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| ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS                         |           |  |
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| 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<br>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<br>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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- 1. Riders & horses among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)
- 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)
- 8. Four chariots (6:1-8)
- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)



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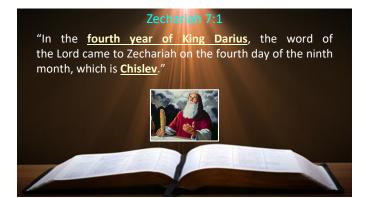
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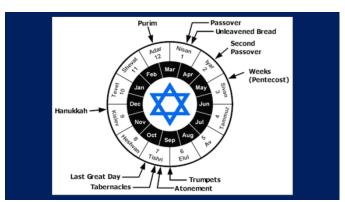
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"Israelites who lived in 'Bethel,' about 10 miles north of Jerusalem (cf. Ezra 2:28; Neh. 7:32; 11:31), sent two representatives to ask the priests and prophets in the capital about how they should worship the Lord (cf. Mal. 1:9)."

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### Thomas L. Constable Constable's online notes on Zechariah, p. 72-73.



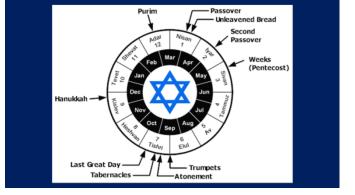
"Whoever these men were, they wanted to know if they should continue to 'weep' and 'abstain' from food (i.e., to fast), which had become traditional but which the Mosaic Law did not require. The only fast that the Mosaic Law prescribed was on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29; 23:27-32)...The question was a reasonable one."

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### **ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES**

- 1. Solomon's pre-exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
- 2. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
- 3. Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)
- 4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)

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### Josephus Antiquities 6.4.5

"So Titus retired into the tower of Antonia, and resolved to storm the temple the next day, early in the morning, with his whole army, and to encamp round about the holy house; but, as for that house, God had for certain long ago doomed it to the fire; and now that fatal day was come, according to the revolution of ages; it was the tenth day of the month Lous [Ab], upon which it was formerly burnt by the king of Babylon; although these flames took their rise from the Jews themselves, and were occasioned by them..."

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### Mishnah

m. Taanit 4.6

"On the ninth of Ab (1) the decree was made against our forefathers that they should not enter the land, (2) the first Temple and (3) the second [Temple] were destroyed, (4) Betar was taken, and (5) the city was ploughed up [after the war of Hadrian]."



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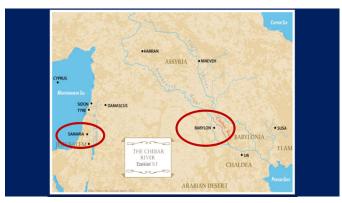
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### James Hoffmeier,

The Immigration Crisis, 52.

"In the Hebrew Bible the alien (*Ger*) was a person who entered Israel and followed legal procedures to obtain recognized standing as a resident alien. Hence I will use the term alien or *ger* throughout the book to refer to legal immigrants. Clearly there was a distinction between the alien (*Ger*) and a foreigner (*nekhar* or *zar*) in the Old Testament, and this difference will be clear in the narratives, stories, and laws that will be reviewed in the following sections."



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### Joyce Baldwin

Baldwin, Joyce G. Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi: An Introduction and Commentary. Tyndale Old Testamer
Commentaries series. Leicester, Eng., and Downers Grove. III.: Inter-Varsity Press, 1972, p. 147.

"This remarkable doctrine of the Holy Spirit as mediator of God's word to the prophets, who were themselves its mediators, has no parallels in the prophetic books...Zechariah is the first to record this aspect of the doctrine of the Spirit."

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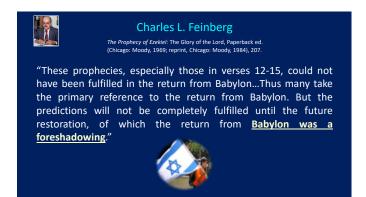
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### **Mark Twain**

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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