

# **The Book of Zechariah**

## **The Spiritual Temple**

**“...He shall build the temple of the LORD.”  
(6:12)**

# Background

- Zechariah means “**whom the Lord remembers.**”
- He began prophesying in 520 B.C.
- **Main theme—God’s remembering love and providential care for His people.**

# Background

- **Zechariah differs from other Minor Prophets in several aspects:**
  - It contains many visions through which God taught the prophet and the people.
  - Angels played a large part in the early chapters. An “interpreting angel” and “the angel from the Lord.”
  - Zechariah is the most strongly Messianic book of the 12 Minor Prophets.
  - He spoke of the Kingdom to come under “the Branch.”

# The Book's Message

- **The Messiah and His kingdom**
  - Interspersed throughout the book, especially the latter part; constant pointing to coming kingdom and its King.
  - God gave Zechariah special insight into this glorious hope.
  - *“...make an elaborate crown, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.”  
(6:11)*

# The Book's Message

- **The Branch:**
  - **The LORD** would bring forth a servant—the Branch.
  - The Branch would build Jehovah's spiritual temple.
  - He would set and rule upon the throne as both “King and Priest.”
  - *“Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! (6:12,13)*

# The Book's Message

- **The King:**
  - The King's entrance into the city.
  - Riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
  - His rule will be a rule of peace.
  - *"...He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey."* (9:9)

# The Book's Message

- **The Shepherd:**
  - Foresaw the shame in selling Jesus, the good shepherd, for 30 pieces of silver.
  - Paltry price for a wounded slave.
  - Saw the great insult that would come upon the Lord.
  - *“So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.” (11:12)*

# The Book's Message

- **He Who Was Pierced:**
  - In piercing Jesus at the crucifixion, they pierced God.
  - Jesus was the divine Son of God.
  - *“...then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, .” (12:10)*



# The Book's Message

- **The Fountain for Sin Opened:**
  - The sacrifice of the one who was Son to both God and David opened the fountain for sin.
  - Salvation came through Christ's blood.
  - Wonderful things were coming!
  - *“In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.”*  
(13:1)

# The Book's Message

- **Rejected and Smitten Shepherd:**
  - His death would be a rejection of His care.
  - His death would cause the sheep to be scattered.
  - *“...Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.” (13:7)*

# Lessons for Us

- In all that God did throughout the Old Testament, He was looking to greater work under Christ.
- The spiritual temple surpasses the old temple.
- In Christ, both kingly and priestly offices are realized.
- For God to dwell among His people, sin had to be removed from their midst.
- THE NEW TODAY LOOKS TO BE EVEN GREATER IN HEAVEN!