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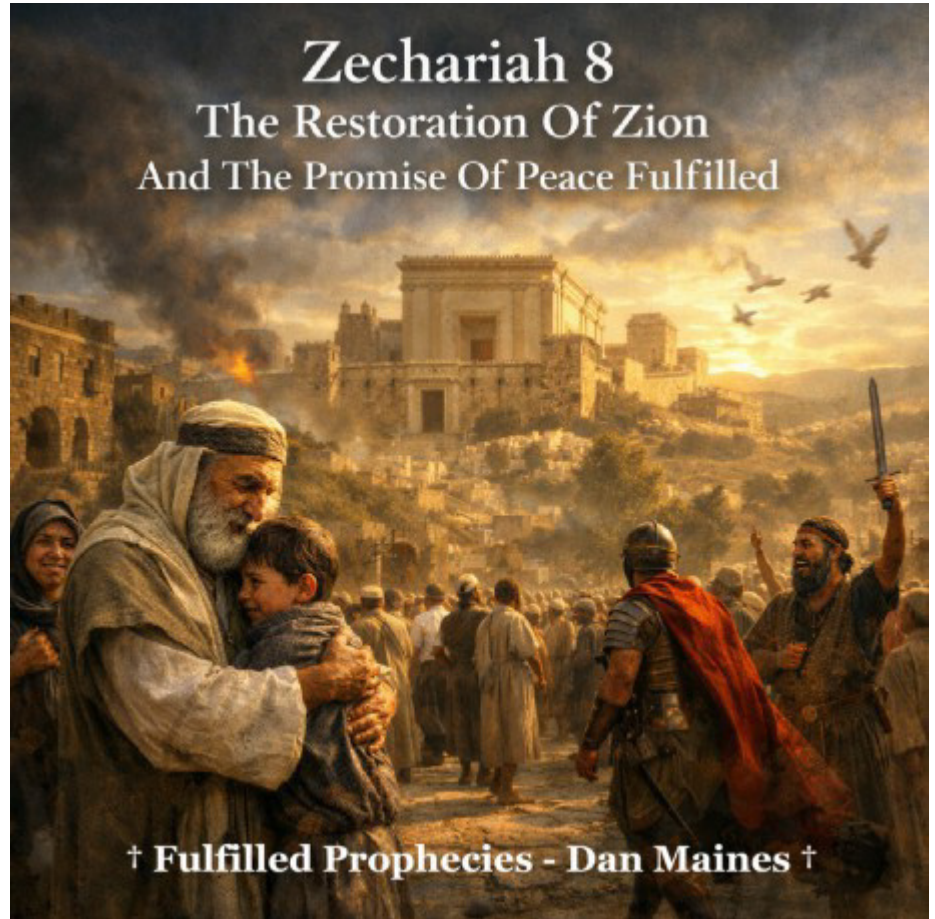
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## Zechariah 8 The Restoration Of Zion And The Promise Of Peace Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Zechariah 8 continues the answer to the question about fasting, but it goes deeper, showing that God was never after empty rituals, He was after a restored people living in truth and peace (Zechariah 7:5-6)

† This chapter reveals the full picture of restoration, not just physical return, but covenant fulfillment, where God dwells with His people and truth defines the community (Revelation 21:2-3)

† From the fulfilled perspective, this finds its completion in Christ and the establishment of the new covenant people before the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 (Hebrews 12:22-24)

### **Zechariah 8:1-2**

Then the word of the LORD of armies came, saying, Thus says the LORD of armies, I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.

† God's jealousy shows His covenant commitment, not emotional instability, He was protecting His covenant purpose (Exodus 34:14)

† This jealousy leads to restoration, not destruction of His people as a whole, but judgment on the unfaithful and preservation of the remnant (Romans 11:5)

† Josephus records that God preserved a remnant even during the Roman destruction, showing this covenant faithfulness continued (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 6)

### **Zechariah 8:3**

Thus says the LORD, I will return to Zion and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of armies will be called the Holy Mountain.

† God dwelling in Jerusalem is ultimately fulfilled in Christ and His people, not in a physical temple structure (John 1:14)

† The city of truth is fulfilled in the church, the people of God living in truth under the new covenant (Ephesians 2:19-22)

† Eusebius writes that after the fall of Jerusalem, the true worship was no longer tied to that city but to the people of Christ (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

### **Zechariah 8:4-5**

Thus says the LORD of armies, Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of great age. And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.

† This describes peace, safety, and covenant blessing, not merely physical rebuilding (Deuteronomy 28:1-6)

† In the fulfilled reality, this points to the security found in Christ where life and peace are restored to God's people (Romans 5:1)

† The imagery shows covenant fullness, life flourishing under God's presence (Psalm 128:5-6)

### **Zechariah 8:6-8**

Thus says the LORD of armies, If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight? declares the LORD of armies. Thus says the LORD of armies, Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west, and I will bring them back and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.

† The gathering from east and west shows the inclusion of the nations, not just physical Israel (Isaiah 43:5-6)

† This is fulfilled in the gospel going out to all nations and bringing them into one covenant people (Matthew 8:11)

† Irenaeus confirms that the church became the gathering place of all nations into one people of God (Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book 3)

### **Zechariah 8:9-13**

Thus says the LORD of armies, Let your hands be strong, you who are listening in these days to these words... for before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for animal... but now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days, declares the LORD of armies. For there will be peace for the seed, the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce, and the heavens will give their dew, and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

† God shifts from judgment to blessing, showing the transition from old covenant failure to new covenant fulfillment (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

† The blessing is not tied to temple rituals, but to covenant faithfulness and truth (Hebrews 8:6-13)

† The curse becoming blessing is fulfilled in Christ removing the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13)

### **Zechariah 8:14-17**

For thus says the LORD of armies, Just as I determined to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to anger, says the LORD of armies, and I have not relented, so I have again determined in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear. These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another, judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates.

† True obedience replaces empty fasting, this connects directly to Zechariah 7 (Zechariah 7:9-10)

† Truth and justice define the new covenant community, not rituals (James 1:27)

† Tertullian writes that Christians were known for their truth and righteousness, not ceremonial observances (Tertullian, Apology, Chapter 39)

### **Zechariah 8:18-19**

Then the word of the LORD of armies came to me, saying, Thus says the LORD of armies, The fast of the fourth, the fast of the fifth, the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months will become joy, jubilation, and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah, so love truth and peace.

† Fasting is transformed into joy, showing the end of mourning under the fulfilled covenant (John 16:20)

† The old covenant sorrow is replaced with new covenant joy in Christ (Luke 6:21)

† This proves the question of fasting is answered, it's not about ritual, it's about transformation

### **Zechariah 8:20-23**

Thus says the LORD of armies, It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one will go to another saying, Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of armies, I will also go. So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of armies in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of armies, In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

† This is clearly the inclusion of the Gentiles, showing the expansion beyond Israel (Isaiah 2:2-3)

† Fulfilled in the gospel where the nations come to Christ and join the people of God (Acts 15:14-17)

† Clement of Alexandria wrote that the nations were being gathered into one faith, fulfilling these prophetic promises (Clement of Alexandria, Stromata, Book 6)

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the preservation of a remnant and the destruction of Jerusalem as covenant judgment and transition (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 6)

† Eusebius confirms the shift from physical Jerusalem to the people of Christ as the dwelling place of God (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

† Irenaeus testifies that the nations were gathered into one covenant people in Christ (Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book 3)

† Tertullian describes the Christian community as marked by truth and righteousness, not rituals (Tertullian, Apology, Chapter 39)

† Clement of Alexandria affirms the gathering of nations into the faith as fulfillment of prophecy (Clement of Alexandria, Stromata, Book 6)

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We're not called to rituals, we're called to truth and obedience (Zechariah 8:16)

† God dwells with His people now, not in buildings, but in us (1 Corinthians 3:16)

† The kingdom includes people from all nations, showing the fulfillment is present reality (Galatians 3:28)

† Joy replaces mourning because the work is finished (John 19:30)

† We're living in the fulfilled promise of peace, truth, and covenant relationship with God (Hebrews 12:28)

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** When was God dwelling in Jerusalem fulfilled

**A:** John 1:14 shows Christ dwelling among us, and Ephesians 2:19-22 shows God dwelling in His people

**Q:** Is this about physical Jerusalem today

**A:** Hebrews 12:22 shows the true Jerusalem is the heavenly one, the people of God

**Q:** When were the nations gathered

**A:** Acts 15:14-17 shows the Gentiles being brought in during the first century

**Q:** Did fasting continue as before

**A:** Zechariah 8:19 shows it turned into joy, fulfilled in John 16:20

**Q:** Are we still waiting for this fulfillment

**A:** Matthew 16:27-28 shows it was fulfilled in that generation

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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