of silver and gold like other people pile up soil when they dig in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:4**ULT**

⁴ Look! The Lord will dispossess her and destroy her strength on the sea, so she will be devoured by fire.

UST

⁴ But I, Yahweh, will make them lose everything, including their ships in which their men fight on the sea. Their city will burn to the ground.

What does Yahweh say the Lord will do to Tyre?

Yahweh says, "The Lord will dispossess her and destroy her strength on the sea, so she will be devoured by fire."

Zechariah 9:5**ULT**

⁵ Ashkelon will see and be afraid! Gaza also will tremble greatly! Ekron, her hopes will be disappointed! The king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall no longer be inhabited!

UST

⁵ The people in the city of Ashkelon will see that happen, and they will become very afraid. The people in the city of Gaza will shake because they are terrified, and the people in the city of Ekron will shake too, because they no longer hope to escape enemies. The king of Gaza will die; no one will live any longer in Ashkelon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:6**ULT**

⁶ Strangers will make their homes in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

UST

⁶ Yahweh says, "Foreigners will occupy the city of Ashdod. I will no longer allow the people in all those cities of Philistia to be proud."

What did Yahweh say he would do to the Philistines and what would become of them? (vv6-7)

Yahweh said he would cut off the pride of the Philistines. Yahweh also said they would become a remnant for God like a clan in Judah.

Zechariah 9:7**ULT**

⁷ For I will remove their blood from their mouths and their abominations from between their teeth. Then they will become a remnant for our God like a clan in Judah, and Ekron will become like the Jebusites.

UST

⁷ I will no longer allow them to eat meat that still has blood in it, and I will forbid them to eat food that they offered to idols. At that time, the people in the region of Philistia who survive will worship me; they will become like a clan in Judah. The people of the city of Ekron will become part of my people, as the people of the city of Jebus did when the Israelites conquered them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:8**ULT**

⁸ I will camp around my land against enemy armies, ^[1] so no one can pass through or return, for no oppressor will overrun them, for now I see with my own eyes!

UST

⁸ I will protect my land, and I will not allow any enemy soldiers to enter it. No enemies will harm my people again, because I myself will be watching over them carefully.

What is one reason Yahweh gives for camping around his land?

Yahweh said he would camp around his land against enemy armies so no one could pass through or return, for he said no oppressor would pass through it any more.

Zechariah 9:9**ULT**

⁹ Shout with great joy, daughter of Zion! Shout with happiness, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold! Your king is coming to you with righteousness and is rescuing you. He is humble and {is} riding on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.

UST

⁹ Rejoice very much, you people of Jerusalem and shout joyfully, because your king will be coming to you. He is righteous and victorious; he will be gentle, and he will be riding on a donkey, on a young female donkey.

Why is the daughter of Zion told to shout with great joy and the daughter of Jerusalem told to shout with happiness?

They are told to do this because their king is coming to them with righteousness and is going to rescue them.

How will their king come to them?

Their king will be humble and will ride on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the bow will be cut off from battle; for he will speak peace to the nations, and his dominion {will be} from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

UST

¹⁰ I will destroy the chariots in the region of Ephraim that are used in war and all the horses in Jerusalem that they take into battle. I will break all the bows they use in wars. Your king will proclaim that he will cause things to go well and peacefully among the nations. He will rule the area from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea, and from the Euphrates River to the most distant places on the earth.

What will this king speak to the nations?

That king will speak peace to the nations.

What will be the extent of that king's dominion?

That king's dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the pit where there is no water.

UST

¹¹ As for you, my people of Jerusalem, because of the blood that flowed when I made my covenant with you, I will free your people whom they took to other countries, where it was as though they were prisoners in a waterless pit.

Why has Yahweh set free their prisoners from the pit where there is no water?

Yahweh says he has done this because of the blood of his covenant with them.

Zechariah 9:12**ULT**

¹² Return to the stronghold, prisoners of hope! Even today I am declaring {that} I will return double to you,

UST

¹² You people who were prisoners in those countries who still believe that I will help you, return to Judah, for I will defend you there. Today I declare that I will give you two blessings for each of the troubles that you have experienced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:13**ULT**

¹³ for I have bent Judah as my bow. I have filled my quiver with Ephraim. I have roused your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and have made you, Zion, like a warrior's sword!"

UST

¹³ I will cause Judah to be like my bow, and I will cause Israel to be like my arrow. I will enable you young men of Jerusalem to fight against the soldiers of Greece; you will be like a warrior's sword."

Against whom has Yahweh roused the sons of Zion?

Yahweh has roused the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece.

What has Yahweh made Zion like?

Yahweh has made Zion like a warrior's sword.

Zechariah 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh will appear to them, and his arrows will shoot out like lightning! For my Lord Yahweh will blow the trumpet and will advance with the storms from Teman.

UST

¹⁴ One day Yahweh will appear in the sky above his people, and the arrows that he shoots will be like lightning bolts. Yahweh our Lord will blow his trumpet, and he will march with the powerful storms that come from the land of Teman in the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Yahweh of hosts will defend them, and they will devour them and defeat the stones of the slings. Then they will drink and shout like men drunk on wine, and they will be filled with wine like bowls, like the corners of the altar.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will protect his people; the soldiers of Judah will attack and defeat their enemies who attack them using slings and stones. Those soldiers of Judah will drink and celebrate and shout like people who are drunk; they will be as full of wine as the bowl that holds the blood of the animals priest kill at the altar—the blood that the priests sprinkle on the corners of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So Yahweh their God will rescue them on that day, as the flock of his people. They are the jewels of a crown that will shine on his land.

UST

¹⁶ On that day, Yahweh our God will save his people like a shepherd saves his flock of sheep from danger. In our land, they will be like jewels that sparkle in a crown.

What will Zion be on that day when Yahweh, their God, rescues them?

On that day, Zion will be the jewels of a crown raised up over Yahweh's land.

Zechariah 9:17

ULT

17 How good and how beautiful they will be! The young men will flourish on grain and the virgins on sweet wine!"

9:8 ^[1] and some translate the Hebrew and so translate the phrase, .

UST

17 They will be delightful and beautiful. The young men will become strong from eating grain, and the young women will become strong from drinking new wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10

Zechariah 10:1

ULT

¹ Ask for rain from Yahweh in the season of the spring rain— Yahweh who makes thunderstorms— and he gives rain showers to everyone and vegetation in the field.

UST

¹ Ask Yahweh to cause rain to fall in the springtime, because he is the one who makes the clouds from which the rain falls in storms. He causes showers to fall on us, and he causes crops to grow well in the fields.

What will Yahweh do for Zion?

Yahweh will provide rain showers for Zion when they ask him, and plants in the field.

Zechariah 10:2

ULT

² For household idols speak falsely; the diviners envision a lie; they tell deceitful dreams and give empty comfort, so {they} wander like sheep and suffer because {there is} no shepherd.

UST

² What people think that the idols in their houses say is only nonsense, and people who say that they can interpret dreams tell only lies. When they tell people things to comfort them, what they say is useless, so the people who consult them are like lost sheep; they are in danger because they have no one to protect them like sheep with no shepherd.

What causes the people to wander like sheep and suffer?

The people wander like sheep and suffer because the household idols speak falsely, the diviners envision a lie, they tell empty dreams and give empty comfort. The people also have no shepherd.

Zechariah 10:3**ULT**

³ “My wrath burns against the shepherds; it is the male goats—the leaders—that I will punish. Yahweh of hosts will also attend to his flock, the house of Judah, and make them like his warhorse in battle!

UST

³ Yahweh says, “I am angry with the leaders of my people, and I will punish them. I, Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, I will take care of my people, the people of Judah, like a shepherd takes care of his flock, and I will cause them to be like war horses in battle.

Who did Yahweh say he would punish?

Yahweh said he would punish the male goats – the leaders.

Zechariah 10:4**ULT**

⁴ From Judah will come the cornerstone; from him will come the {tent} peg; from him will come the war bow; from him will come every ruler together. ^[1]

UST

⁴ From Judah will come rulers who will be very important. From Judah will come leaders who will hold the people together, like a tent peg keeps a tent up. From Judah will come leaders who will take the soldiers into war, like a king holding his own bow for battle. From them will come every one of their own leaders.

What did Yahweh say would come from the house of Judah?

Yahweh said the cornerstone, the tent peg, the war bow, and every leader would come from the house of Judah.

Zechariah 10:5**ULT**

⁵ They will be like warriors who trample {their enemies} into the mud of the streets in battle; they will make war, for Yahweh is with them, and they will shame those who ride warhorses.

UST

⁵ They will be like mighty warriors who trample their enemies into the mud during battle. I, Yahweh, will be with them, so they will defeat and shame their enemies who ride on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:6**ULT**

⁶ I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph; for I will restore them and have mercy on them. They will be as though I had not cast them off, for I {am} Yahweh their God, and I will respond to them.

UST

⁶ I will make the people of Judah strong, and I will rescue the people of Israel. I will bring them back from the countries to which they were exiled; I will do that because I pity them. Then it will be as though I had never abandoned them because I am Yahweh, their God, and I will answer them when they pray for help.

What did Yahweh say he would do for the houses of Judah and Joseph?

Yahweh said he would strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph. Yahweh said he would restore them, have mercy on them.

Zechariah 10:7**ULT**

⁷ Then Ephraim will be like a warrior, and their hearts will rejoice as with wine; their children will see and rejoice. Their hearts will rejoice in me!

UST

⁷ The people of Israel will then be like strong soldiers; they will be as happy as people who have drunk a lot of wine. Their children will see their fathers being very happy, and they also will be happy because of what I have done for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:8**ULT**

⁸ I will whistle for them and gather them, for I will rescue them, and they will become as great as they previously were!

UST

⁸ I will signal for my people to return from far away, and I will gather them together in their own country. I will rescue them, and they will become very numerous as they were previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:9**ULT**

⁹ I sowed them among the peoples, but they will remember me in distant countries, so they and their children will live and return.

UST

⁹ I have caused them to be scattered among many people groups, but in those distant countries they will think about me again. They and their children will remain alive and return to Judah.

What will Judah and Ephraim do when they remember Yahweh in the distant countries where Yahweh has sown them?

They and their children will live and return when they remember Yahweh in the distant countries where he has sown them.

Zechariah 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For I will restore them from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to the land of Gilead and Lebanon until there is no {more room} for them.

UST

¹⁰ I will bring them back from Egypt and from Assyria; I will bring them back to the regions of Gilead and Lebanon, but there not be enough space for them all to live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ I will pass through the sea of their affliction; I will strike the waves of that sea and will dry up all the depths of the Nile. The majesty of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will go away from the Egyptians.

UST

¹¹ I will go before them through their sufferings, as if I were walking through a sea, but I will calm those waves and end their sufferings, as if I were drying up the Nile River. I will defeat the proud soldiers of Assyria, and I will cause Egypt to no longer be powerful.

What did Yahweh say he would do to Egypt and Assyria after he gathers those of the house of Judah from those places?

Yahweh said he would bring down the majesty of Assyria and make the scepter of Egypt go away from the Egyptians.

Zechariah 10:12

ULT

¹² I will strengthen them in myself, and they will walk in my name—this is Yahweh's declaration."
10:4 ^[1] at the start of the next verse.

UST

¹² I will enable my people to be strong, and they will honor me and obey me. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11

Zechariah 11:1

ULT

¹ Open your doors, Lebanon, that fire may devour your cedars!

UST

¹ You people of Lebanon must open your gates and allow the fire to burn your cedar trees!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:2

ULT

² Lament, cypress trees, for the cedar {trees} have fallen! What was majestic has been devastated! Lament, you oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest has gone down.

UST

² Your cypress trees must be like people who are wailing, because enemies have cut down the cedar trees. Those glorious trees are all gone. The oak trees in the region of Bashan should also be like people who are wailing, because enemies have cut down the oak trees in the dense forest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:3

ULT

³ The shepherds howl, for their glory has been destroyed! The voice of the young lions' roar, for the pride of the Jordan River has been devastated!

UST

³ And listen to the shepherds crying because the fertile pastures have been ruined. Listen to the lions roar; they roar because the thick forest where they live near the Jordan River has been ruined.

Why do the shepherds howl?

The shepherds howl because their glory has been destroyed.

Zechariah 11:4**ULT**

⁴ This is what Yahweh my God says, "Like a shepherd, watch over the flock set aside for slaughter!"

UST

⁴ This is what Yahweh my God said to me: "I want you to supervise this flock of sheep until the flock perishes."

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to do?

Yahweh told Zechariah to, "Shepherd the flock meant for slaughter!"

Zechariah 11:5**ULT**

⁵ (The ones who buy them slaughter them and are not punished, and the ones who sell them say, 'Blessed be Yahweh! I have become rich!' for the shepherds working for the flocks' owners have no pity on them.)

UST

⁵ The dealers in sheep will kill the sheep, and no one will punish them. Those who sell the sheep will say, 'I praise Yahweh, because I will become rich!' And the shepherds whom the owners hire do not feel sorry for the sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:6**ULT**

⁶ For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land!—this is Yahweh's declaration. See! I myself am about to turn over every person into the hand of his neighbor and into the hand of his king, and they will destroy the land and none of them will I deliver {them} from their hand."

UST

⁶ And similarly, I no longer feel sorry for the people of this country. I am going to allow their fellow countrymen and their king, to oppress them. They will ruin this country, and I will not rescue any of them."

What did Yahweh say he would do to the inhabitants of Judah?

Yahweh said he would no longer pity them but cause each man to fall into his shepherd's hands and into his king's hands, and they would crush the land.

Zechariah 11:7**ULT**

⁷ So I became the shepherd of the flock marked for slaughter, for those who dealt in sheep. I took two staffs; one staff I called "Favor" and the other I called "Unity." In this way I shepherded the flock.

UST

⁷ So I became the shepherd of a flock of sheep that dealers were going to slaughter and to sell the meat. Then I took two shepherds' staffs. I named the one staff 'Kindness' and the other staff 'Union.' This is how I began to shepherd the sheep.

What were the names of the two staffs that Zechariah used to shepherd the flock meant for the slaughter?

The names of the two staffs were "Favor" and "Unity."

Zechariah 11:8**ULT**

⁸ In one month I destroyed the three shepherds. I became impatient with them, and they also hated me.

UST

⁸ But the three shepherds who had been with the flock detested me, and I became impatient with the owners who had hired us all. Within one month I had destroyed those shepherds.

Why did Zechariah destroy three shepherds in one month?

Zechariah did this because he grew weary with the shepherds and they also hated him.

Zechariah 11:9**ULT**

⁹ Then I said to the owners, "I will not work as a shepherd for you any longer. The sheep that are dying—let them die; the sheep that are being destroyed—let them be destroyed. Let the sheep that remain each eat the flesh of its neighbor."

UST

⁹ So I said to the dealers, "I will no longer be a shepherd for you. I will allow the ones that are dying to die. I will allow the ones that are getting lost to perish. And I will not prevent those that remain from eating each other."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ So I took my staff "Favor" and broke it to break the covenant that I had made with all of my tribes.

UST

¹⁰ Then I took the staff that I had named 'Kindness,' and I broke it. I did this because Yahweh had told me to cancel the covenant that he had made with all his tribes of Israel.

Why did Zechariah break his staff, "Favor"?

He broke it to break the covenant that he had made with all his tribes.

Zechariah 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ On that day the covenant was broken, and those who dealt in sheep and who were watching me knew that Yahweh had spoken.

UST

¹¹ So that covenant was ended on that very day. The dealers who were watching me knew by seeing what I was doing that I was giving them a message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:12**ULT**

¹² I said to them, "If it seems good to you, pay me my wages. But if not, do not do it." So they weighed out my wages—thirty {pieces} of silver.

UST

¹² I told them, "If you think it is right, pay me for my work. If you do not think it is right, do not pay me." So they paid me only thirty pieces of silver.

How much was Zechariah paid?

Zechariah was paid thirty pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Yahweh said to me, "Deposit the silver in the treasury, the excellent price at which they valued you!" So I took the thirty {pieces} of silver and deposited them in the treasury in the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹³ Then Yahweh said to me, "That is a ridiculously small amount of money that they have for your work. So put it into the treasury." So I took the silver to the temple of Yahweh, and I deposited it in the treasury there.

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to do with his thirty pieces of silver?

Zechariah was told to deposit the silver in the treasury.

Zechariah 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then I broke my second staff, "Unity," to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

UST

¹⁴ Then I broke my second staff, the one that I had named "Union." That indicated that Judah and Israel would no longer be together as brothers.

What did breaking the second staff, "Unity," do?

Breaking the second staff broke the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Zechariah 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Yahweh said to me, "Again, take the equipment of a foolish shepherd for yourself,

UST

¹⁵ Then Yahweh said to me, "Take again the things that a foolish shepherd uses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ for see, I am about to set in place a shepherd in the land. He will not care for the perishing sheep. He will not seek out the sheep gone missing, nor heal the crippled sheep. He will not feed the sheep that are healthy, but will eat the flesh of the fattened sheep and will tear off their hooves.

UST

¹⁶ because I am going to appoint a new shepherd for the people, one who will not take care of my people. He will be a foolish shepherd: He will ignore the dying sheep and those that have gotten lost. As for the healthy sheep, he will not feed them; instead, he will butcher them for his own food and will tear off their hooves.

Yahweh said he would raise up a shepherd in the land. What will that shepherd do?

That shepherd will not care for the sheep. He will not seek the sheep who have gone astray, nor heal the crippled sheep. He will not feed the steadfast sheep, but will eat the fattened sheep and tear off their hooves.

Zechariah 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Woe to the worthless shepherd who forsakes the flock! May the sword come against his arm and his right eye! May his arm wither away and may his right eye become blind!"

UST

¹⁷ But terrible things will happen to that foolish shepherd who abandons the flock. May his enemies strike his arm and his right eye with their swords. May he have no more strength in his arm, and may his right eye become completely blind."

What curse is pronounced upon the worthless shepherd who forsakes the flock?

This is the curse: "May the sword come against his right arm and his right eye! May his right arm wither away and his right eye be blind!"

Zechariah 12

Zechariah 12:1

ULT

¹ This is a declaration of Yahweh's word concerning Israel—a declaration of Yahweh, who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who fashions the spirit of mankind within man,

UST

¹ This is a message from Yahweh concerning Israel—Yahweh, the one who stretched out the sky, who created the earth, and who gave life to human beings. This is what he says:

Who is Yahweh who makes this declaration concerning Israel?

Yahweh is the one who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who fashions the spirit of mankind within him.

Zechariah 12:2

ULT

² "See, I am about to make Jerusalem into a cup causing all the peoples surrounding her to stagger about. It will also be like that for Judah during the siege against Jerusalem.

UST

² "I will soon cause Jerusalem to be like a cup full of very strong alcoholic drink, and the people of other nations who drink it will stagger around. The people of Judah will drink it, too, for they also will suffer when the enemy besieges Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:3

ULT

³ On that day, I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. Anyone trying to lift that stone will hurt himself very much, and all the nations of the earth will gather against that city.

UST

³ At that time, the armies of all the people groups will gather to attack Jerusalem, but I will cause Jerusalem to be like a very heavy rock, and all who try to lift it will be badly injured. This will happen when the armies of all the world's nations attack Jerusalem.

Who is going to gather against Jerusalem?

All the nations of the earth are going to gather against Jerusalem..

Zechariah 12:4**ULT**

⁴ On that day—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I will strike every horse with confusion and its rider with madness. Over the house of Judah I will open my eyes, but every horse of the peoples I will strike with blindness.

UST

⁴ At that time I will cause every one of their enemies’ horses to panic, and their riders to become crazy. I will protect the people of Judah, but I will cause all their enemies’ horses to become blind.

On the day when all the nations gather against Judah, what specific things did Yahweh say he would do to the horses and riders of the enemy armies?

Yahweh said he would strike every horse with terror and each rider with madness. Yahweh also said he would strike every horse of the armies blind.

Zechariah 12:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem {are} our strength because of Yahweh of hosts, their God.’

UST

⁵ Then the leaders of Judah will say to themselves, ‘The people in Jerusalem encourage us because Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, is the one they worship.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:6**ULT**

⁶ On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like firepots among wood and like a flaming torch among standing grain, for they will consume all the surrounding peoples on their right and on their left. Jerusalem will again live in her own place.”

UST

⁶ At that time I will make the leaders of Judah like a pot of fire that someone puts in piles of firewood; and like a burning torch in a field of ripe grain. The leaders of Judah and their soldiers will destroy the people groups surrounding them in all directions. But the people of Jerusalem will remain safe in their own city.”

In that day, what will the leaders of Judah be like?

In that day, the leaders will be like fire pots among wood and like a flaming torch to standing grain.

Zechariah 12:7**ULT**

⁷ Yahweh will save the tents of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and the honor of those who live in Jerusalem may not be greater than the rest of Judah.

UST

⁷ Yahweh will protect those who live in the other places in Judah before he rescues the people of Jerusalem, in order that people will not honor the descendants of David and those in Jerusalem more than the people in all the rest of Judah.

Why will Yahweh save the tents of Judah first?

Yahweh will save the tents of Judah first so that the honor of the house of David and the honor of those who live in Jerusalem may not be greater than the rest of Judah.

Zechariah 12:8**ULT**

⁸ On that day Yahweh will be the defender of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on that day those who are weak among them will be like David, while the house of David {will be} like God, like the angel of Yahweh in front of them.

UST

⁸ At that time, Yahweh will protect everyone in Jerusalem. The weakest soldiers among them will be as strong as David was, and the descendants of David will be like God; they will lead the others like the angel of Yahweh himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:9**ULT**

⁹ "On that day {that} I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

UST

⁹ "At that time, I will start to destroy all the armies that attack Jerusalem."

What is Yahweh determined to do on that day?

Yahweh said that on that day he is determined to destroy all the nations who come against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But I will pour out a spirit of compassion and pleading on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so they will look on me, the one they have pierced. They will mourn for me, as one mourns for an only {son}; they will bitterly lament for him like those who lament the death of a firstborn son.

UST

¹⁰ "I, Yahweh, will cause the descendants of David to have mercy on others, and to beg me to have mercy on themselves. They will gaze at me, whom they pierced." They will cry bitterly, as people cry for a firstborn son, an only son, who has died.

On that day, what will Yahweh pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

Yahweh will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication.

What will the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem do when they look upon him whom they have pierced?

When they look on him whom they have pierced, they will lament and mourn for him as one mourns and laments for an only son or over the death of a firstborn son.

Zechariah 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ On that day the laments in Jerusalem will be like the laments at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

UST

¹¹ At that time, many people in Jerusalem will be crying bitterly, as people cry at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:12**ULT**

¹² The land will mourn, each clan separate from other clans. The clan of the house of David will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the house of Nathan will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men.

UST

¹² Many people in Judah will cry, each clan by themselves. The male descendants of David will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves; the male descendants of Nathan will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves.

How will the land mourn in that day? (vv12-14)

In that day, each family will mourn separately from other families and in each family they will mourn separately, their wives will be separate from the men.

Zechariah 12:13**ULT**

¹³ The clan of the house of Levi will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the Shimeites will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men.

UST

¹³ The male descendants of Levi will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves; the male descendants of Shimei will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Every clan of the remaining clans—each clan will be separate and the wives will be separate from the men.”

UST

¹⁴ All the clans will mourn separately, their males by themselves, and their wives by themselves.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 13

Zechariah 13:1

ULT

¹ “On that day a spring will be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for their sin and impurity.

UST

¹ At that time it will be as though there is a spring of water that will continuously flow to cleanse the descendants of King David and all the other people in Jerusalem from the guilt of the sins that they have committed, especially from becoming unacceptable to Yahweh by worshiping idols.

For what will the spring be that is opened for the house of David on that day?

The spring will be for their sin and impurity.

Zechariah 13:2

ULT

² On that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—I will cut off the names of the idols from the land and they will no longer be remembered. I will remove the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land.

UST

² Yahweh, the Commander of angel armies, says, “At that time, I will prevent people from even mentioning the names of the idols in their country, and no one will worship them anymore. I will also drive away from the land all the people who falsely claim that they are prophets; I will also drive away the evil spirit that leads them to tell the people false messages from me.

What will Yahweh cut off from the land and why?

Yahweh will cut off the names of idols from the land so they will no longer be remembered.

What will Yahweh cause to pass out of the land?

Yahweh will cause the false prophets and their unclean spirits to pass out of the land.

Zechariah 13:3**ULT**

³ If any man continues to prophesy, his father and mother who bore him will tell him, 'You will not live, for you speak lies in the name of Yahweh!' Then the father and mother who bore him will pierce him when he prophesies.

UST

³ If someone continues to prophesy falsely, his own parents, even though he is their own son, will say to him, 'You have told lies saying that Yahweh gave those messages to you, so you must die.' Then they will stab him and kill him.

If any man continues to prophesy, what will his father and mother do to him?

His father and mother who bore him will impale him when he prophesies.

Zechariah 13:4**ULT**

⁴ On that day each prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he is about to prophesy. These prophets will no longer wear a hairy cloak, in order to deceive the people.

UST

⁴ At that time, the false prophets will be ashamed to announce that he has received any vision at all. They will no longer put on cloaks made with animal hair that prophets normally wear, because they will want the people to think that they were never really prophets at all.

In that day, why will he who prophesies no longer wear a hairy cloak?

He who prophesies will no longer wear a hairy cloak so that he might deceive the people.

Zechariah 13:5**ULT**

⁵ For each will say, 'I am not a prophet! I am a man who works the soil, for the land became my work while I was still a young man!'

UST

⁵ So each of them will say, 'I am not really a prophet; I am a farmer, and I have been a farmer on my land ever since I was a boy!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 13:6**ULT**

⁶ But someone will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' and he will answer, 'I was wounded with those in my friends' house.'

UST

⁶ But others will see scars on their bodies and think that they cut themselves in order to please idols while they were worshiping them. So they will ask, 'Why do you have those scars?' And they will tell a lie: 'I was injured in a quarrel at my friend's house.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 13:7**ULT**

⁷ "Sword! Rouse yourself against my shepherd, the man who stands close to me— this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts. Strike the shepherd, and the flock will scatter! For I will turn my hand against the lowly ones.

UST

⁷ Yahweh, the Commander of angel armies, says, "Someone must attack and kill the one who is like a shepherd working for me, the man who is my close companion. You with the sword! When you kill my shepherd, my people will run away like sheep. And I myself will attack my ordinary people, those who are like little sheep."

Who is the shepherd?

The shepherd is "the man who stands close to me."

What will happen to the flock when the shepherd is killed?

When the shepherd is killed the flock will scatter.

Zechariah 13:8**ULT**

⁸ Then it will come about that throughout all the land—this is Yahweh's declaration— that two-thirds of it will be cut off! Those people will perish; only one-third will remain there.

UST

⁸ Yahweh also says, "Two-thirds of the people in Judah will die; Only one-third of the people in Judah will remain alive.

What does Yahweh declare will happen throughout all the land?

Yahweh declares that two portions of it will be cut off. They will perish; only a third will remain there.

Zechariah 13:9**ULT**

⁹ I will bring that third through the fire and refine them as silver is refined; I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them and say, 'This is my people!' and they will say, 'Yahweh is my God!'"

UST

⁹ I will test the ones that remain alive by causing them to experience great difficulties, to find out if they will continue to worship me. I will purify them as someone purifies gold or silver by putting it into a very hot fire. Then my people will call to me for help, and I will answer them. I will tell them that they are my people, and they will say that I, Yahweh, am the God they worship and obey.

What will happen to the third that remain there?

The third that remain there will be brought through the fire, refined and tested.

What will the third that remain there say?

The third that remain there will say, "Yahweh is my God!"

Zechariah 14

Zechariah 14:1

ULT

¹ Behold! A day for Yahweh is coming when your plunder will be divided in your midst.

UST

¹ Listen! It will soon be the time when Yahweh will judge everyone. At that time, you, the people of Jerusalem, will watch your enemies divide what you owned among themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:2

ULT

² For I will gather every nation against Jerusalem for battle and the city will be captured. The houses will be plundered and the women raped. Half of the city will go out into captivity, but the remainder of the people will not be cut off from the city.

UST

² Yes, Yahweh says that he will cause the armies of many nations to attack Jerusalem. They will capture the city, take all the valuable things from your houses, and rape the women. They will take half of the people to other countries, but they will allow the other people to remain in the city.

Why will Jerusalem's plunder be divided in their midst?

Jerusalem's plunder will be divided in their midst because Yahweh will gather every nation against Jerusalem for battle, and the city will be captured. The houses will be plundered.

Zechariah 14:3

ULT

³ But Yahweh will go out and wage war against those nations as when he wages war on the day of battle.

UST

³ But then Yahweh will attack those nations; he will fight as he fought at other times in battle.

What will happen to the nations that fought against Jerusalem?

Yahweh will go out and wage war against those nations as when he wages war on the day of battle.

Zechariah 14:4**ULT**

⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is beside Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half between the east and the west by a very great valley and half of the mountain will go back toward the north and half toward the south.

UST

⁴ On that day, he will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. The Mount of Olives will split into two parts, with a large valley between the parts. Half of the mount will move toward the north, and half will move toward the south.

What will happen to the Mount of Olives when Yahweh stands on it?

The Mount of Olives will be split in half with a very great valley between the two halves.

Zechariah 14:5**ULT**

⁵ Then you will flee down the valley between Yahweh's mountains, for the valley between those mountains will reach to Azel. You will flee just as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. Then Yahweh my God will come and all the holy ones will be with him.

UST

⁵ You people of Jerusalem will flee through that valley which extends to the other side of the mount, all the way to the village of Azel. It will be just as when people fled when there was an earthquake when Uzziah was king. Then Yahweh my God will come, and his own angels will be with him.

When will Yahweh and the holy ones come?

Yahweh and the holy ones will come after the inhabitants of Jerusalem flee down the valley between Yahweh's mountains.

Zechariah 14:6**ULT**

⁶ On that day there will be no light, but no cold or frost either.

UST

⁶ At that time, there will be no light from the sun, but it will not be cold or frosty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:7**ULT**

⁷ On that day, a day known only to Yahweh, there will no longer be day or night, for the evening will be a time of light.

UST

⁷ Only Yahweh knows when this will happen. There will be no daytime or nighttime, because it will be light all the time, even in the evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:8**ULT**

⁸ On that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem. Half of them will flow to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.

UST

⁸ At that time, water will flow from Jerusalem. One stream will flow toward the east to the Dead Sea. The other stream will flow toward the west to the Mediterranean Sea. The water will flow all the time, even during the hot season as well as in the cold season.

Where will the running water go that flows from Jerusalem?

Half of the water will go to the eastern sea, and half will flow toward the western sea.

Zechariah 14:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be Yahweh, the one God, and his name alone.

UST

⁹ After that time, Yahweh will be the king who rules the entire world. Everyone will know that Yahweh, and only Yahweh, is the true God.

Who will be king over all the earth?

Yahweh will be king over all the earth.

Zechariah 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ All the land will be like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem will continue to be raised up and remain in its own place, from the Benjamin Gate to the place where the first gate was, to the Corner Gate, and {from} the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

UST

¹⁰ At that time, all the land in Judah will be flat, like the plain along the Jordan, from the town of Geba in the north to the town of Rimmon far to the south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem will remain high up, as it has always been. The city will extend northeast from the Benjamin Gate and the Corner Gate, which was the old gate, and to the Tower of Hananel, and then extending to the king's winepresses to the southwest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ {The people} will live in Jerusalem and there will be no more {complete} destruction from God against them. Jerusalem will live in safety.

UST

¹¹ Many people will live there, and God will never again threaten the city with destruction. It will be a completely safe city to live in.

Will God destroy Jerusalem?

There will be no more destruction from God against them; Jerusalem will live in safety.

Zechariah 14:12**ULT**

¹² This will be the plague with which Yahweh will attack all the peoples that waged war against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot away even as they are standing on their feet. Their eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

UST

¹² But Yahweh will bring a severe disease on the people groups that attacked Jerusalem. Their flesh will rot while they are still standing up. Their eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

With what plague will Yahweh attack all the peoples that waged war against Jerusalem?

The flesh, eyes, and tongues of all the people that waged war against Jerusalem will rot.

Zechariah 14:13**ULT**

¹³ On that day that great fear from Yahweh will come among them. Each one will seize the hand of another, and the hand of one will be raised up against the hand of another.

UST

¹³ At that time, Yahweh will cause them to panic. They will grab hold of each other and attack each other.

What will happen when that great fear from Yahweh comes among them?

Each man will seize his neighbor's hand; each hand will be raised against its neighbor's hand.

Zechariah 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Judah will also fight against Jerusalem. They will gather the wealth of all the surrounding nations—gold, silver, and fine clothes in great abundance.

UST

¹⁴ Even the people who live in other places in Judah will attack Jerusalem. They will collect the valuable things, the plunder, from the surrounding armies of the nations—a lot of gold and silver and clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ A plague will also be on the horses {and} the mules, the camels and the donkeys, and on every animal in those camps will also suffer that same plague.

UST

¹⁵ The same plague that will afflict the people of other nations will afflict the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other work animals in their camps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then it will happen {that} all who remain in those nations that came against Jerusalem will instead go up from year to year to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Festival of Shelters.

UST

¹⁶ The people of other nations who previously came to fight against Jerusalem, all those who are still alive, will return to Jerusalem every year to worship the King, Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

What will all who remain in those nations that came against Jerusalem do?

All those who remain in those nations will go up from year to year to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Festival of Shelters.

Zechariah 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ It will happen {that} if anyone from all the nations of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, then Yahweh will not bring rain on them.

UST

¹⁷ If there are people in those nations who do not go to Jerusalem to worship there, rain will not fall on their land.

What will happen if anyone from all the nations of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts? (vv17-18)

If anyone does not go up to Jerusalem, Yahweh will not bring rain on them. A plague from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go up to keep the Festival of Shelters.

Zechariah 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ If the nation of Egypt does not go up, then they {will not} receive {rain}. A plague from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go up to keep the Festival of Shelters.

UST

¹⁸ If the people of Egypt do not go to Jerusalem, they will not have any rain. And Yahweh will cause them to suffer the same plague that afflicted the people of other nations that do not celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ This will be the punishment for Egypt and the punishment for every nation that does not go up to keep the Festival of Shelters.

UST

¹⁹ That is how Yahweh will punish the people of Egypt and the people of any other nation who do not go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ But on that day, the bells of the horses {will say,} "Set apart to Yahweh," and the basins in Yahweh's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

UST

²⁰ At that time, the words "Dedicated to Yahweh" will be written on the bells that are fastened to the horses. The cooking pots in the courtyard of the temple will belong to Yahweh, like the bowls that are in front of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:21**ULT**

²¹ For every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be set apart to Yahweh of hosts and everyone who brings a sacrifice will eat from them and boil in them. On that day traders will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

²¹ Every pot in Jerusalem and everywhere else in Judah will be dedicated to Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies. So everyone who offers sacrifices there in Jerusalem will be able to take some of the meat that has been brought for sacrifices and cook it in their own pots. And at that time, people will no longer buy or sell things in the courtyard of the temple of Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies.

On that day who will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of hosts?

On that day traders will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of hosts.

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