

Return, Rebuild, Restore
Study Guide
Zechariah 2

Big Idea: God is building my future!

1. Read Zechariah 2:1-4. Notice that God has a “measuring line” and that He is designing something greater than just a small city.

How does it make you feel to know that God has designed your life and is building something great for the future?

2. Read Zechariah 2:5

a. The “glory” of Jerusalem is foretold in scripture (Psalm 132:13; Psalm 48: 2-3; Isaiah 1:26; Isaiah 4:3-5; Ezekiel 43:1-3). God’s shekinah glory will be a “canopy” over this “city of righteousness”. As the church, we are “grafted” into this glory (Romans 11:13a & 17). Do you think you are part of something glorious? How motivated are you to invite others into the Kingdom of God? Discuss.

b. The “wall of fire” refers to God’s protection on His people. We are covered today, by the blood of Jesus. But how can we be more intentional in our prayers to recognize the spiritual battles around us and solicit God’s protection? What are some of our real battles? How can we fight them with God’s help? Are any of them too big for God to handle? Discuss.

3. Read Zechariah 2:6-13.

Here Israel is encouraged to return and rejoice in the fact that God has designed a great and glorious future for them. How can we do a better job of reminding ourselves of our future rather than milling over what is currently happening?

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Pray for God to give us faith to know that He is building an amazing future for us. Pray against discouragement. Pray for God’s continued protection on us.

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A. The Designer (v. 1-2)

And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand! ²Then I said, “Where are you going?” And he said to me, “To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length.”

B. The Greatness (v. 3-4)

³And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him ⁴and said to him, “Run, say to that young man, ‘Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it.

Genesis 15:5- Abram

And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Jerusalem (Prophecy)

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Psalms 132:13- For the Lord has chosen Zion.

Psalms 48:2-3- beautiful in loftiness, is the joy of all the earth, ...God has made himself known as a fortress.

Isaiah 1:26- And I will restore ... thou shalt be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Where do we fit in?

Romans 11:13a; 17

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles...if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree.

C. The Glory (v.5)

⁵And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst.”

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Isaiah 4:3a & 5

In that day the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious,... over everything the glory will be a canopy.

Ezekiel 11:23- Glory Departed

And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain that is on the east side of the city.

Ezekiel 43:1-3- Future Millennial Temple

Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. ²And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory... And I fell on my face.

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Ephesians 3:21a

...to him be glory in the church

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D. Our Response (v. 6-13)

⁶Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north, declares the Lord. For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, declares the Lord. ⁷Up! Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon. ⁸For thus said the Lord of hosts, after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye: ⁹“Behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall become plunder for those who served them. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me.

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2. Rejoice (v. 10-13)

¹⁰Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. ¹¹And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. ¹²And the Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.” ¹³Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

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