

ZECHARIAH

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #38



AUTHOR: THE PROPHET
ZECHARIAH



WRITTEN: 520 BC- 484 BC
520 BC (his earlier prophecies) - 484 BC
(about the Coming of Christ and the Second Coming)

Covering this time period: 520 BC - Future

Old Testament: 39 Books

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New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: This book contains the most references to the coming Messiah of any minor prophets.

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- There are no stories included, but many prophecies about Jesus

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **Zechariah 9:9**

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son." **Zechariah 12:10**

Important Points about the Book:

- We often look for a chronological order when reading Bible prophecy, and that's one of the things that can make it confusing. Zechariah does things like refer to Jesus' first coming in Zechariah 9:9 (see above), which references Palm Sunday. Then in the very next verses, he refers to the Second Coming.
- Zechariah is quick to show us that God clearly sees a big picture. He sees what is coming as clearly as what is past. He is likely to cause prophecy that will mention the details of that big picture together, even though they may happen thousands of years apart.
- Zechariah's first eight chapters are directed to the builders of the Second Temple and the returnees from the Babylonian exile. He prophesies at the same time as Haggai, but while Haggai's messages were full of caution, Zechariah's are full of hope and encouragement.
- Chapters 9-14 are thought to have been given much later in his life. They refer mostly to the coming of the Messiah, both his life and death and his future return.