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- God calls His people to repent (Zech. 1:1–6)
- God encourages His people to trust Him (Zech. 1:7—6:15)
  - Eight night visions (Zech. 1:7—6:15)
  - The crowning of Joshua: Messiah will reign (Zech. 6:9–15)

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- God instructs His people (Zech. 7:1—8:23)
  - About true fasting (Zech. 7:1–7)
  - About obedience to the word (Zech. 7:8–14)
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# After Temple was built

- God redeems His people (Zech. 9:1—14:21) two oracles
  - The rejection of Messiah (Zech. 9:1—11:17)
  - The return and reign of Messiah (Zech. 12:1—14:21)

# Zechariah's 8 Night Visions



# The Horsemen Four Horns and Four Smiths Measuring Line

The horseman:
God watches the
nations

The four horns and four smiths: nations judged

The measuring line: Jerusalem restored







(Zech. 1:18-21)



(Zech. 2:1–13)



The Horsemen

Four Horns and Four Smiths

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High Priest

Zechariah's Night Visions

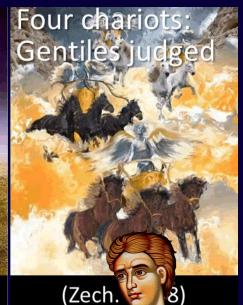




The lampstand and olive trees: God empowers His people







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(Zech. 4:1-14)

(Zech. 5:1-4)

(Zech. 5:5-11)

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Lampstand and Olive Trees
Flying Scroll
Woman in the Ephah
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# ZECHARIAH

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(Zechariah 6:9-15)

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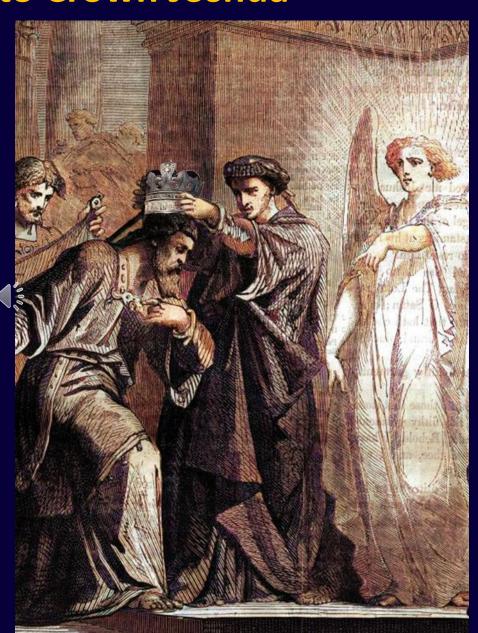
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Antique Jewish silver crown decorated with Hebrew inscriptions and the Star of David, recovered by Egyptian authorities

Textus Receptus and Jewish scriptures show the plural "crowns"; Melchizedek king/priest

Take the silver and gold, make (an) elaborate crown\*, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.



12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying:

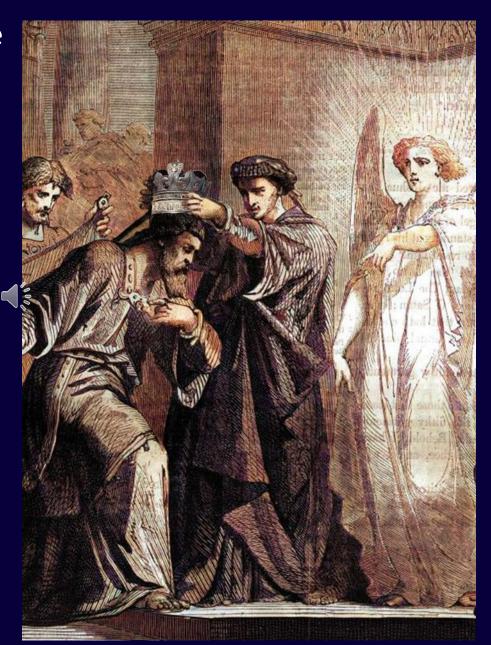
"Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH!
From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD;

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD.

He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne;

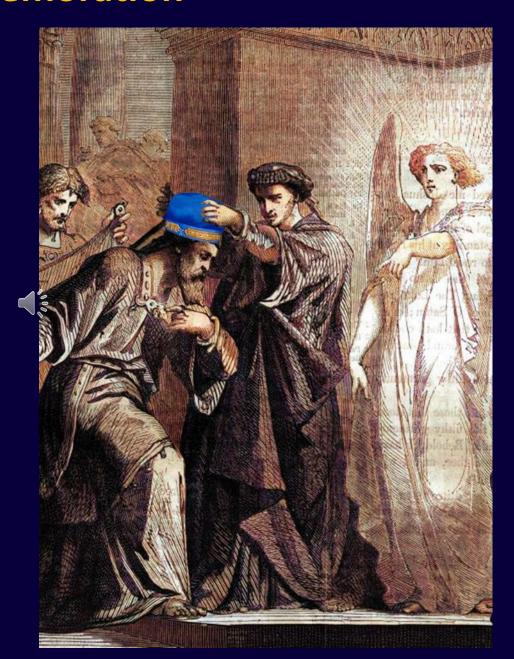
So He shall be a priest on His throne,

And the counsel of peace shall be between them both."



### **Commemoration**

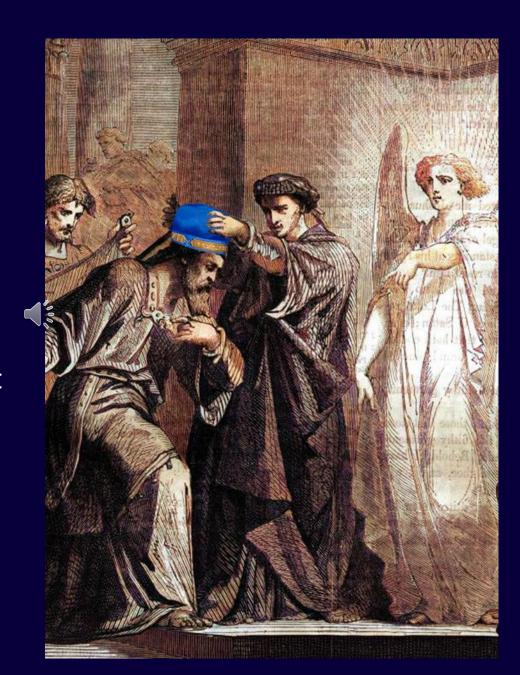
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And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."



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# Zechariah's 8 Night Visions



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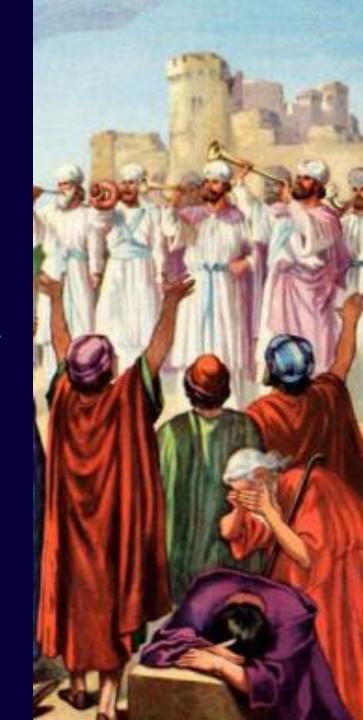
#### Darius I (Darius the Great) King of Persia

b. 549 BC, d. 486 BC, r. c.521-486 BC Temple reconstructed from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, with Jews paid from Royal Treasury.



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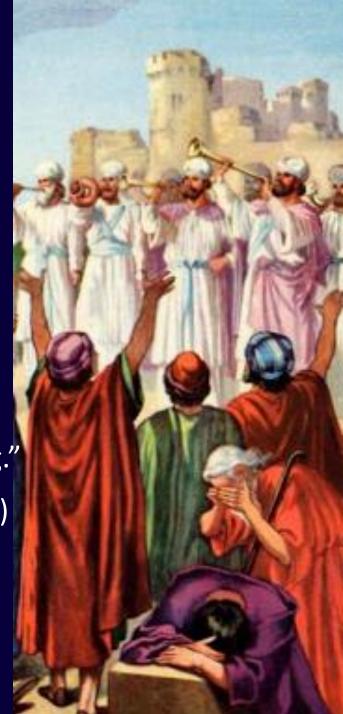
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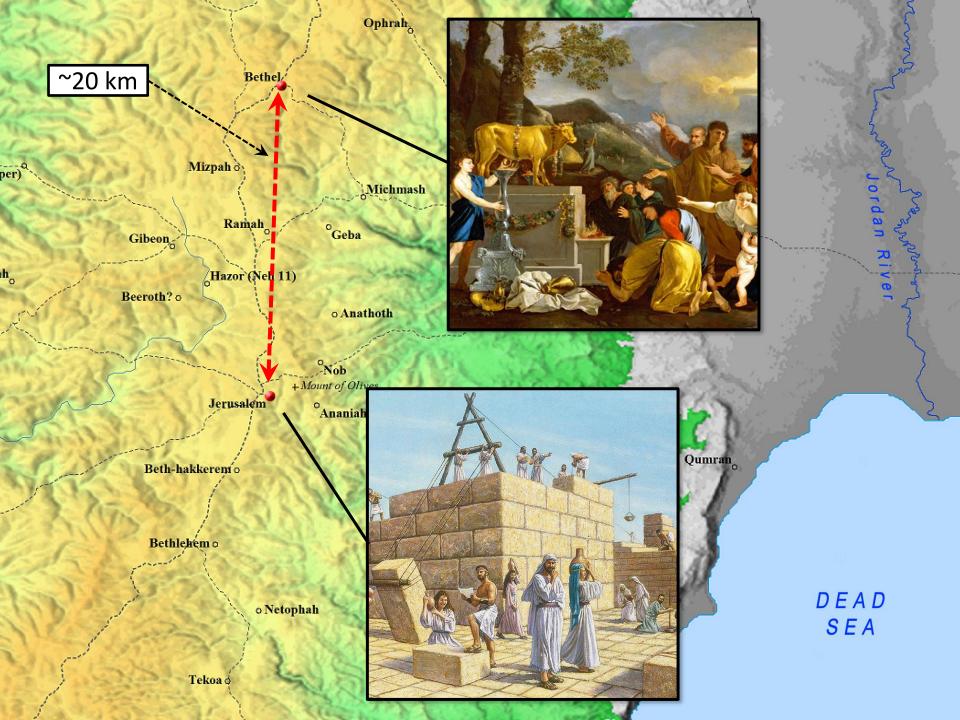
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**Sherezer** = Babylonian name, "protect the king."

Regemmelech = "king's friend" (name or title?)

**Bethel** = "House of God." Some Bethelites had returned with the remnant to rebuild Bethel (Ezra 2:28; Neh 7:32; 11:31).











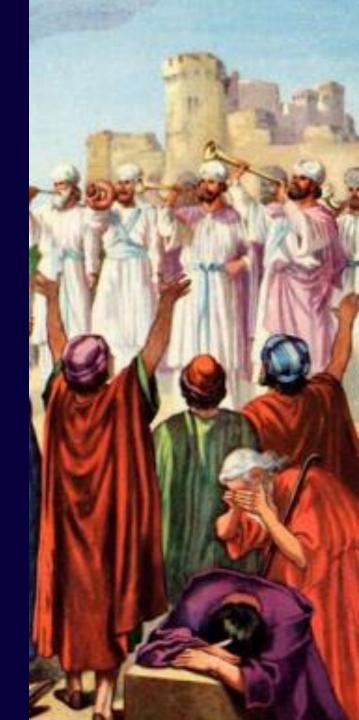


<sup>11</sup>And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder *was* set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.... <sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. <sup>19</sup> And he called the name of that place Bethel....



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"Should I weep in the fifth month and fast as I have done for so many years?"



Tisha B'Ay - 9th of Ay



<sup>1</sup>By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

<sup>2</sup> We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

<sup>3</sup> For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

<sup>4</sup> How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?

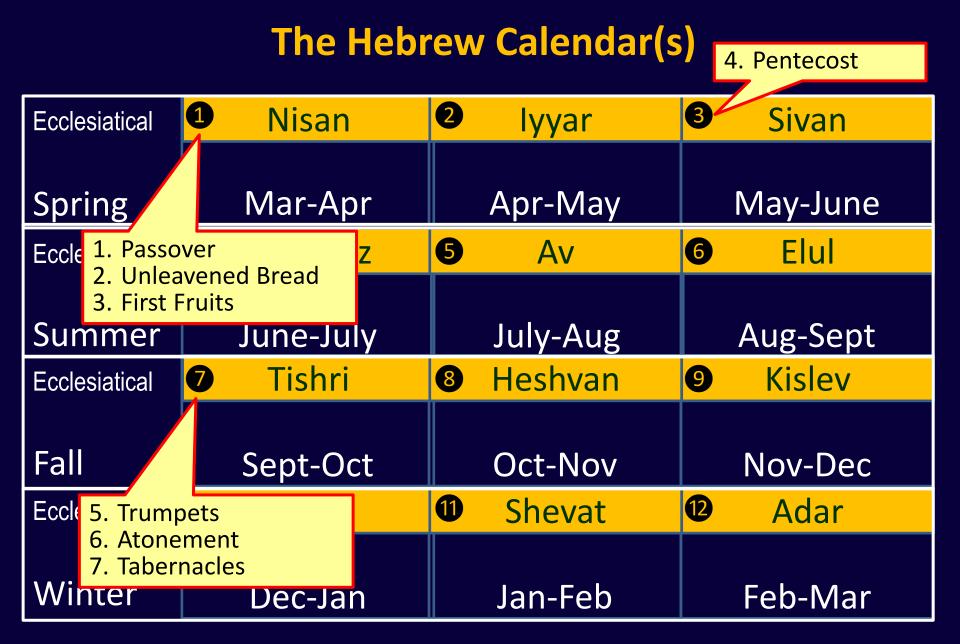
<sup>5</sup> If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

<sup>6</sup> If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

<sup>7</sup> Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.



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Ecclesiatical	4	Tammuz		6	Av		6	Elul	
Civil New Year		Tammuz	10		Av	1		Elul	12
Summer		June-July			July-Aug			Aug-Sept	
Ecclesiatical	7	Tishri		8	Heshvan		9	Kislev	
Civil New Year		Tishrei	1		Cheshvan	2		Kislev	3
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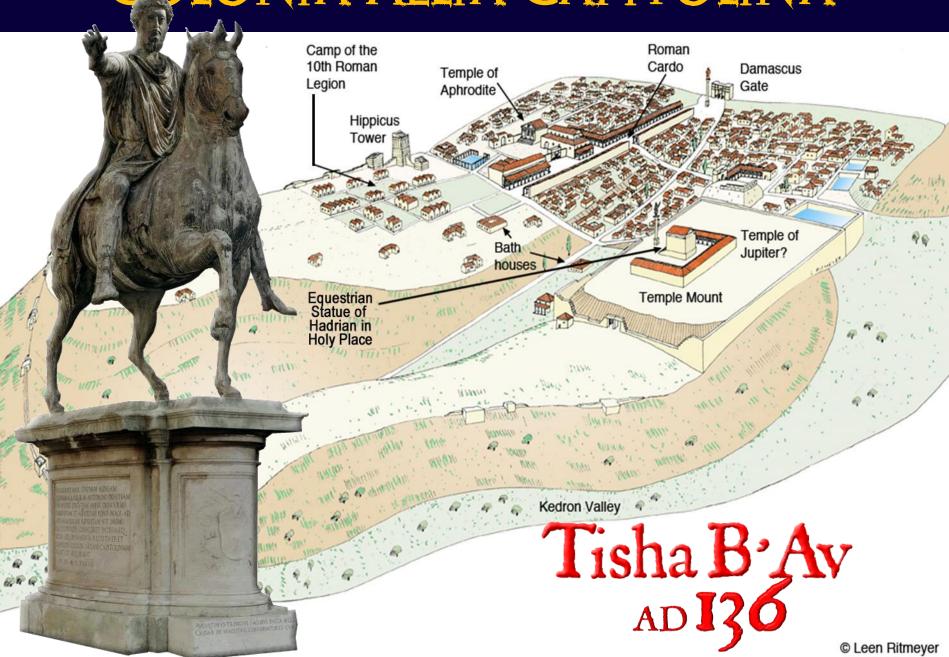




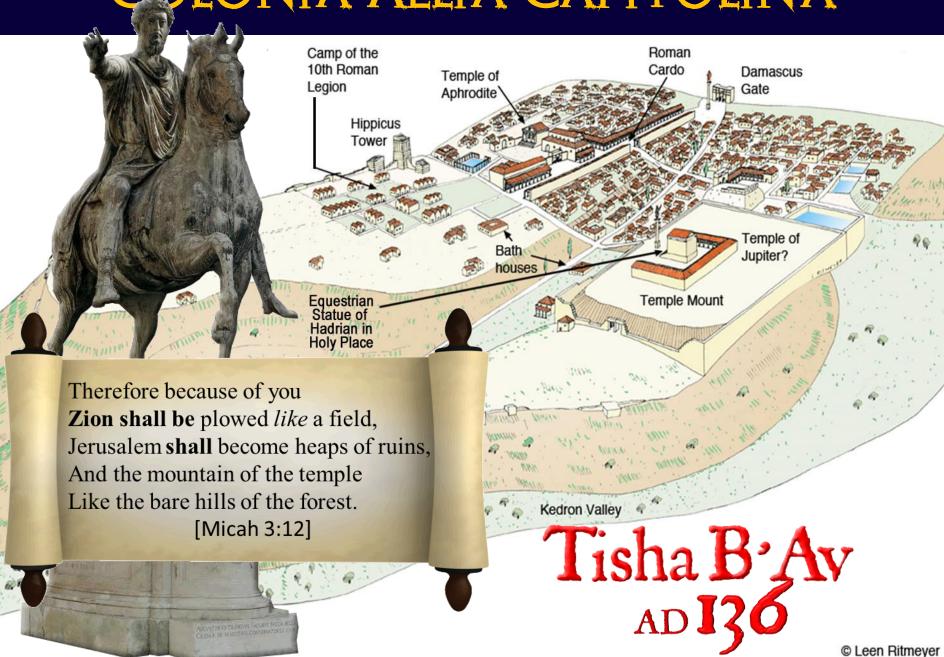




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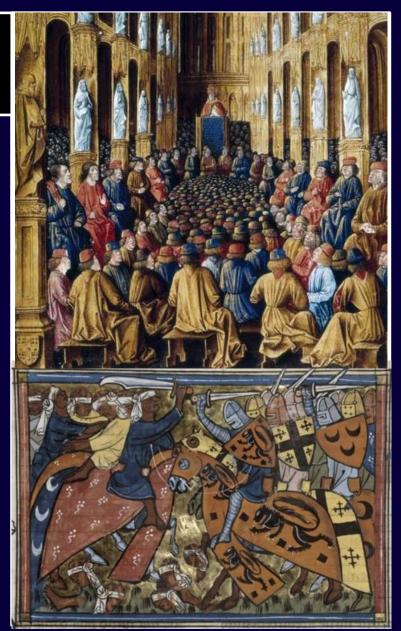


Tisha B'Av - 9<sup>th</sup> of Av

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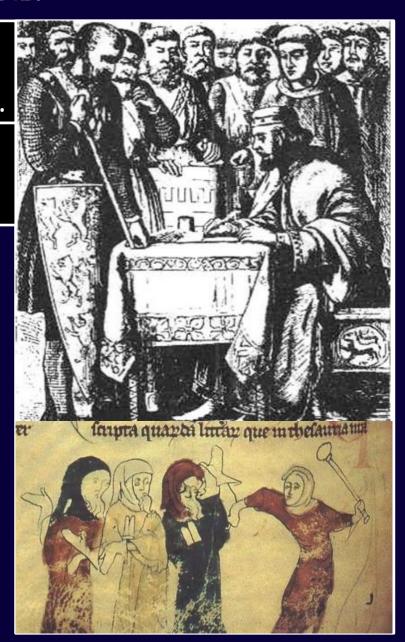


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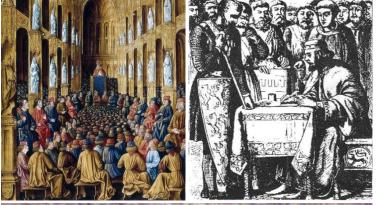
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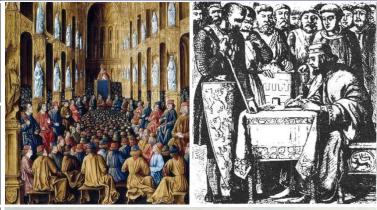


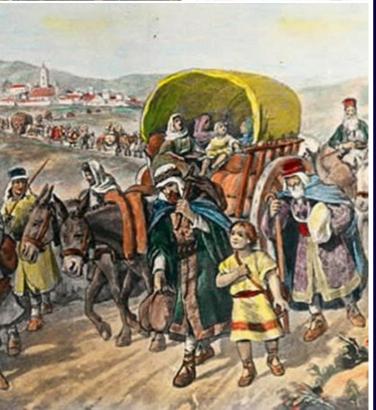
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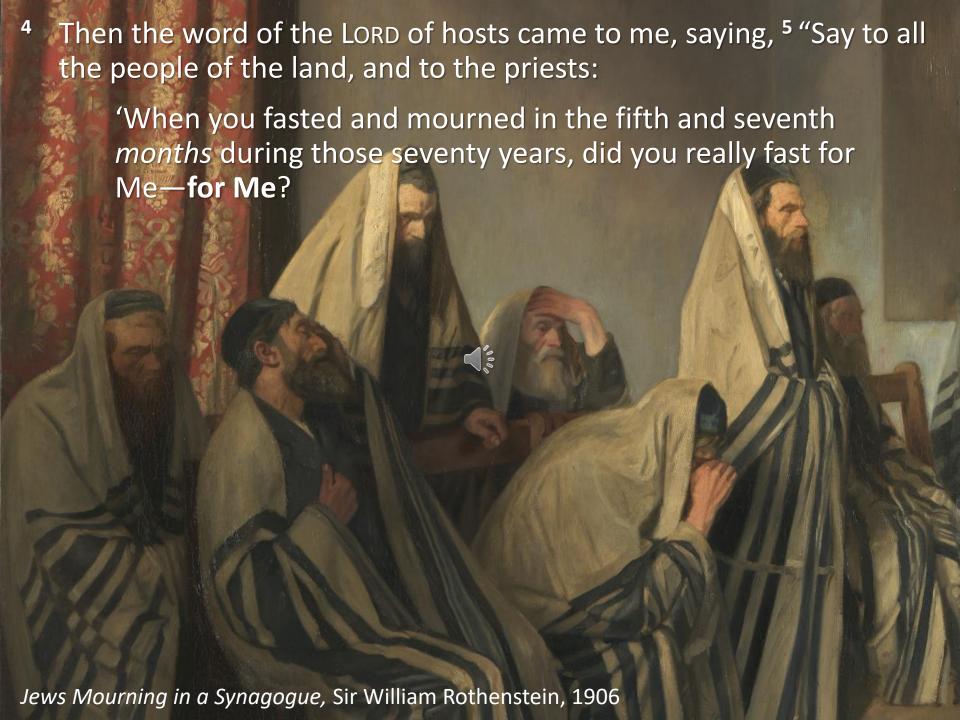




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1941	Nazi Party formally approved Himmler's "Final Solution". (1942-Warsaw Ghetto deport)	

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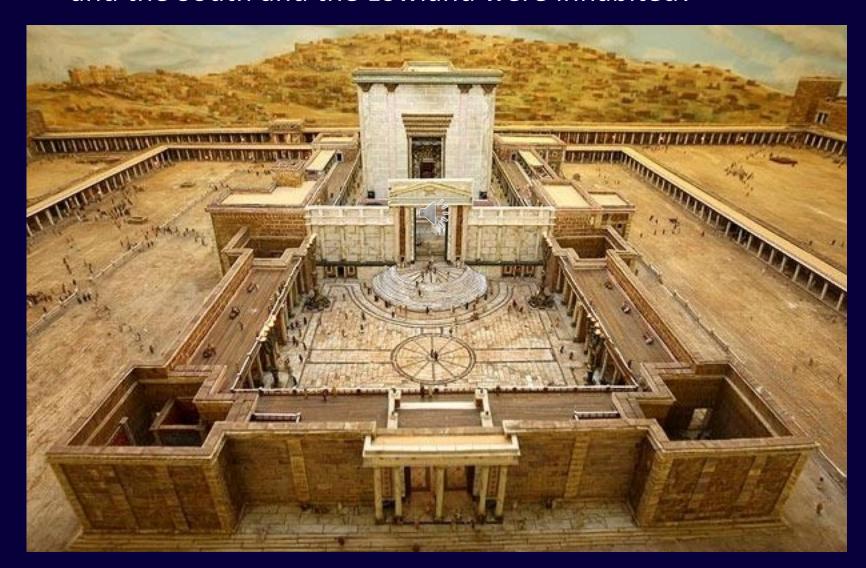
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When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink for yourselves?

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Zechariah relayed God's answer. Did God want:

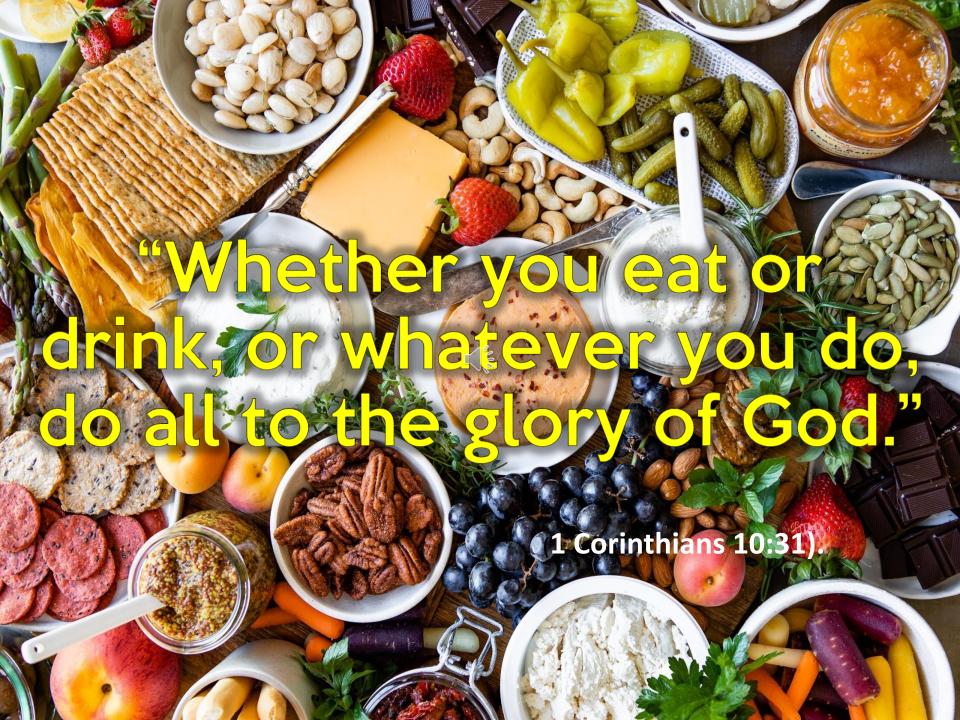
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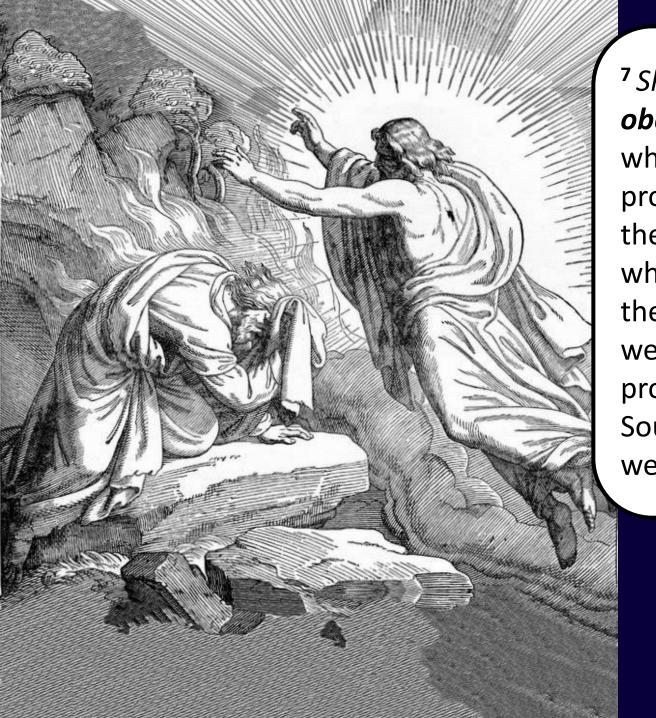
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# ZECHARIAH

About obedience to the Word

(Zechariah 7:8-14)

#### **Disobedience Resulted in Captivity**

Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Execute true justice,
Show mercy and compassion
Everyone to his brother.

10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless,
The alien or the poor.
Let none of you plan evil in his heart
Against his brother.'



- "But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear.
- "Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets.



#### "Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

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(Zechariah 8:1-23)

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Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(Revelation 21:2)

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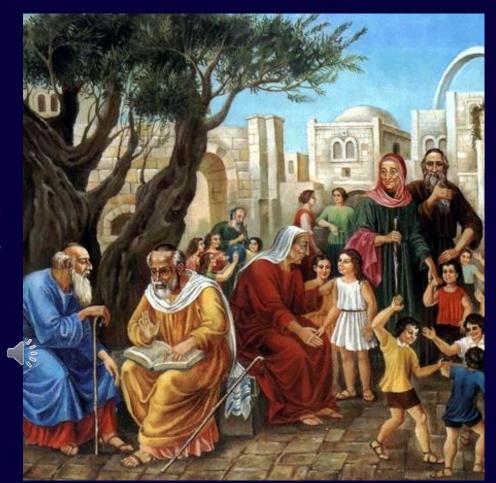


"The New Jerusalem"
Revelation 21:10-23

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'If it is marvelous [אֶלְבֶּׁ, pala']\* in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous [אֶלְבָּ, pala']\* in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts."

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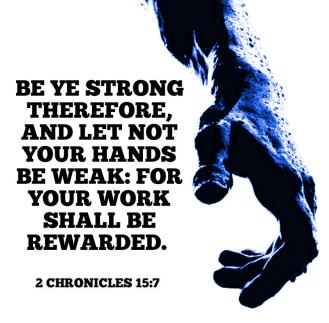
'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east



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#### 'Let your hands be strong,

You who have been hearing in these days
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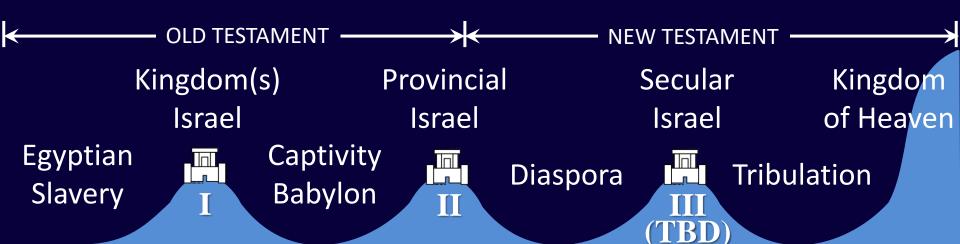
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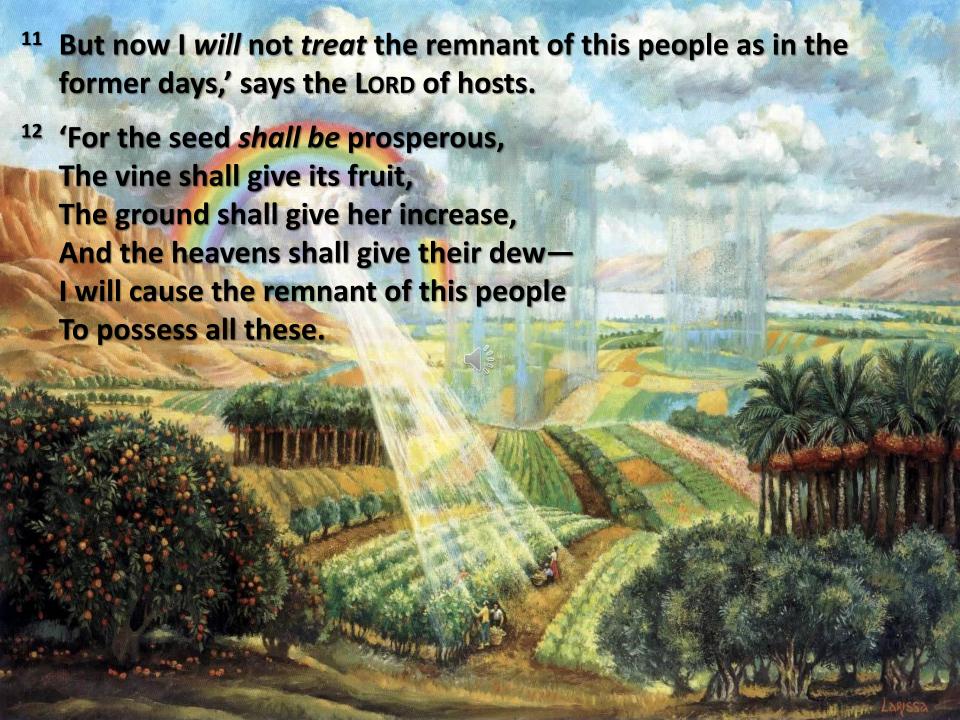
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And it shall come to pass

That just as you were a curse among the nations,
O house of Judah and house of Israel,
So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing.
Do not fear,
Let your hands be strong.'

AMONG THE OTHER NATIONS, JUDAH AND ISRAEL BECAME SYMBOLS OF A CURSED NATION.

But no longer!

NOW I WILL RESCUE YOU AND MAKE YOU BOTH A SYMBOL AND A SOURCE OF BLESSING.

So do not be afraid!
BESTRONG!

Zechariah 8:13 NLT

14 "For thus says the LORD of hosts:

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'Just as I determined to punish you
When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,'
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'And I would not relent,
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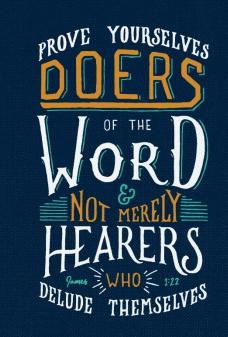
  Speak each man the truth to his neighbor;

Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath.

For all these are things that I hate,'

Says the LORD."



James 1:22

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And the fast of the tenth,
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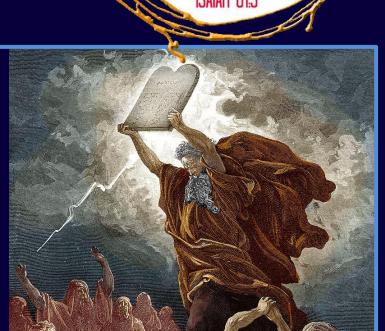


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### Per **Jerome**:

 "The fast of the fourth month" on day 7 commemorated Moses breaking the two tablets, and Zedekiah's surrender to Nebuchadnezzar to save starving Jews (Jeremiah 39:2; 52:6, 7).



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 The fast in the fifth month (Av) remembered Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Jerusalem on the ninth day (2 Kings 25:8, 9; Jeremiah 52:12, 13) and commemorated the return of the Moses' spies and the consequent forty years' in the desert.

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### Per Jerome:

• "The fast of the seventh" was in memory of the murder of Governor Gedaliah at Mizpah, resulting in the end of Jewish royalty (David's line) (2 Kings 25:25, 26; Jeremiah 41:1-3).



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 The siege began on the tenth month and tenth day, in the 9th year of Zedekiah (Jeremiah 52:4).



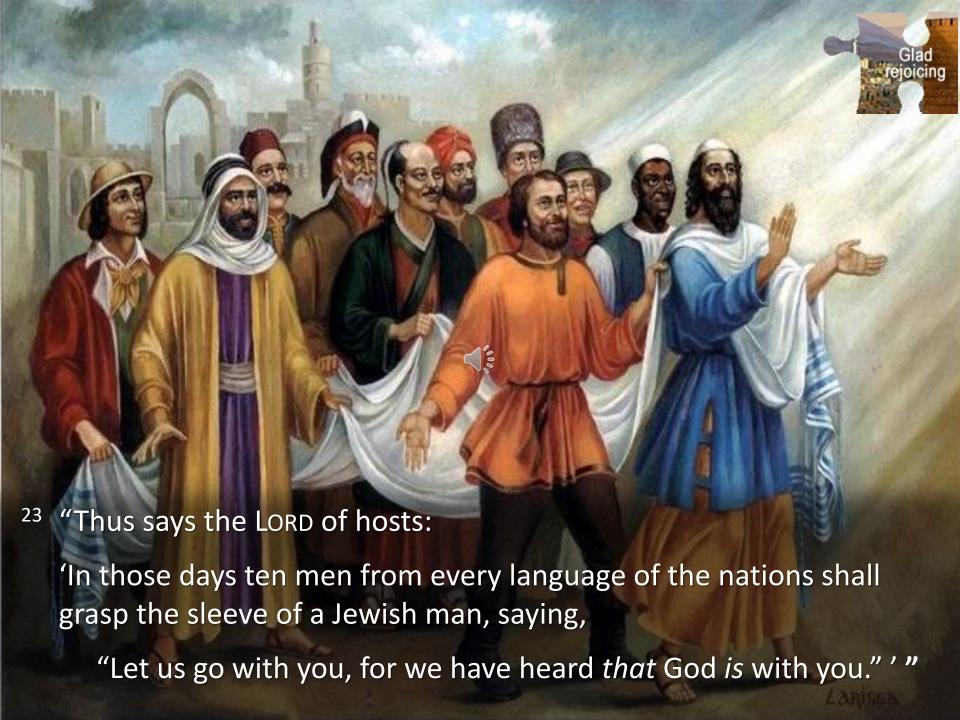
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### Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you.





### ZECHARIAH

God redeems

His people
(Zechariah 9:1-14:21)

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