

Restoration and Majesty

Zechariah 2-3

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Cross References

1. Vision 3 - The man with the measuring rod (2:1-13)

Genesis 17:8 is part of God's covenant with Abraham, given appx 1300 years before the time of Zechariah. It is in this passage that God promises to give the land of Canaan to the people of Israel as an everlasting possession.

Ge 17:8 8 "And I will give to you and to your seed after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Isaiah 49:6,7 details some of the Father's purpose for His Son, Messiah Jesus, in His Millennial kingdom.

Is 49:6,7 6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to cause the preserved ones of Israel to return; I will also give You as a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

i. A restored homeland (2:1-5)

Ezekiel 40-48 details the dimensions of the temple, Jerusalem, and the land of Israel. In ch 40 Ezekiel witnesses a man, who bears much similarity to Messiah Jesus, carrying a measuring rod in his hand (Eze 40:2,3). This bears great resemblance to the man in Zechariah 2:1. The following 3 verses illustrate the use of the measuring rod to foretell the dimensions of different parts of the Millennial temple.

Eze 40:5 5 And behold, there was a wall on the outside of the house of Yahweh all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits, each of which was a cubit and a handbreadth. So he measured the thickness of the wall, one rod; and the height, one rod.

Eze 40:20 20 As for the gate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width.

Eze 40:32 32 Then he brought me into the inner court toward the east. And he measured the gate according to those same measurements.

Ezra 2 details the various families that were part of the first return. Verse 64 gives the exact number of them.

Ezra 2:64 64 [The whole assembly numbered 42,360.](#)

ii. A forsaken worldliness (2:6-9)

Jeremiah 29:11 indicates that God has a long-term plan to restore the people of Israel to the Promised Land.

Je 29:11 11 [‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares Yahweh, ‘plans for peace and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope.](#)

iii. A unified worship (2:10-13)

Ephesians 1:3,4 explains that God chose saints before the foundation of the world. This correlates with Zechariah 2:12, which indicates that God will again choose Jerusalem.

Eph 1:3,4 3 [Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,](#) 4 [just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love,](#)

Ephesians 1:18 shows the 3 components of Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians. The second of these is that they would know that the saints are an inheritance to Christ. This correlates with Zechariah 2:12 which explains that Messiah Jesus will inherit Judah.

Eph 1:18,19 (NAS) 18 [I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,](#) 19 [and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe](#)

2. Vision 4 - Joshua the high priest (3:1-10)

i. A divine petition (3:1-3)

Ezra 5:1,2 shows that Joshua (Jeshua) was contemporary with Zechariah. Zechariah, being a priest himself, was familiar with Ezra. Zechariah sees Joshua in the vision recorded in Zechariah 3.

Ezr 5:1,2 1 [And the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them.](#) 2 [Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and](#)

Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were with them supporting them.

Romans 8:34 explains that Jesus is currently interceding for God's elect. Zechariah 3:2 presents the same Messiah Jesus petitioning the Father on behalf of those Jews He has chosen unto Himself.

Ro 8:34 34 [who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.](#)

2 Peter 3:10 explains that this world will come to an end by burning. Zechariah 3:2 makes reference to this when God describes redeemed Israel as "... a brand delivered from the fire."

2 Pe 3:10 10 [But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be found out.](#)

Psalms 23:5 describes a table that Shepherd Jesus prepares for His sheep in the Millennial kingdom. This is the same celebration that will be enjoyed by the Jew who is wearing festal robes in Zechariah 3:4.

Ps 23:5 5 [You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.](#)

ii. A priestly privilege (3:6-7)

Ezekiel 44:24 describes the role that the Levite priests will have in the Millennial kingdom. They will resolve issues according to the perfect standard of God's law. This correlates to God's promise to the priest Joshua in Zechariah 3:7, that if he is faithful to discharge his priestly duties in this life, then he will have that same privilege in the Millennial kingdom.

Eze 44:24 44 [And in a dispute, they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My judgments.](#)

Ezekiel 8 is a picture of the abominations performed by the unfaithful priests in pre-exile Judah. One of their sins was a failure to preserve the purity of the temple court area. Zechariah 3:7 tells us that the Millennial kingdom priests will be faithful to this task.

Eze 8:16 16 [Then He brought me into the inner court of the house of Yahweh. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of Yahweh and their faces toward the east; and they were prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun.](#)

iii. A priestly King (3:8-10)

Ephesians 3:16,17 is part of Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesus. He prays that Christ would dwell in their hearts through faith. This correlates to God's promise to the faithful priest Joshua in Zechariah 3:7 that in the Millennial kingdom He would grant Joshua to walk among the angels who are in His presence.

Ep 3:16,17 16 that He would give you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being firmly rooted and grounded in love

Isaiah 53:5 emphasizes Christ's role as a servant as He served in place of the redeemed in God's system of justice. This correlates with Zechariah 3:8, where God describes Messiah as "... My servant the Branch."

Is 53:5 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our peace fell upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed.

Jeremiah 23:5 declares the kingly nature of the Branch. This correlates to the kingly emphasis of Christ the Branch.

Je 23:5 5 "Behold, the days are coming," declares Yahweh, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and prosper And do justice and righteousness in the land.

Daniel 2:34 Describes Messiah Jesus as a stone that destroys the world superpowers throughout the course of human history. This correlates to the supremacy of Christ found in Zechariah 3:9.

Da 2:34 34 You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

Revelation 5:6 speaks of Christ's deity in that He has 7 horns and 7 eyes, which are the 7 Spirits of God. This correlates to the deity of Christ suggested by the 7 eyes in the stone in Zechariah 3:9.

Re 5:6 6 Then I saw in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth

Ezekiel 36:8,9 speaks to the prosperity of the land in Millennial Israel. This correlates to the verdant nature of the land in the Millennial kingdom suggested by Zechariah 3:10.

Eze 36:8,9 8 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. 9 'For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown.