

Zechariah

Chapter 1

- ¶1. In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah ben Berechiah, ben Iddo the prophet, saying,
 2. “Jehovah was very angry with your fathers.
 3. So, you tell them, Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.
 4. Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds!’ But they did not listen and did not heed me, says Jehovah.
 5. Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?
 6. Ah, and did not my words and my statutes which I commanded my servants the prophets overtake your fathers? And then they repented and said, ‘As the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, according to our ways and our works, so has He done to us.’”
- ¶7. On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month (that is, the month Shebat), in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah ben Berechiah, ben Iddo the prophet, and he said,
 8. “During the night, I saw a man riding on a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that are in the hollow, and behind him were red horses, and chestnut and white.
 9. And I said, ‘Sir, what are these?’ And the angel who was talking with me said to me, ‘I will show you what these are.’

10. Then the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, ‘These are those whom Jehovah has sent to travel about on the earth.’
11. And they answered the angel of the LORD who stood among the myrtles, and they said, ‘We have gone about on the earth, and, behold, all the earth is at rest and is quiet.’
12. Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will you show no mercy to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against whom you were indignant that seventy years?’
13. And the LORD answered the angel who spoke with me with good words, and comforting words.
14. Then the angel who spoke with me said to me, ‘Cry out and say, Thus says the LORD of hosts, I am jealous over Jerusalem and over Zion with great jealousy.
15. And I have great anger toward the nations who are at ease, for I was but a little angry with Zion, and they made the damage worse.
16. Therefore, thus says Jehovah, I have come back to Jerusalem with compassion. My house shall be built within her, says the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched over Jerusalem.
17. Again, cry out and say, Thus says the LORD of hosts, My cities shall again overflow with goods, and Jehovah shall again comfort Zion, and He shall again choose Jerusalem.’”

Chapter 2 [Hebrew text]

- ¶18/1. Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, four horns!
- 19/2. And I said to the angel who spoke with me, “What are these?” And he said to me, “These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”
- 20/3. Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.

21/4. And I said, “What are these coming to do?” And he spoke, saying, “Those are the horns that have scattered Judah so that no man lifts up his head, and these craftsmen have come to drive them away and to cast down the Gentile horns that have lifted up their horn against the land of Judah, to scatter it.

Chapter 2

- ¶1/5. Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and, behold, a man! And in his hand was a measuring-line.
- 2/6. And I said, “Where are you going?” And he said to me, “To measure Jerusalem, to determine its width and its length.”
- 3/7. Then the angel who was talking with me went out, and another angel went out to meet him.
- 4/8. And he said to him, “Go quickly! Speak to this young man and say, ‘Jerusalem shall be inhabited like un-walled villages because of the abundance of men and animals within her.
- 5/9. I myself, says Jehovah, will be a wall of fire all about her, and I will be the glory in her midst.’”
- ¶6/10. Woe! Woe! Flee from the land of the north! says Jehovah. For I have scattered you like the four winds of heaven, says Jehovah.
- 7/11. O Zion! You who are living with the daughter of Babylon! Escape!
- 8/12. For thus says the LORD of hosts, He sent me from glory to the nations who were plundering you, for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.
- 9/13. For, behold, I will wave my hand over them, and they will be plunder for their servants. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts sent me.

- 10/14. Shout and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, because I will surely come, and I will dwell within you, says Jehovah.
- 11/15. And many nations shall be joined to Jehovah in that day, and they shall become my people, and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.
- 12/16. And the LORD will take Judah for His portion in the holy land, and He will again choose Jerusalem.
- 13/17. Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD! For He has roused Himself from His holy dwelling place!

Chapter 3

- ¶1. Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.
2. And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebukes you, O Satan! Even the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebukes you. Is not this man a brand plucked out of the fire?”
3. Now, Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and he stood before the angel.
4. And the angel answered and spoke to those standing before him, “Take the filthy garments away from him!” And to Joshua he said, “Behold, I have made your iniquity to pass from you, and I am clothing you with stately robes.”
5. And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head!” So they placed a clean turban on his head, and they clothed him with garments while the angel of the LORD stood by.
6. Then the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying,
7. “Thus says the LORD of hosts, If you walk in my ways and if you perform my service, then you shall also

judge my house and keep my courts, and I will give you places to walk among those who stand here.

8. Hear now, Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you, for, behold, they are human signs that I am bringing forth my servant, the Branch!
9. There, before Joshua, is the stone that I have laid! On a single stone, behold, seven eyes! Behold, declares the LORD of hosts, I am engraving¹ its engraving, and I will take away the iniquity of that land in one day.
10. In that day, says the LORD of hosts, each one of you will call for his neighbor to come and sit under a vine or under a fig tree.”

Chapter 4

- ¶1. The angel who spoke to me came again and woke me up, the way a man is roused out of his sleep,
2. and he said to me, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a lampstand entirely of gold, and a bowl on top of it. And its seven lamps are on it, and there are seven pipes for the lamps that are on top.
3. And two olive trees are beside it, one on the right of the bowl and one on its left.”
4. Then I answered and said to the angel who spoke with me, “Sir, what are these?”
5. And the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, sir.”
6. Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by strength, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

¹ Or, “opening up its engraving”.

7. Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel, you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the highest stone, shouting, ‘Grace! Grace upon it!’”
- ¶8. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
9. “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands shall finish it. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts sent me to you.
10. Who has despised the day of small things? They shall rejoice and see the stone, the plumb-line, in Zerubbabel’s hands. These are the seven eyes of the LORD that roam over all the earth.”
11. Then I answered and said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?”
12. And I answered a second time and said to him, “What are the two branches of the olive trees that are on the side of the two golden pipes that empty the golden oil out of themselves?”
13. And he said to me, “You do not know what these are?” And I said, “No, sir.”
14. Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

Chapter 5

- ¶1. Then I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a flying scroll!
2. And he said to me, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits, and its breath, ten cubits.”
3. And he said to me, “This is the curse that is going out over the face of the whole earth. Hereafter, all who steal shall be purged out by it, and hereafter, all who swear falsely shall be purged out by it.

4. I will send it out, says the LORD of hosts. And it will enter into the house of the thief and into the house of the one who swears falsely in my name. And it will lodge within his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones.”
5. Then the angel who spoke with me came forth and said to me, “Now, lift up your eyes and see what this is that is coming out.”
6. And I said, “What is it?” And he said, “This is the ephah-basket² that is going forth.” Then he said, “This is their way in all the earth”:
7. And, behold, the lead cover was lifted up, and there was this woman sitting in the middle of the ephah.
8. Then he said, “This is the wickedness.” And he threw her down in the midst of the ephah and then threw the lead stone over its mouth.
9. And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, two women came forth, and the spirit was in their wings, and they had wings like the wings of a stork. And they lifted up the ephah between the earth and heaven.
10. And I said to the angel who was talking with me, “Where are they going with the ephah?”
11. And he said to me, “To build a house for it in the land of Shinar, and it will be set up on its base and left there.”

Chapter 6

- ¶1. Then again, I lifted up my eyes and looked, and, behold, four chariots were coming out from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of bronze.
2. In the leading chariot were red horses; in the second chariot, black horses;

² An ephah was a unit of dry measure equal to about one bushel, or thirty five liters.

3. in the third chariot, white horses; and in the fourth chariot were powerful dappled horses.
4. Then I answered and said to the angel who spoke with me, "Sir, what are these?"
5. And the angel answered and said to me, "These are four spirits from heaven who go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.
6. The black horses that are in the first chariot are going forth to a north country, and the white ones are going forth after them, and the dappled ones are going forth to a south country."
7. Then, the powerful ones came forth and wanted to go, to walk to and fro in the earth. And he said, "Go! Walk to and fro in the earth!" So they went to and fro in the earth.
8. And he cried out to me and spoke to me, saying, "Behold! The ones who go forth to the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."
9. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
10. "Take Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah from among the exiles who have come from Babylon and go the same day and enter the house of Josiah ben Zephaniah.
11. Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and put them on the head of Joshua ben Jehozadak, the high priest,
12. and speak to him saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, Behold the man whose name is the Branch! He shall branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD.
13. He shall build the temple of the LORD, and he shall bear the majesty, and he shall sit and rule on his throne. And on his throne, he shall be a priest. And the counsel of peace shall be between the two of them.'

14. And the crowns will be for Helem, and for Tobijah, and for Jedaiah, and for Han ben Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of the LORD.
15. And those from afar shall come build in the temple of the LORD, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts sent me to you. It shall come to pass if you listen carefully to the voice of Jehovah your God.”

Chapter 7

- ¶1. And it came to pass in the fourth year of Darius the king that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth day of Chislev, the ninth month.
2. And Bethel sent Sarezzer³ and Regem-mellick⁴, and his men, to seek the favor of Jehovah’s face,
3. to say to the priests who were at the house of the LORD of hosts and to the prophets, “Am I to weep in the fifth month to consecrate myself as I have done these many years?”
4. Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,
5. “Speak to all the people of the land and to the priests, saying, “When you fasted and lamented in the fifth and seventh months this seventy years, were you really fasting to me? To me?”
6. And when you ate, and when you drank, was it not eating for yourselves and those eating with you, and drinking for yourselves and those drinking with you?”
7. Are not these words what Jehovah proclaimed by the former prophets when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and with the Negev and the Shephelah inhabited?”
8. And then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying,

³ Or, the chief treasurer.

⁴ Or, the king’s friend.

9. “The LORD of hosts spoke thus: ‘Render true judgment, and show kindness and compassion, every man to his brother.
10. Do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the foreigner or the destitute. Let no one devise evil in your heart against his brother.’
11. But they⁵ refused to give heed, and they turned a cold shoulder, and they stopped their ears from hearing,
12. and they hardened their heart against hearing the law and the words that the LORD of hosts sent by His spirit through the former prophets. Then came great wrath from the LORD of hosts.
13. And so it was, that just as He called and they did not hear, so they called and I did not hear, says the LORD of hosts.
14. So I scattered them with a whirlwind into all the nations they had not known. And the land was desolate after them, so that no one passed through or returned, for they made the desirable land a waste.”

Chapter 8

- ¶1. Then the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying,
2. “Thus says the LORD of hosts: I have been very jealous over Zion. Indeed, with great wrath have I been jealous over her.
3. Thus says Jehovah: I have returned to Zion, and I will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called ‘The City of Truth’, and ‘The Mountain of the LORD of Hosts, the Holy Mountain.’
4. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the plazas of Jerusalem, each with his staff in his hand because of old age.

⁵ That is, their fathers.

5. And the plazas of the city shall be filled with boys and girls laughing in her plazas.
6. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Though in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days it seem too difficult, will it be too difficult in my eyes, too, says the LORD of hosts?
7. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will rescue my people from the land of the rising sun and from the land of the setting sun.
8. I will cause them to come, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness.
9. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong who hear these words in these days from the mouth of the prophets, the day the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts is laid so that the temple may be rebuilt.
10. Before these days, there were no wages for men or wages for beasts, nor was there security from the enemy, whether going out or coming in, for I set every man against his neighbor.
11. But now, unlike the former times, I am for the remnant of this people, says the LORD of hosts.
12. The seed shall prosper, the vine shall yield her fruit, the land shall bear her produce, the heavens shall give their dew, and I shall cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.
13. And it shall come to pass, O house of Judah and house of Israel, that as much as you were a curse among the nations, so will I deliver you, and you will be a blessing. Do not fear! Let your hands be strong!
14. For thus says the LORD of hosts: As much as I purposed to do you harm when your fathers provoked me to wrath, says the LORD of hosts, and I did not relent,

15. so do I now purpose in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear!
16. These are the things that you must do: Speak truth, every one, with his neighbor. And with truth and justice and good will, judge in your gates.
17. Let no one devise evil in your heart against his neighbor, and do not love a false oath. For I hate all these things, says Jehovah.”
18. And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,
19. “Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth month, and the fast of the seventh month, and the fast of the tenth month will be joy and happiness, cheerful feasts, to the house of Judah. Therefore, love truth and peace.
20. And thus says the LORD of hosts: People and residents of many cities will again come,
21. and the residents of one city will go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts. I will go, too.’
22. And many people will come, even mighty nations, to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the LORD’s favor.
23. Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days, ten men from every language and nation will seize upon the skirt of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”

Chapter 9

- ¶1. The burden of the word of the LORD against the land of Hadrach, and Damascus its confidence (because the eyes of man are on the LORD⁶ and all the tribes of Israel),

⁶ Or, “...the eyes of man and of all the tribes of Israel are on the LORD.”

2. and against Hamath, too, on its border, and Tyre and Sidon, though they are very shrewd:
3. “Tyre will build a tower for herself and will hoard up silver like dirt, and gold like mud in the streets.
4. Ah, but, Jehovah will dispossess her, and He will strike her sea power, and she will be consumed with fire.
5. Ashkelon will see it and fear. Gaza will writhe in anguish, as well as Ekron, for she will be ashamed of her confidence. The king will cease from Gaza, and Ashkelon will be uninhabited.
6. A bastard⁷ will dwell in Ashdod. I will cut off the pride of the Philistines,
7. and I will remove their blood from their mouth, and their abominations from between their teeth. And the remnant shall also be for our God, and he shall be like a chieftain in Judah. Ekron, too, shall be His, like the Jebusite.
8. I will camp about my house because of an army, because of him who passes through and him who returns, and no aggressor will again pass over them, for I have now seen it with my eyes.
9. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold! Your king is coming to you! He is righteous and victorious, meek, riding on a donkey, a colt, the offspring of an ass.
10. I will cut off chariotry from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem, and the bow of war will be cut off. And he will speak peace to the Gentiles, and his dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.
11. As for you, by the blood of your covenant, I have released your prisoners from a pit in which is no water.

⁷ Or, a child of incest.

12. Return to the stronghold, O prisoners of hope! This day, I declare, I will restore to you double.
13. I have bent Judah for my bow, and I have strung it with Ephraim, and I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and I will make you like the sword of a mighty man.
14. Then shall the LORD be seen over them, and his arrow will shoot out like lightning, and my Lord Jehovah shall blow the ram's horn and come with stormy winds of the south.
15. The LORD of hosts shall be a shield over them; they will slay, and they will subdue sling-stones. They will drink and be boisterous as with wine; they will be full, like a bowl, like the corners of the altar.
16. And the LORD their God will save them in that day, as a flock of His people, for they are like precious stones of a crown lifted up over His land.
17. O, its bounty and beauty! Grain and wine will make the young men and the virgins fruitful.”

Chapter 10

- ¶1. Ask the LORD for rain in the time of the latter rain. The LORD makes lightning bolts, and with them, He will give rain for each man's plants in the field.
2. The teraphim declare iniquity, and the diviners see a lie and tell worthless dreams; they comfort in vain. That is why they wander about like a flock; they are dispirited because there is no shepherd.
3. My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will visit the leaders. For the LORD of hosts visited His flock, the house of Judah, and He made them like His majestic war-horse.

4. From Him will come the cornerstone; from Him, the nail; from Him, the bow for battle; from Him, all power, altogether.
5. They shall be like the mighty in battle, trampling their enemies in the mud of the streets. They shall wage war because the LORD is with them, and they shall make the horsemen ashamed.
6. I will strengthen the house of Judah and rescue the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I feel compassion for them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am Jehovah their God, and I will hear them.
7. Ephraim will be like a warrior, and their heart will rejoice as with wine. Their sons will see and rejoice; their heart will exult in the LORD.
8. I will signal for them and gather them, for I have ransomed them, and they will be as many as they used to be.
9. Though I sowed them among the nations, yet in those distant places will they remember me, and they will come alive and return with their children.
10. I will bring them back from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria, and I will bring them to the land of Gilead and Lebanon until there be found no room for them.
11. He will cross the troubled sea and strike the sea waves, and all the depths of the Nile will be dried up. The pride of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will be taken away.
12. I will make them strong in the LORD, and in His name will they walk, says the LORD.

- ¶1. Open your doors, O Lebanon, so that fire may devour your cedars!
2. Howl, O juniper, for the cedar has fallen; the majestic are utterly devastated. Howl, O oaks of Bashan, for the impregnable forest is fallen!
3. The sound of shepherds howling, for their majesty is ruined! The sound of young lions roaring, for the majesty of the Jordan is destroyed!
4. Thus says Jehovah my God: “Be a shepherd to the flock that is headed for slaughter!
5. Those who buy them slaughter them and are not held guilty, and those who sell them say, ‘Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich!’ Their shepherds show them no mercy.
6. I will no longer, by any means, show pity to the inhabitants of the land, says the LORD. On the contrary, I will cause every man to fall into the hand of his neighbor and into the hand of his king. And they will crush the land, and I will not deliver out it of their hand.”
7. So I fed the flock that was headed for slaughter – the oppressed of the flock. And I took for myself two staffs; one I called “Pleasantness”, and one I called “Promises”. Then I fed the flock.
8. And I got rid of three of the shepherds in one month. My soul was worn out with them, and their soul abhorred me.
9. Then I said, “I will not feed you! Whatever is dying, let it die. And whatever is going to ruin, let it go to ruin. And those who remain, let them all eat the flesh of his neighbor.”
10. Then I took my staff named “Pleasantness”, and I cut it in two, so as to annul my covenant which I had made with all the people,

11. and it was broken that day. (The oppressed of the flock, the ones obeying me, knew it was the word of the LORD.)
12. And I said to them, “If it seems good in your eyes, give me my price, and if not, don’t.” So, as my price, they weighed thirty pieces of silver.
13. And then the LORD said to me, “Throw it down (the very high price at which I was appraised by them) for the potter.” So, I took the thirty pieces of silver, and I threw them down for the potter in the house of the LORD.
14. And I cut in two my second staff, “Promises”, to destroy the relationship between Judah and Israel.
15. Again, the LORD said to me, “Take for yourself the instruments of a foolish shepherd,
16. for, behold, I will raise up a shepherd in the land. He will pay no attention to those who are being overcome; nor will he seek out the young; nor will he heal the broken. He will not support the one who makes a stand, but will consume the flesh of the fat and will rip off their hooves.”
17. Woe to my worthless shepherd who abandons the flock! A sword upon his strength and his right eye! His strength will be completely undone, and his right eye, gouged out.

Chapter 12

- ¶1. “The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel,” says the LORD, who spreads out the heavens, and establishes the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.

2. “Behold, I will make Jerusalem an intoxicating cup to all the encircling nations, and the siege against Jerusalem will be against Judah, too.
3. And in that day, it shall come to pass that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the nations. All who lift it will surely suffer harm, and all the nations of the earth will be gathered against her.
4. In that day, says the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. And I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah, and I will strike every horse of the nations with blindness.
5. Then the leaders of Judah will say in their heart, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem will be strength for me in the LORD of hosts, their God.’
6. In that day, I will make the leaders of Judah like a furnace among the trees, and like a flaming torch among sheaves. To the right and to the left, they shall devour all the encircling nations, and Jerusalem will dwell in her own place again – in Jerusalem!
7. And Jehovah will rescue the tents of Judah first so that the glorying of the house of David and the glorying of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be greater than that of Judah.
8. In that day, the LORD will be a shield for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in that day that he who is feeble among them shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like gods, with the likeness of the angel of the LORD before them.
9. And it shall come to pass in that day that I will determine to annihilate all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
10. And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplication. And they shall look on me whom they

pierced. And they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, weeping bitterly over him as one bitterly weeps over the firstborn.

11. The wailing in Jerusalem on that day will be great, like the wailing of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.
12. And the land shall cry aloud in sorrow, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;
13. the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;
14. and all the remaining families, family by family, by themselves, and their wives by themselves.”

Chapter 13

- ¶1. “In that day, there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness.
2. And it shall come to pass in that day, says the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered. I will also drive the prophets and the spirit of sin out of the land.
3. And it shall come to pass that if a man prophesies again, his father, and his mother who bore him, will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD!’ And his father, and his mother who bore him, will pierce him through while he is prophesying.
4. And it shall come to pass in that day that every one of the prophets shall be ashamed of his vision when he tells it. And they shall not put on a shaggy cloak to deceive.

5. But he will declare, 'I am no prophet. I am one who works the ground, for man made me a laborer when I was young.'
6. And one shall say to him, 'What are these wounds in your hands?' And he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'"
- ¶7. "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, even against the mighty one who is my fellow, says the LORD of hosts. Strike the shepherd, and the flock will be scattered. Then I will turn my attention toward the little ones.
8. And it shall come to pass that throughout the land, says the LORD, two parts in it shall be cut off and die, and a third in it shall remain.
9. And I will cause the third part to go through fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will try them as one tries gold. They shall call on my name, and I will answer them; I will say, 'This is my people,' and they shall say, 'Jehovah is my God.'"

Chapter 14

- ¶1. Watch! The day of the LORD is coming! Your spoil shall be divided in your midst.
2. I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem for battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women ravished. Half the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.
3. Then will the LORD go out and do battle with those nations as when He fights in the day of battle.
4. And His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is on the east side of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives shall split in two, east and west, making a very large valley. Half the mountain will move to the north and half to the south.

5. And you shall flee the valley of my mountains, as when you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, King of Judah, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And Jehovah my God shall come, and all the saints with you.
6. And it shall come to pass on that day that there will be no light (the precious ones will come together⁸);
7. there will be a single day that is known to the LORD, not day and night; and it shall come to pass that when it is evening, there will be light.
8. And it shall come to pass in that day that living waters will go out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. Thus it shall be, in summer and in the time of harvest.
9. And Jehovah shall be King over all the earth. In that day, there shall be one Jehovah, and His name one.
10. All the land shall be made like a plain, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem. And she will rise and occupy her place, from the gate of Benjamin to the place of the first gate, to the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel to the king's wine-presses.
11. And men shall dwell in her, and nothing banned shall be in her again, but Jerusalem shall live in security.
12. And this is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations who make war against Jerusalem: He will make their flesh rot away while they are standing on their feet, and their eyes to rot away in their sockets, and their tongue will rot away in their mouth.
13. And it shall shall come to pass in that day that there will be great turmoil among them from the LORD; each man will seize his neighbor's portion, and his hand will rise up against his neighbor's hand.

⁸ Hebrew uncertain.

14. (Yes, Judah will do battle at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be gathered; gold, and silver, and clothing, very much.)
15. And the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel, the ass, and every animal in those camps will be like this plague.
16. And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem will come up from year to year to worship King Jehovah of hosts, to make pilgrimage for the Feast of Booths.
17. And it shall come to pass that there will be no rain on those who do not come up to Jerusalem from among the families of the earth to worship King Jehovah of hosts.
18. If the family of Egypt does not go up to Jerusalem, and does not come, then on them shall there be none. This is the plague with which Jehovah will strike the nations who do not come up to observe the Feast of Booths.
19. This shall be the punishment for Egypt's sin and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to observe the Feast of Booths.
20. In that day, on the bells of the horses shall be "Holiness to the LORD". And the pots in the house of the LORD will be like the bowls before the altar.
21. And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts, and all those who offer sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil flesh in them. And in that day, there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the household of the LORD of hosts.