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ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS			
Vision	Reference	Meaning	
The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles	1:7-17	God's anger against the nations & blessing on restored Israel.	
The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen	1:18-21	God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel.	
The Surveyor with a Measuring Line	Chapter 2	God's future blessing on restored Israel.	
The Cleansing & Crowning of Joshua the Hight Priest.	Chapter 3	Israel's future cleansing from sin & reinstatement as a priestly nation.	
The Golden Lampstand & the Two Olive Trees	Chapter 4	Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest.	
The Flying Scroll	5:1-4	The severity & totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites.	
The Woman in the Ephah	5:5-11	The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God.	
The Four Chariots	6:1-8	Divine judgment on Gentile nations.	

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- 2. Four horns & four craftsmen (1:18-21)
- 3. Man with the measuring line (2)
- 4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (3)
- 5. Lampstand & olive tree (4)
- 6. Flying scroll (5:1-4)
- 7. Woman in the basket (5:5-11)
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- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)

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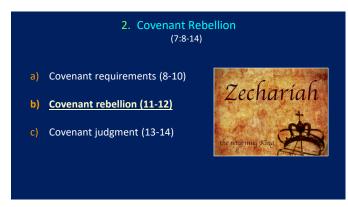
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## Charles L. Feinberg

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed. (Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 207.

"These prophecies, especially those in verses 12-15, could not have been fulfilled in the return from Babylon...Thus many take the primary reference to the return from Babylon. But the predictions will not be completely fulfilled until the future restoration, of which the return from <a href="Babylon was a foreshadowing.">Babylon was a foreshadowing.</a>"

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### **Mark Twain**

The Innocents Abroad, Complete, 1st ed. (A Public Domain Book, 1869), 267, 285, 302. These quotes can be found in chapters 47, 49, 52.



"... A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse.... a desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action.... we never saw a human being on the whole route.... there was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country."

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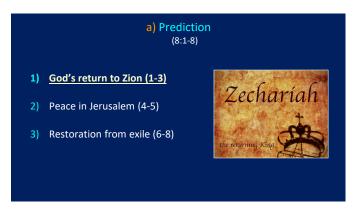
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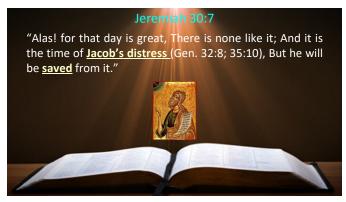
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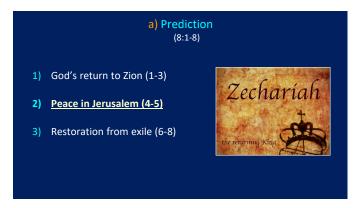


# Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10) Tribulation = divine wrath/anger (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15)

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Ralph L. Smith

Smith, Ralph L. Micah-Malachi. Word Biblical Commentary series. Waco, Tex.: Word Books, Publisher, 1984. p. 233.

"In one of the most amazing and challenging statements about measurement of the health of society, Zechariah suggests that we look at the place the old and the young have in that society."

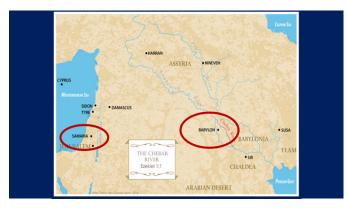
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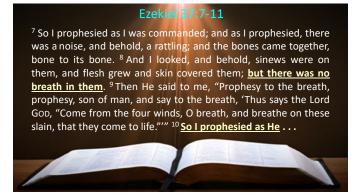
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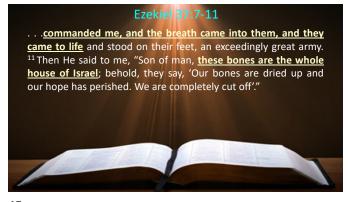
ISRAEL'S TWO REGATHERINGS			
THE PRESENT (FIRST) REGATHERING	THE PERMANENT (SECOND) REGATHERING		
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Return in unbelief	Return in faith		
Restored to the land only	Restored to the land and the Lord		
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Adapted from: Price, Jerusalem In Prophecy, 219			



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