

ZECHARIAH 2  
(Authorized Version)

- 1) I LIFTED UP MINE EYES AGAIN, AND LOOKED AND BEHOLD A MAN WITH A MEASURING LINE IN HIS HAND.

Zechariah is going to have a vision and he sees a man, or as verse 3 states and angel. Zechariah sees an angel with a measuring line in his hand. A measuring line is a device used to measure. The purpose of this angel having this measuring line is to measure something.

- 2) THEN SAID I, WHITHER GOEST THOU? AND HE SAID UNTO ME, TO MEASURE JERUSALEM, TO SEE WHAT IS THE BREADTH THEREOF, AND WHAT IS THE LENGTH THEREOF.

This angel is going to measure jerusalem. jerusalem was a very old city. It was in existance long before zion became the stronhold of israel and jerusalem became the ruling city. It is mentioned as being inhabited by the canaanites in Johshua 10:1. And under the hand of the jevusites, jerusalem is referred to as jebusi. The word salam is used as an abreviation for jerusalem and is mentioned as far back as the time of Abraham (Gen. 14:18) Jerusalem means foundation of peace.

At this time, the only thing left of jerusalem were the abandoned ruins, or the layout of the city. The signifigance of the angel doing this was for the prospect of rebuilding the city. YAHWEH will rebuild Jerusalem. As Psalm 137:4-6 says:

HOW COULD WE SING THE SONGS OF THE LORD IN A FOREIGN LAND? IF I FORGET YOU OH, JERUSALEM, MAY MY RIGHT HAND FAIL ME! MAY MY TONGUE CLEAVE TO MY PALATE, IF I DO NOT REMEMBER; IF I SET NOT JERUSALEM ABOVE MY HIGHEST JOY!

YAHWEH does restore Jerusalem, but HE is not restoring the same old city of jerusalem. YAHWEH does not waste time. HE works with efficiency. There would be no reason for YAHWEH to restore the old typical city because if it was restored it would follow the same course as it had previously. The fact that it was destroyed shows that it wasn't made up of YAHWEH'S true people and that it was merely a type.

In restoring Jerusalem YAHWEH restores the New Jerusalem. Zechariah 14:2:

FOR I WILL GATHER ALL NAITONS AGAINST JERUSALEM FOR BATTLE. AND THE CITY SHALL BE TAKEN AND THE HOUSES RIFLED, AND THE WOMEN RAVISHED. AND HALF THE CITY SHALL GO FORTH INTO CAPTIVITY, AND THE RESIDUE OF THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT BE CUT OFF FROM THE CITY.

Here YAHWEH combines the typical jerusalem, which was destroyed, along with the fulfillment, the New Jerusalem, which is unharmed. jerusalem of old was a type of the New Jerusalem. jerusalem was the ruling city, it ruled over israel. In the fulfillment, the New Jerusalem is also the Ruling City. Isaiah 2:3 states:

AND MANY PEOPLE SHALL GO UP AND SAY, COME YE AND LET US GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, TO THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB; AND HE WILL TEACH US OF HIS WAYS, AND WE WILL WALK IN HIS PATHS; FOR OUT OF ZION SHALL GO FORTH THE LAW, AND THE WORD OF THE LORD FROM JERUSALEM.

Matthew 19:28 states:

AND YAHSHUA SAID UNTO THEM, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU; THAT YE WHICH HAVE FOLLOWED ME IN THE REGENERATION WHEN THE SON OF MAN SHALL SIT IN THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY. YE ALSO SHALL SIT UPON 12 THRONES, JUDGING THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

This time Jerusalem is located in the heavens not on the earth. Being in the heavens it is safe and secure. No one can get to the New Jerusalem. Galatians 4:26:

BUT JERUSALEM WHICH IS ABOVE IS FREE, WHICH IS THE MOTHER OF US ALL.

Hebrews 12:22:

BUT YE ARE COME UNTO MOUNT ZION AND UNTO THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD, THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM AND TO AN INNUMERABLE COMPANY OF ANGELS.

The New Jerusalem is also a bride. She is Yahshua's bride as Revelation 21:9,10 brings out:

- 9) COME HITHER IS WILL SHEW THEE THE BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE,
- 10) AND HE CARRIED ME AWAY IN THE SPIRIT TO A GREAT AND HIGH MOUNTAIN AND SHEWED ME THAT GREAT CITY THE HOLY JERUSALEM DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD.

The New Jerusalem, Yahshua's Bride, is made up of 144,000 members. Revelation 14:1-3:

- 1) AND I LOOKED, AND LO, A LAMB STOOD ON MOUNT ZION, AND WITH HIM A HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, HAVING HIS FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN IN THEIR FOREHEADS.
- 2) AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, AS THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS, AND AS THE VOICE OF A GREAT THUNDER: AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF HARPERS HARPING WITH THEIR HARPS:
- 3) AND THEY SUNG AS IT WERE A NEW SONG BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE FOUR BEASTS, AND THE ELDERS: AND NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, WHICH WERE REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH.

The New Jerusalem, the Bride of Yahshua, has only 144,000 members. The 144,000 are resurrected from the earth and are also referred to as members of Yahshua's body, Yahshua being the head of the body. Revelation 21:14 shows us that the 12 Apostles were the beginning of the New Jerusalem.

- 14) AND THE WALL OF THE CITY HAD 12 FOUNDATIONS AND IN THEM THE NAMES OF THE 12 APOSTLES OF THE LAMB.

The Apostles are the foundation of the City. Yahshua being the cornerstone of the foundation. And as brought out in Matthew, the 144,000 will judge. Their position will be as Kings and Priests reigning with Yahshua in the heavens. (refer to Matthew 19:28)

Verse 3:

- 3) AND BEHOLD, THE ANGEL THAT TALKED WITH ME WENT FORTH, AND ANOTHER ANGEL WENT OUT TO MEET HIM.
- 4) AND SAID UNTO HIM, RUN, SPEAK TO THIS YOUNG MAN, SAYING JERUSALEM SHALL BE INHABITED AS TOWNS WITHOUT WALLS FOR THE MULTITUDE OF MEN AND CATTLE THEREIN.

Verse 4 is better read in the New English Bible:

- 4) RUN TO THE YOUNG MAN THERE AND TELL HIM THAT JERUSALEM SHALL BE A CITY WITHOUT WALLS, SO NUMEROUS SHALL BE THE MEN AND CATTLE WITHIN IT.

The words 'shall be' show that this is a prophecy and meant for the future.

"...so numerous shall be the men and cattle within it" is illustrating that the New Jerusalem will be a very productive city; full of life and activity.

This was written in a manner that the people of the time would relate to and understand. It is showing productivity and a flourishing city in terms of what a flourishing, successful, city would be like at that time. Full of cattle, full of men; this is creating for us a view of a great city.

And the New Jerusalem is a great city, a productive city. YAHWEH gives us this illustration so that we can understand the prosperity of the New Jerusalem. She is a holy and righteous city. Prospering because she is doing the will of YAHWEH. She also prospers as Earthly Israel prospers (or her children prosper), as the Kingdom prospers. As Earthly Israel makes strides and moves forward, so does the New Jerusalem.

The city being filled with men and cattle is not only showing us the success of the city, but it is also telling us the New Jerusalem is filled to it's capacity. And the New Jerusalem is filled to it's capacity with 144,000 members. This number is precise, there will never be any more or any less.

Going back to the middle of the verse: it says "it shall be a city without walls", this is referring to the sphere of influence the New Jerusalem has. It will be constantly be growing and expanding. Her influence can not be contained with walls. The New Jerusalem grows, her influence grows, as the Kingdom grows, and the Kingdom will always be growing. There will never come a time when there will be too many people to bless because YAHWEH'S love is complete and immeasurable. HIS Kingdom will constantly be expanding and growing righteously in every direction. Once the earth is filled to it's capacity, YAHWEH will make it possible for HIS People to reach other planets, other new worlds. (When the time comes a prophet with chosen members of Israel will set out for a specified new earth.)

The New Jerusalem's sphere of influence or that which She rules over will always be growing.

- 5) FOR I, SAITH THE LORD, WILL BE INTO HER A WALL OF FIRE ROUND ABOUT, AND WILL BE THE GLORY IN THE MIDST OF HER.

YAHWEH is saying that HE is a wall of fire around Jerusalem. A wall is used to keep intruders out, keep undesirables out. For example, the great wall of china built to keep invading armies out. Walls around wealthy homes are built to keep trespassers out. So, a wall is used to keep out anything you don't want to come in. A wall is sufficient enough but YAHWEH compounds this by making it a wall of fire. Showing that it would be

impossible for anyone to scale this wall, or in other words, it would be impossible for anyone to reach into the New Jerusalem to change it or make it unclean in any way. Zechariah 14:4 states:

4) AND MEN SHALL DWELL IN IT, AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE UTTER DESTRUCTION, BUT JERUSALEM SHALL BE SAFELY INHABITED.

Joel 3:17:

17) SO YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD DWELLING IN ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN: THEN SHALL JERUSALEM BE HOLY, AND THERE SHALL NO STRANGERS PASS THROUGH HER ANY MORE.

And also Isaiah 52:1 brings out that there shall no more come into her the uncircumcized and unclean. So the New Jerusalem would be unlike typical Jerusalem. In typical Jerusalem strangers were allowed to pass through her at any time and because of this Jerusalem did become filthy. Even King Solomon, who was blessed with wisdom and power, he eventually had 700 wives and 300 concubines and they persuaded him to worship all of their different gods so this this worship of heathen gods entered into the temple of YAHWEH.

I'll continue with the second part of verse 5:

AND I WILL BE THE GLORY IN THE MIDST OF HER.

The Ronald Knox translation says:

AND IN THE MIDST OF IT THE BRIGHTNESS OF MY PRESENCE.

YAHWEH will be with the New Jerusalem. They are the ruling city and every law they pass is with HIS influence and guidance. They don't take it upon themselves to tell us what to do. YAHWEH communicates with HIS ruling organization, they are full of light, they have YAHWEH'S light and therefore have no need for any other light.

THE WILL OF YAHWEH WILL DWELL IN JERUSALEM AND SPREAD OUT TO ALL OF ISRAEL. HIS INFLUENCE WILL BE THERE. HIS SPIRIT WILL BE WITH JERUSALEM.

Revelation 21:23:

AND THE CITY HAS NO NEED OF THE SUN, NEITHER OF THE MOON, TO SHINE IN IT: FOR THE GLORY OF GOD DID LIGHTEN IT, AND THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT THEREOF.

Verse 6:

6) HO, HO, COME FORTH, AND FLEE FROM THE LAND OF THE NORTH, SAITH THE LORD; FOR I HAVE SPREAD YOU ABROAD AS THE FOUR WINDS OF THE HEAVEN, SAITH THE LORD.

YAHWEH is calling to HIS People to come from the land of the north. In the Bible the north is a realm of authority. In Psalm 48:1-2 it pictures YAHWEH'S realm of authority.

1) GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED IN THE CITY OF OUR GOD, IN THE MOUNTAIN OF HIS HOLINESS.

2) BEAUTIFUL FOR SITUATION (Smith's says "beautiful in elevation") THE JOY OF THE WHOLE EARTH IS MOUNT ZION ON THE SIDES OF THE NORTH. THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

Smith's translation also brings out "is the hill of Zion in the far north."

YAHWEH'S rule is shown here as coming from the sides of the north. satan, the devil, who is the adversary of YAHWEH, makes claim that he will be like the most high. he is a mimic god, so he sets himself up in the sides of the north where YAHWEH'S authority is pictured as coming from. Isaiah 14:23,14:

13) FOR THOU HAST SAID IN THINE HEART, I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN,  
I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD; I WILL SIT ALSO  
UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION, IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH;

14) I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS, I WILL BE LIKE  
THE MOST HIGH.

In Zechariah 2:6 YAHWEH is calling HIS People out of satan's authority, or out of this present world. satan is the god of this world as brought out in II Corinthians 4:3,4. Being the god or ruler of this world, he has the power to deceive those in the world as Revelation 12:9 brings out.

This verse is being applied in two ways: YAHWEH is calling to HIS People to separate from the world. Primarily HE is referring to the remnant, or the last members of Yahshua's body, to be gathered from the earth and who would complete the number of the New Jerusalem in the heavens. This happens, or happened, when they were still trapped in the system. Here YAHWEH is calling them out to make HIS Will known; so that they can acquaint others of HIS Kingdom. In other words, what YAHWEH is saying: 'function as a true heavenly Israelite, honor me; search and I will bless you with a knowledge' and 'you will preach MY words, gather the rest of the church and announce the establishment of MY Kingdom.'

And this they did do. The remnant came out of the devil's system and preached the message of YAHWEH'S Kingdom. Isaiah 52:7 describes the remnant and refers to them as the feet of Yahshua, the feet being the last body members to be gathered.

HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH  
GOOD TIDINGS; THAT PUBLISH PEACE; THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS OF  
GOOD, THAT PUBLISHETH SALVATION; THAT SAITH UNTO ZION, THY GOD  
REIGNETH!

YAHWEH calls the remnant out prior to enthroning them as kings in the heavens. The remnant would also have to suffer as Revelation 2:10 brings out:

FEAR NONE OF THESE THINGS WHICH THOU SHALT SUFFER, BEHOLD, THE  
DEVIL SHALL CAST SOME OF YOU INTO PRISON, THAT YE MAY BE TRIED;  
AND YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION TEN DAYS, BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO  
DEATH, AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE.

They were faithful unto their deaths and as soon as each individual died they immediately received their reward. I Corinthinan 15:51,52:

51) BEHOLD, I SHEW YOU A MYSTERY; WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE  
SHALL ALL BE CHANGED,

52) IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP:  
FOR THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND, AND THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED  
INCORRUPTIBLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED.

Or, received their reward.

Immediately they received their reward, which was to be rulers with Yahshua in the heavens over YAHWEH'S earthly kingdom.

Stopping briefly here I would like to speak a little on the remnant to try to show what motivated them and give a brief history concerning them. They were amazingly faithful and worthy of being members of Yahshua's Body. Beginning with just where the earth was headed during the latter part of the 19th century. (1870's) Religious leaders were growing in strength, political governments were regaining power. The united states had recovered from the civil war, and was restoring and building itself in to an influential nation. britian was prospering, germany was beginning to build herself into a european power. Around the world there was awakening polically and religiously, and also scientifically. There was the invention of the steam engine, the discovery of electricity, the telephone was being developed, and the automobile was soon to be developed. At the beginning of the 1900's there were new business enterprises and new corporations were organized to process this business. People happened upon material wealth because of this, and were encouraged to invest their money back into the nation to make their fortunes. Materialism, money-making, and pleasure seeking began to lead people around. This was where the world was headed.

During the 1870's, Charles Taze Russell became disenchanted with the doctrines of his faith. He was a religious man, brought up presbyterian. He broke away from religion and began to search the scriptures. He and a small group began to advance in YAHWEH'S Knowledge. Mr. Russell owned a chain of men's furnishing stores. He sold his business because he wanted to devote all his time and energy to YAHWEH. He was in his 20's when he did this. He was entirely devoted to getting the truth to others. He used his personal funds and his time. Along with others, a magazine was printed. Soon books began to be published. People began to recognize the light and opposition to this light began. As time passed, they were tested as to their integrity to the truth. The were given chances to compromise the truth but Charles Taze Russell was a man devoted to YAHWEH, and would not allow it to be compromised by others, because they had money or influence or printing facilities, or anything else. And he led those who followed in this vein. In 1879 the Bible students desires were explained int the first published issue of 'Zion's Watchtower and Herald of Christ's Presence' (refer to page 21; the Divine Purpose.)

The Bible students began small but eventually organized congregations wherever interest was shown. Bible tracts were written and published to help with study. At one point major papers of new york city, chicago, philadelphia and boston sent along with the paper a tract to their list of subscribers.

The Bible students organization began to grow and in 1881 Zion's Watchtower Tract Society was organized. In 1884 It was organized into a corporation, being called now the 'Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania.' In 1889 their first assembly hall was built it was called the 'Bible House'. At this point the Bible students realized that they were to preach and spread the truth and this they did. Many devoting their lives. By 1891 the work was expanded outside the u.s.. They had their first national assembly in 1893. By 1897 their pilgram work began. The purpose of this was for a representative to travel on a set route, spending one or two days with a congregation, to conduct meetings and provide spiritual help. In 1894 a prominent lawyer, J.F.Rutherford showed interest inthe writings of the Society. Twelve years later he too devoted himself to YAHWEH. He became the Society's lawyer, he used his skills as a lawyer to draw up contracts which made sure Bible discussions and public talks in different towns and countries were allowed to proceed as opposition to the truth grew. He later succeeded Charles T. Russell as president of the Society.

Russell and those who preached along with him were not recognized and were viewed with contempt and were publically ridiculed. Many attempts were made to discredit and expose Russell as an ignorant and unlearned man. All the opposition that was brought against Russell and the organization did did stop it's forward movement. In 1903 a branch office of the Society was set up in germany. 1904 one in australia. The truth was spreading to south africa, japan and the british west indies.

The remnant not only had to put up with opposition from the world, but also from within the organization, from those who were there for the wrong reasons. But despite this, the organization still grew and in 1908 a new headquarters was set up in brooklyn n.y.. In order for the pennsylvania Society to hold title to this property in n.y state, a new corporation had to be formed. It was called the International Bible Students Associatin and People's Pulpit Association. I'll continue with this later in the chapter.

With the preaching of the truth the time to judge the spiritually dead began. And today a person's response to the truth, pro or con, decides their judgement. Which brings us to the second application of the verse. Verse 6 says at the end:

I HAVE SPREAD YOU ABROAD AS THE FOUR WINDS OF THE HEAVENS, SAYS THE LORD.

YAHWEH is speaking to all HIS People; Israel. The remnant of the 144,000 came out of ignorance. HE called them out of the system and they were spread abroad or located over the earth. In the same vein, Earthly Israel is being called out of the system, or the visible ruling element by YAHWEH. And they too are spread abroad or located all over the earth.

7) DELIVER THYSELF, O ZION, THAT DWELLEST WITH THE DAUGHTER OF BABYLON.

This is similar to verse 6. YAHWEH is telling HIS People to deliver themselves. HE calls to Zion, HIS capital organization, made up of Yahshua and the 144,000. At this time HE is calling to the last members or the remnant. They were still entrapped in this system. Here it brings out that they dwell with the daughter of babylon or in babylon. babylon is {babylon literally means 'gate of GOD'. Primarily religious power had so many different religions that it depicts confusion} referring to this confused system of things. The word dwellest, refers to people living in babylon or in the system. This shows that it is people being referred to here.

8) FOR THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; AFTER THE GLORY HATH HE SENT ME UNTO THE NATIONS WHICH SPOILED YOU: FOR HE THAT TOUCHETH YOU, TOUCHETH THE APPLE OF HIS EYE.

Smith's Translation:

8) FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS:HEREAFTER HE WILL SEND ME FORTH WITH HONOR REGARDING THE NATIONS THAT HAVE PLUNDERERD YOU, FOR WHO TOUCHES YOU TOUCHES THE APPLE OF HIS EYE.

Finally Zion recieves the honor that She rightfully deserves. She recieves honor through the victory that Earthly Israel recieves during the 1260 days of preaching. Those who opposed Her, this visible ruling element will receive tremendous blows through exposure by Israel. So, Zion will recieve honor through Israel's victory.

Zion also receives honor through the obedience of Her people. Her people are obedient, Israel preaches the Kingdom message. They set up communities that will be living examples of what they preach. Israel also has a deep knowledge of the scriptures that no one else has. The world will look at Israel, what they do and say and see that Israel is obviously being guided.

Zion is honored by the recognition they finally receive. After all these years no one has ever really understood the mission they had. Why they did what they did. But finally 200 million people will realize and recognize that Zion is there, love them, and give them honor they deserve. This begins with the 200 million of Israel and finally the regular ones who are forced to realize that YAHWEH is with Israel.

Regarding the nations that have plundered you. In contrast to the opposition they received Israel will be honored. The remnant and earthly Israel do receive opposition. Matthew 24:9 says:

YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL NATIONS FOR MY NAMESAKE.

Going back to the International Bible students, remember there was great opposition and ridicule towards them. By the time the first world war broke out patriotism was rampant, and the Bible students were accused of being spies and traitors to the country.

In October of 1916 Charles T. Russell died, and J.F. Rutherford became president. He followed in Russell's footsteps and he too encountered opposition within the Society from those who eventually fell out. In 1918 governments began to take action against the Society. The International Bible students books and publications were banned, it was said that they alleged to contain seditious and anti-war statements. The U.S. government began an investigation of the Society because they were suspected of having contact with the German enemy. The U.S. was at war with Germany and they suspected them of sending messages to the German government.

After a lecture delivered by Rutherford in Los Angeles, California, the Los Angeles congregation was raided by the government and all their publications were taken. By this time many of the Bible students were being detained in prisons because of the draft. And religion was siding up with politics to stop the organization. They were openly being threatened. In 1918, eight of the Society's officers were arrested (the charges are listed in detail page 79; Divine Purpose).

Certain people tried to pass an espionage law. Where all those accused of espionage would be tried in a military court with the death penalty as punishment. Seven officers were sentenced to 20 years each on four different counts, to run concurrently. The eighth was given a ten year sentence on each of the four counts. (The trial judge's statement is found on page 80; Divine Purpose.) Other atrocities committed against the International Bible students were as follows (this is read out of the Divine Purpose; pg 81,82,83)

Earthly Israel also receives opposition, present it is far less than what the remnant had to endure, but as time moves on and Israel becomes more active and noticed by the world, opposition will increase. (The prosecutor wanted to set bail at \$5 million for Jeremiah; he tried to break him to destroy the organization.)

Revelation 11 describes Israel as being clothed in sackcloth. Sackcloth is a clothing worn when you mourn. In other words Israel is mourning because of the great opposition that they will receive.

Concerning the 'apple of HIS eye.' The New American Standard and the Beck's translation bring out 'the pupil of HIS eye.' Being touched in the

pupil of your eye is irritating. It is an irritation to YAHWEH whenever someone comes up against HIS People. Opposition to Israel is just like opposition to YAHWEH.

9) FOR, BEHOLD, I WILL SHAKE MINE HAND UPON THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE A SPOIL TO THEIR SERVANTS: AND YE SHALL KNOW THAT THE LORD OF HOSTS HAS SENT ME.

Smith's Translation:

9) VERILY, I WILL WAVE MY HAND OVER THEM AND THEY SHALL BECOME PLUNDER FOR THEIR SLAVES; THUS YOU SHALL KNOW THAT THE LORD OF HOSTS HAS SENT ME.

YAHWEH is waving HIS hand over them; them being the visible ruling element. YAHWEH is passing judgement over them. And their judgement involves being dishonored, disgraced and destroyed.

Concerning the visible ruling element, where once it was in the position to have slaves or be in a position to give orders; they now become plunder for their slaves, they are reduced to a position where they will take orders. In other words, this is referring to the depth of their downfall, they are reduced to nothing. Psalm 129:4-6 says:

4) THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS: HE HATH CUT THE CORDS OF THE WICKED.

5) MAY ALL WHO HATE ZION BE PUT TO SHAME AND TURNED BACKWARD.

6) LET THEM BE LIKE THE GRASS ON THE ROOFTOPS WHICH WITHERS BEFORE IT GROWS UP.

During the 1,260 days Israel will preach throughout the earth. Revelation 11:6 states that we have the power to smite the earth as often as we wish. During Israel's preaching work and because of the work they perform confusion will spread. People will begin to rebel by rejecting their lives in the system, they will leave the system. Once they were respected citizens who looked up their leaders, now they are going to treat their leaders like criminals. In referring to Israel, the Bible has this to say: Isaiah 19:16,17:

16) IN THAT DAY THE EGYPTIANS WILL BE LIKE WOMEN, AND TREMBLE WITH FEAR BEFORE THE HAND WHICH THE LORD OF HOSTS SHAKES OVER THEM.

17) AND THE LAND OF JUDAH SHALL BECOME A TERROR TO THE EGYPTIANS, EVERYONE TO WHOM IT IS MENTIONED WILL FEAR BECAUSE OF THE PURPOSE WHICH THE LORD OF HOSTS HAS PURPOSED AGAINST THEM.

Ezekiel 28:7:

THEREFORE, BEHOLD, I WILL BRING STRANGERS UPON YOU, THE MOST TERRIBLE OF THE NATIONS. AND THEY SHALL DRAW THEIR SWORDS AGAINST THE BEAUTY OF YOUR WISDOM AND DEFILE YOUR SPLENDOR.

The righteous will know that Israel has been sent by YAHWEH and will side with Israel. The wicked will also know and hate Israel all the more. Because they will know that it is the truth and that their authority will be taken from them and they won't be able to do as they please anymore.

Concerning those who are wicked and their reasoning, John 3:19-20 brings out:

19) AND THIS IS THE JUDGEMENT THAT THE LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD AND MEN LOVE DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL.

20) FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES EVIL HATES THE LIGHT AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE EXPOSED.

Verse 10:

10) SING AND REJOICE, OH, DAUGHTER OF ZION: FOR, LO, I COME, AND I WILL DWELL IN THE MIDST OF THEE, SAITH THE LORD.

YAHWEH'S Purpose for this verse was to comfort the remnant, at the time when they were severely persecuted and needed the comfort, YAHWEH meant for them to read this verse and receive comfort from HIM. So, in other words, YAHWEH is saying; 'I will be with you', 'I won't forget you or abandon you.' 'And I will give you understanding.' 'You will be vindicated and you will be rewarded.'

By YAHWEH saying HE will dwell in the midst of them was comforting, did give them hope and did produce results. Another verse where YAHWEH is telling them that HE loves them so much is Zephaniah 3:17:

17) THE LORD THY GOD IN THE MIDST OF THEE IS MIGHTY; HE WILL SAVE, HE WILL REJOICE OVER THEE WITH JOY: HE WILL REST IN HIS LOVE, HE WILL JOY OVER THEE WITH SINGING.

Verse 11:

11) AND MANY NATIONS SHALL BE JOINED TO THE LORD IN THAT DAY, AND SHALL BE MY PEOPLE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE MIDST OF THEM, AND THOU SHALT KNOW THAT THE LORD OF HOSTS HATH SENT ME UNTO THEM.

Many nations, or many nationalities will make up Israel. YAHWEH will dwell in the midst of Israel or HIS Spirit will be with Israel and will communicate with Israel. Israel will know that YAHWEH has sent Zion unto us to deliver us. Israel will know and be convinced in their hearts because of all the understanding of the prophecies. There are chapters in Daniel, Ezekiel, Revelation; all needed for the last days. Israel knows this is the truth and knows Zion is there to deliver them.

12) AND THE LORD SHALL INHERIT JUDAH HIS PORTION IN THE HOLY LAND, AND SHALL CHOOSE JERUSALEM AGAIN.

Judah is referring to the LORD'S People; Israel. Israel are YAHWEH'S, HIS People, HIS inheritance. Isaiah 19:25 brings out that Israel is HIS inheritance.

Israel is YAHWEH'S portion; there is no one else. The holy land is YAHWEH'S earthly Kingdom, and YAHWEH'S People are in the holy land.

YAHWEH has chosen the New Jerusalem, they are now reigning with Yahshua and they are ruling over HIS earthly Israel.

13) BE SILENT, O ALL FLESH, BEFORE THE LORD: FOR HE IS RAISED UP OUT OF HIS HOLY HABITATION.

YAHWEH is saying to be silent, or in other words, have respect and reverence; pay attention.

When someone picks themselves up, or are raised up it means that they are about to do something. YAHWEH is about to do something, and that is to deal with Zion, or start them ruling. Once YAHWEH begins to deal with Zion HIS entire purpose moves forward.

So, pay attention to the events that are going to happen, this is very serious because YAHWEH is now taking action.

In closing I would like to quote Habbakuk 2:20:

BUT THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE  
BEFORE HIM.

# Zerchariah Two

Transcribed from tape of Jeremiah using *The Authorized Version* of the Holy Bible.

Verses 1 and 2:

**1** I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

**2** Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what [is] the breadth thereof, and what [is] the length thereof.

This means that at this time the power of those who are holding Jerusalem down has been done away with; that is, in the heavens, and Jerusalem is now restored, and Jerusalem can be measured. It can only be measured when it is completely HIS, and when it is restored.

Verses 3 and 4:

**3** And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

**4** And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited [as] towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

Now typical Jerusalem did have men and cattle in it. When it was prospering, it had everything. It was really a prosperous city and the surrounding area was really flourishing. This was in its hay-day you might say. All HE is doing in symbolic language, HE is telling you that Jerusalem will flourish. Now we know that there is not going to be any cattle or men in the Jerusalem in the heavens, but all HE is telling you in symbolical language is that it will be fully restored and flourishing and prosperous.

Verse 5:

For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

*The Revised Standard Version* says:

For I will be to her a wall of fire round about, says the LORD, and I will be the glory within her.

Putting a wall of fire around Jerusalem, means not only that she would be surrounded by light, but that it would be a consuming fire so that nothing wicked, nothing evil, nothing unclean would ever enter Jerusalem. In other words, a wall is for protection. Now this is a wall of fire, fire is both enlightening and consuming. The Jerusalem of old, we find YAHWEH made HIS organization, and then all kinds of unclean people came in and this is what corrupted the organization. Even Solomon, he had some 300 wives, or so, and some 200 concubines, well he took these from outside nations. They brought their religions in there with them, and when Solomon began to get a little up in years, apparently he couldn't resist the temptation of their religion. They continually pressured him to practice their religion, and lo and behold, even Solomon fell away from YAHWEH'S graces. He began to be swayed by them and he was practising heathen religions. Now this was in Jerusalem. So this wall of fire that YAHWEH describes symbolically, will allow nothing to even enter there that will be unclean or that will change anything. Nothing will change once Jerusalem is fully established.

Verse 6:

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**Ho, ho, [come forth], and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.**

HE is calling to HIS People who actually are all over the world. We know that the israel of the flesh is not the Israel of GOD, because the israel under the law is not YAHWEH'S Israel. HIS People are really spread all over the globe, and HE does call them out. HE says:

Verse 7:

**Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest [with] the daughter of Babylon.**

Zion is YAHWEH'S capital organization, and for the members of Zion to dwell in babylon this would mean that Zion would have to be made up of people. There is some controversy there of just what makes up Zion many times, with the Witnesses. But we find in Revelation 12 it describes Zion and we find that she has a crown of 12 stars. This indicates that she is taken from the 12 tribes of Israel symbolically, or taken from the True Israel of promise. So, Zion dwelling in babylon, and YAHWEH calling her out, means that it is made up of people who were once ensnared in the devil's organization.

Verse 8:

**For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.**

*The Revised Standard says:*

**For thus says the LORD of hosts, after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you, for he that touches you touches the apple of his eye.**

Other translations say "the pupil of his eye." I guess all of you have had somebody touch the pupil of your eye; or hit the pupil of your eye; you know how irritating that can be; very, very irritating. This is what YAHWEH is describing. In other words, anyone who opposes HIS People, or harms HIS People, it is as though they touch the pupil of HIS eye. It becomes very irritating to YAHWEH.

Verse 9:

**For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.**

*Revised Standard Version brings out:*

**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.**

Israel is going to be YAHWEH'S inheritance (refer to Isaiah 19:25), those who once plundered Israel will become the servants of the ones they plundered. "And they shall take captive whose captives, they were and they shall rule over their oppressors." (refer to Isaiah 14:2) Or their former oppressors.

Verse 10:

**Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.**

Dwelling in the midst of Zion, means that HIS influence will be there, HE will be with HIS People and lovingly guide them forever.

Verse 11:

**And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.**

Now the many nations that will be joined are not going to be the nations as a whole. But Israel is a nation itself, and the stranger class are actually from the outside nations. They were at one time outside nations that were not Israel. So, in other words, people of many nations, or many nationalities, other than Israel, the Israel of Promise, will be joined to YAHWEH, or to Zion we might say.

"..and I will dwell in the midst of thee" or in the midst of Zion. "..and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee." In other words, the time comes when even the people of the outside nations, who are not Israel, will be convinced; people of many other nations, or nationalities, yet HE calls us *one nation*, the nation of Israel. But the others are many nations, or people from many other nations; they are strangers (regular ones) they are not Israel.

Verse 12:

**And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.**

Now this is the promise of YAHWEH, that HE will choose Jerusalem again, and this HE has done. Religion does not understand this thing, they actually figure that the Jerusalem of the flesh is there in Palestine, and this is the restoration, and they are trying to find the site of the old temple, and they are talking about building the old temple. And doing all the things they think they are going to fulfill the prophecy. When Peter makes it very clear that the temple is not a literal temple, it is a ruling organization, because he says in 1st Peter 2:5:

and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house,

It is made up of the 144,000, the heavenly class. In fact we find in Revelation 21 that the New Jerusalem does measure up to 144,000. It actually is made up of members, and the members who make it up, are pictured as living stones.

Verse 13:

**Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.**

HE is commanding the entire world to be silent when YAHWEH begins to make a move. In Habakkuk 2:20 HE says:

**But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.**

Now this has happened. In 1917 Yahshua has taken His authority, and began His reign. The command is that all nations must be silent and listen to Him. Naturally, the nations, being willfully ignorant of anything ever happening, continue in their own way. They continue to rule selfishly, they do that which benefits them the most, what pleases them irregardless of the consequences on others. When they hear the truth, they do not treat it as a blessing from the Living GOD, they treat it as something that opposes them. They treat it as an enemy, something to be done away with and not to be desired. The world will go one this way until it is completely annihilated.