

The Hope of God's Glory on Earth And the Restoration of Jerusalem: Man with a Measuring Line Zechariah 02:01–13

1. The vision of a man with a measuring line in his hand

- 1) The request for information
- 2) The explanation:
The surveyor was going to measure the boundaries of Jerusalem
- b. The importance of the message:
The angel was told to run and share it with the prophet
 - 1) Jerusalem will become a great city without walls:
Be secure and heavily populated with an abundance of food (livestock)
 - 2) Jerusalem will be protected by the fire of God's holy presence and filled with His glory
- c. The call to flee the comforts and pleasures of pagan society (Babylon)
 - 1) Because their sins had already caused God to judge (scatter) them once
 - 2) Because fleeing pagan society was necessary — to escape the coming judgment

- 1 Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand.
- 2 I asked, "Where are you going?"
He answered me,
"To measure Jerusalem,
to find out how wide and how long it is."
- 3 While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him
- 4 and said to him:
"Run, tell that young man,
'Jerusalem will be a city without walls
because of the great number of people
and animals in it.
- 5 And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,'
declares the LORD,
'and I will be its glory within.'
- 6 "Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north,"
declares the LORD,
"for I have scattered you to the four winds
of heaven," declares the LORD.
- 7 "Come, Zion! Escape,
you who live in Daughter Babylon!"

3) Because the Messiah —
after spending time in glory —
will be sent against the nations:
Due to their oppressing
God's people

4) Because the Messiah will raise
His Hand of judgment

- The nations will be looted
by those they oppressed
- All will know
that God sent the Messiah

d. The glory of the Messiah's
kingdom on earth

1) The Messiah will come
and live within Jerusalem

2) The nations will trust
or join the LORD
and become His people

3) The LORD will live
among His people

4) The people will know that
God sent Christ (Messiah)

5) The LORD will inherit
the land of Judah (all Israel)
and will choose Jerusalem
to be His capital

e. The warning to the human race:
Must be silent before the LORD
because His holy judgment
is about to be aroused

8 For this is what the LORD Almighty says:
“After the Glorious One has sent me
against the nations that have plundered you —
for whoever touches you
touches the apple of his eye —

9 I will surely raise my hand against them
so that their slaves will plunder them.
Then you will know
that the LORD Almighty has sent me.

10 “Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion.
For I am coming,
and I will live among you,”
declares the LORD.

11 “Many nations will be joined with the LORD
in that day and will become my people.
I will live among you
and you will know
that the LORD Almighty
has sent me to you.

12 The LORD will inherit Judah
as his portion in the holy land
and will again choose Jerusalem.

13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind,
because he has roused himself
from his holy dwelling.”