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Parallels Between Zechariah and Revelation

Both Zechariah and Revelation are apocalyptic texts filled with vivid imagery, symbolic visions, and prophetic declarations of judgment and restoration. But Revelation does not stand alone. It draws heavily from the Old Testament, especially from Zechariah. When read through a Preterist lens, the parallels between these books reveal that Revelation is not about our future, but about events that were near to John's audience and fulfilled in the first century, especially the judgment of Jerusalem

and the establishment of the New Covenant.

Four Horsemen and Colored Horses

Zechariah 6:1-5 "Now I raised my eyes again and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between the two mountains... The first chariot had red horses, the second chariot black horses, the third chariot white horses, and the fourth chariot strong spotted horses... These are the four spirits of heaven, going out after taking their stand before the Lord of all the earth."

Revelation 6:1-8 Four horsemen are sent out when the Lamb opens the first four seals, riding white, red, black, and pale horses, bringing conquest, war, famine, and death.

Both visions use colored horses to represent forces sent out across the land. Zechariah's vision speaks of divine agents patrolling the earth after exile. John's vision uses the same imagery to describe divine judgment being released on apostate Israel leading up to 70 AD.

Measuring the Temple and Jerusalem

Zechariah 2:1-2 "Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a man with a measuring line in his hand. So I said, 'Where are you going?' And he said to me, 'To measure Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is.'"

Revelation 11:1-2 "Then there was given to me a measuring rod like a staff, and someone said, 'Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. Leave out the courtyard which is outside the temple and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations.'"

Both scenes use measuring to indicate preservation. In Zechariah, God promises to protect Jerusalem and dwell in her

midst. In Revelation, the temple is partially measured, showing protection for the faithful but judgment on the outer court, symbolizing Israel's coming desolation.

Lampstands and Olive Trees

Zechariah 4:2-3, 14 "And he said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it... and two olive trees by it.'... So he said, 'These are the two anointed ones, who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.'"

Revelation 11:3-4 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy... These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth."

Zechariah's olive trees represented Joshua and Zerubbabel, God's chosen leaders to restore the temple. Revelation applies the same imagery to the prophetic witness of the early church before Jerusalem's fall. The two witnesses are faithful proclaimers of God's truth amid opposition.

The Flying Scroll and Proclamation of Judgment

Zechariah 5:1-3 "Then I raised my eyes again and looked, and behold, there was a flying scroll... This is the curse that is going forth over the face of the entire land."

Revelation 14:6-7 "And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to preach... and he said with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come.'"

In both cases, there is a flying proclamation. Zechariah's scroll brings a curse upon covenant breakers. Revelation's angel announces judgment upon the land. These judgments are not

global but directed at unfaithful Israel.

The Branch and the Crowning of the Priest-King

Zechariah 6:12-13 "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the Lord... He will be a priest on His throne."

Revelation 14:14 "Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, with a golden crown on His head."

Zechariah points forward to the Branch, Jesus, who is both priest and king. Revelation confirms that this prophecy is fulfilled. Christ reigns and has already received His kingdom. He is not waiting to rule, He rules now.

The Nations Gather Against Jerusalem

Zechariah 12:2-3 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes staggering to all the peoples around... all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it."

Revelation 16:14,16 "For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the entire world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God... And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon."

Zechariah foresaw the siege of Jerusalem. Revelation shows it fulfilled. Armageddon is not about some modern battle but about the Roman-led assault on Jerusalem in 70 AD, just as Zechariah said the nations would come against the city.

The Woman and Wickedness

Zechariah 5:7-8 "And behold, a lead cover was lifted up, and a woman was sitting inside the ephah. Then he said, 'This is Wickedness!' And he thrust her into the middle of the ephah and threw the lead weight on its opening."

Revelation 17:3-5 "And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast... and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery: 'Babylon the Great, the mother of prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth.'"

In both visions, a woman is used to represent a corrupt system. Zechariah's woman is personified wickedness, confined in judgment. Revelation's woman is the great harlot, apostate Jerusalem, drunk with the blood of the saints. Both are judged by God.

God's Eyes Roaming the Earth

Zechariah 4:10 "These seven will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel, these are the eyes of the Lord roaming throughout the earth."

Revelation 5:6 "And I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

Zechariah's vision of God's eyes symbolized divine insight and oversight in rebuilding. Revelation shows that Christ has those same seven eyes, fulfilling God's watchfulness through the Lamb who now judges and rules.

The Earth Shaking and Splitting

Zechariah 14:4-5 "And on that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives... and the Mount of Olives will be split in its

middle... And you will flee by the valley of My mountains."

Revelation 16:18-19 "And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and there was a great earthquake... and the great city was split into three parts."

Zechariah speaks of covenantal upheaval. Revelation confirms it. These earthquakes represent the destruction of Jerusalem and the shaking of the Old Covenant system.

The Coming of the Lord with His Holy Ones

Zechariah 14:5 "Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!"

Revelation 19:11-14 "And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses."

Zechariah foresaw the Lord coming with His saints. Revelation shows Christ leading heavenly armies in judgment. This is not the end of the world but the judgment on first-century Jerusalem.

Living Waters Flowing from Jerusalem

Zechariah 14:8 "And on that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem..."

Revelation 22:1 "And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb."

Zechariah saw living water flowing from Jerusalem. Revelation shows the fulfillment, living water now flows from the New Jerusalem, the church, where God and the Lamb reign.

God as King over All the Earth

Zechariah 14:9 "And the Lord will be King over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one."

Revelation 11:15 "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever."

What Zechariah looked forward to, Revelation declares has come. God reigns through Christ, and the kingdom is established.

Can We Be Sure These Parallels Are Real?

Yes. And here is the proof:

Revelation itself says the time was near Revelation 1:1 and 22:10 both say these things would happen "soon" and the time was "near." That matches the Preterist view perfectly.

Revelation directly reuses Zechariah's language and imagery Lay both books side-by-side and the evidence is overwhelming. Revelation is not inventing new themes, it is fulfilling old ones.

Jesus affirmed these prophecies pointed to His generation Matthew 23:35-36 says that the judgment of Zechariah's prophecies would fall on that very generation. Revelation shows how.

History confirms the fulfillment The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD lines up with the siege, judgment, and collapse predicted by Zechariah and fulfilled in Revelation.

The end is the New Jerusalem Zechariah 14 spoke of God reigning and living water flowing from the city. Revelation 21-22 shows that reality fulfilled in the church.

Conclusion

Revelation is not a separate, mysterious book disconnected from the rest of scripture. It is the culmination of Old Testament prophecy, especially the visions of Zechariah. The horses, the lampstands, the measuring line, the Branch, the scroll, the woman, the earthquakes, the judgment on Jerusalem, the reign of God, all of it was seen beforehand and fulfilled in Christ's generation.

We are not waiting for these prophecies to be fulfilled. We are standing in their fulfillment. Zechariah saw it coming, and John saw it accomplished. And that means we, today, are living in the reality of the New Covenant, the New Jerusalem, and the reigning kingdom of Christ.

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