Zechariah

1 In the eighth month of the second year of
Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah
the prophet, son of Berechiah, son of Iddo:
2 “The LORD was very angry with your
ancestors.
3 Say to them: This is what the LORD of hosts
says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD of hosts,
‘and I will return to you,’ says the LORD of hosts.
4 Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the
former prophets proclaimed, ‘This is what the
LORD of hosts says: Turn now from your evil
ways and your evil deeds.’ But they did not
listen or pay attention to me,” declares the LORD.
5 “Your ancestors—where are they? And the
prophets—do they live forever?
6 But my words and my decrees, which I
commanded my servants the prophets, did they
not overtake your ancestors? Then they
returned and said, ‘Just as the LORD of hosts
intended to deal with us according to our ways
and our deeds, so he has dealt with us.’ ”

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh
month, the month of Shebat, in the second year
of Darius, the word of the LORD came to
Zechariah the prophet, son of Berechiah, son of
Iddo:
8 At night I saw a man riding a red horse. He
was standing among the myrtle trees in the

hollow. Behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses.
9 I asked, “What are these, my lord?” The angel who was speaking with me said, “I will show you what these are.”
10 The man standing among the myrtle trees answered, “These are the ones the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.”
11 They answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, “We have patrolled the earth, and the whole earth is quiet and at rest.”
12 Then the angel of the LORD said, “LORD of hosts, how long will you withhold compassion from Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which you have been angry these seventy years?”
13 The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with good words, comforting words.
14 Then the angel who was speaking with me said, “Proclaim: This is what the LORD of hosts says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion.
15 I am very angry with the nations that are at ease. I was only a little angry, but they added to the harm.’
16 Therefore this is what the LORD says: ‘I have returned to Jerusalem with compassion. My house will be rebuilt in it,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.’
17 Proclaim again: This is what the LORD of hosts says: ‘My cities will again overflow with prosperity. The LORD will again comfort Zion

and again choose Jerusalem.' "
18 I lifted my eyes and saw four horns.
19 I asked the angel who was speaking with
me, "What are these?" He said to me, "These are
the horns that scattered Judah, Israel, and
Jerusalem."
20 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.
21 I asked, "What are these coming to do?" He
said, "Those are the horns that scattered Judah
so that no one could lift his head. But these have
come to terrify them, to throw down the horns
of the nations that raised a horn against the land
of Judah to scatter it."

2

1 I lifted my eyes and saw a man with a
measuring line in his hand.
2 I asked, "Where are you going?" He said to
me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see how wide and
how long it is."
3 Then the angel who was speaking with me
went out, and another angel went out to meet
him.
4 He said to him, "Run and tell that young man:
'Jerusalem will be inhabited like unwalled
villages because of the many people and
livestock within it.
5 I myself,' declares the LORD, 'will be a wall of
fire around her, and I will be the glory within
her.' "
6 "Come, come! Flee from the land of the
north," declares the LORD, "for I have scattered
you like the four winds of heaven," declares the
LORD.

7 “Come, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the
daughter of Babylon!”
8 For this is what the LORD of hosts says:
“After glory he sent me to the nations that
plundered you, for whoever touches you
touches the apple of his eye.
9 For I am about to wave my hand over them,
and they will become plunder for their own
servants. Then you will know that the LORD of
hosts has sent me.
10 Sing and rejoice, daughter of Zion, for I am
coming and will dwell in your midst,” declares
the LORD.
11 “Many nations will join themselves to the
LORD on that day and will become my people. I
will dwell in your midst, and you will know that
the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.”
12 The LORD will take possession of Judah as
his portion in the holy land and will again
choose Jerusalem.
13 Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he
has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

3

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest
standing before the angel of the LORD, with
Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.
2 The LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke
you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen
Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is this not a burning
stick snatched from the fire?”
3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy garments
as he stood before the angel.

4 He said to those standing before him,
“Remove his filthy garments.” Then he said to
Joshua, “See, I have taken your guilt away from
you, and I will clothe you in fine garments.”
5 Then I said, “Let them put a clean turban on
his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head
and clothed him in garments, while the angel of
the LORD stood by.
6 The angel of the LORD solemnly charged
Joshua:
7 “This is what the LORD of hosts says: If you
walk in my ways and keep my charge, you will
govern my house and guard my courts, and I will
give you access among these who stand here.
8 Listen now, Joshua the high priest, you and
your companions who sit before you, for they
are men who serve as a sign. I am about to
bring my servant, the Branch.
9 For look at the stone I have set before Joshua:
on a single stone are seven eyes. I myself will
engrave it,” declares the LORD of hosts, “and I
will remove the guilt of that land in one day.
10 On that day,” declares the LORD of hosts,
“each of you will invite his neighbor under the
vine and under the fig tree.”

4

1 The angel who was speaking with me
returned and woke me, as someone is awakened
from sleep.
2 He asked me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see
a lampstand entirely of gold, with its bowl on

top and seven lamps on it, with seven pipes for each of the lamps on top.
3 There are two olive trees beside it, one to the right of the bowl and one to its left."
4 I asked the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?"
5 The angel who was speaking with me answered, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord."
6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.
7 Who are you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain. He will bring out the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' "

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me:
9 "The hands of Zerubbabel laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.
10 For who has despised the day of small things? These seven will rejoice when they see the plumb stone in Zerubbabel's hand. They are the eyes of the LORD, ranging throughout the earth."
11 Then I asked him, "What are these two olive trees to the right and left of the lampstand?"
12 I asked him a second time, "What are the two olive branches beside the two golden spouts that pour the golden oil out of them?"
13 He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord."

14 Then he said, “These are the two sons of oil
who stand beside the Lord of all the earth.”

5

1 Again I lifted my eyes and saw a flying scroll.
2 He asked me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see
a flying scroll, about thirty feet long and fifteen
feet wide.”
3 Then he said to me, “This is the curse going
out over the face of the whole earth. Every thief
will be cleared away according to what is on one
side, and everyone who swears will be cleared
away according to what is on the other.
4 I have sent it out,” declares the LORD of
hosts, “and it will enter the house of the thief
and the house of anyone who swears falsely by
my name. It will remain inside his house and
consume it, its timbers and its stones.”
5 Then the angel who was speaking with me
came forward and said, “Lift your eyes now and
see what this is that is coming out.”
6 I asked, “What is it?” He said, “This is the
grain-measuring basket that is coming out.”
Then he said, “This is their appearance
throughout the earth.”
7 A round lead cover was being lifted, and
there was a woman sitting inside the basket.
8 He said, “This is Wickedness.” He threw her
into the basket and threw the lead weight over
its opening.

9 Then I lifted my eyes and saw two women
coming out, with wind in their wings. They had

wings like those of a stork, and they lifted the basket between earth and heaven.
10 I asked the angel who was speaking with me, “Where are they taking the basket?”
11 He said to me, “To build her a house in the land of Shinar. When it is prepared, she will be set there on her base.”

6

1 Again I lifted my eyes and saw four chariots coming out from between the two mountains. The mountains were mountains of bronze.
2 The first chariot had red horses, the second chariot black horses,
3 the third chariot white horses, and the fourth chariot strong, dappled horses.
4 I asked the angel who was speaking with me, “What are these, my lord?”
5 The angel answered me, “These are the four spirits of heaven, going out after standing before the Lord of all the earth.
6 The chariot with the black horses is going out to the land of the north. The white horses go out after them, and the dappled horses go out to the land of the south.”
7 The strong horses came out, eager to go and patrol the earth. He said, “Go, patrol the earth!” So they patrolled the earth.
8 Then he called out to me and said, “Look, those going out to the land of the north have given my Spirit rest in the land of the north.”
9 The word of the LORD came to me:
10 “Take from the exiles—from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah—and go that same day to the house

of Josiah son of Zephaniah, where they have
come from Babylon.
11 Take silver and gold, make crowns, and
place them on the head of Joshua son of
Jehozadak, the high priest.
12 Say to him: This is what the LORD of hosts
says: 'Here is the man whose name is the
Branch. He will sprout from his place and build
the temple of the LORD.
13 He himself will build the temple of the
LORD. He will bear majesty and sit and rule on
his throne. There will be a priest on his throne,
and a counsel of peace will be between the two.'
14 The crowns will be a memorial in the
temple of the LORD for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah,
and Hen son of Zephaniah.
15 Those who are far away will come and build
in the temple of the LORD. Then you will know
that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. This
will happen if you diligently obey the voice of
the LORD your God."

7

1 In the fourth year of King Darius, the word
of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth
day of the ninth month, Chislev.
2 Bethel had sent Sharezer, Regem-melech, and
his men to seek the LORD's favor
3 and to ask the priests of the house of the
LORD of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep
in the fifth month and abstain, as I have done
for so many years?"

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to
me:
5 “Say to all the people of the land and to the
priests: ‘When you fasted and mourned in the
fifth and seventh months for these seventy
years, was it really for me that you fasted—for
me?
6 And when you eat and drink, is it not for
yourselves that you eat and drink?
7 Are these not the words the LORD
proclaimed through the former prophets when
Jerusalem and its surrounding cities were
inhabited and at peace, and the Negev and the
lowland were inhabited?’ ”
8 The word of the LORD came to Zechariah:
9 “This is what the LORD of hosts says: Render
true judgments, and show kindness and
compassion to one another.
10 Do not oppress the widow, the fatherless,
the foreigner, or the poor. Do not plot evil
against one another in your hearts.
11 But they refused to pay attention. They
turned a stubborn shoulder and made their ears
dull so they would not hear.
12 They made their hearts as hard as diamond
so they would not hear the law or the words the
LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the
former prophets. So great wrath came from the
LORD of hosts.
13 Just as he called and they did not listen, so
they called and I did not listen,” says the LORD
of hosts.
14 “I scattered them like a whirlwind among all
the nations they had not known. The land was

left desolate behind them, with no one passing
through or returning. They made the pleasant
land a desolation."

8

1 The word of the LORD of hosts came:
2 This is what the LORD of hosts says: "I am
very jealous for Zion. With great fury I am
jealous for her."
3 This is what the LORD says: "I have returned
to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and
the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy
Mountain."
4 This is what the LORD of hosts says: "Old
men and old women will again sit in the squares
of Jerusalem, each with a staff in hand because
of advanced age.
5 The squares of the city will be full of boys
and girls playing in its squares."
6 This is what the LORD of hosts says: "If this
seems too difficult in the eyes of the remnant of
this people in those days, should it also seem too
difficult in my eyes?" declares the LORD of hosts.
7 This is what the LORD of hosts says: "I am
about to save my people from the land of the
east and from the land of the setting sun.
8 I will bring them, and they will dwell in the
midst of Jerusalem. They will be my people, and
I will be their God in truth and righteousness."
9 This is what the LORD of hosts says: "Let
your hands be strong, you who in these days
hear these words from the mouths of the

prophets who were there on the day the
foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts
was laid, so that the temple might be built.
10 For before those days there were no wages
for people or payment for livestock. There was
no safety from the enemy for those going out or
coming in, and I set everyone against his
neighbor.
11 But now I do not deal with the remnant of
this people as in the former days," declares the
LORD of hosts.
12 "For the seed will be sown in peace. The
vine will give its fruit, the land will give its
produce, and the heavens will give their dew. I
will cause the remnant of this people to inherit
all these things.
13 Just as you were a curse among the nations,
house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save
you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid.
Let your hands be strong.
14 For this is what the LORD of hosts says: Just
as I intended to bring disaster on you when your
ancestors provoked me to anger," says the LORD
of hosts, "and I did not relent,
15 so in these days I have again intended to do
good to Jerusalem and the house of Judah. Do
not be afraid.
16 These are the things you must do: Speak
truth to one another. Render judgments of truth
and peace at your gates.
17 Do not plot evil against your neighbor in
your hearts, and do not love a false oath, for all
these are things I hate," declares the LORD.

18 The word of the LORD of hosts came to me:
19 This is what the LORD of hosts says: “The
fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth
months will become joy, gladness, and happy
festivals for the house of Judah. So love truth
and peace.”
20 This is what the LORD of hosts says: “Peoples
and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come.
21 The inhabitants of one city will go to
another and say, ‘Let us go earnestly to seek the
LORD’s favor and to seek the LORD of hosts. I
too will go.’
22 Many peoples and powerful nations will
come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and
to seek the LORD’s favor.”
23 This is what the LORD of hosts says: “In
those days ten men from all the languages of the
nations will take hold of the edge of a Jewish
man’s garment and say, ‘Let us go with you, for
we have heard that God is with you.’ ”

9

1 An oracle of the word of the LORD concerning
the land of Hadrach, with Damascus as its
resting place, for the eye of humanity and
of all the tribes of Israel is toward the
LORD,
2 and also concerning Hamath, which borders it,
and Tyre and Sidon, though she is very
wise.
3 Tyre built herself a stronghold and heaped up
silver like dust and fine gold like mud in
the streets.

4 But the Lord will dispossess her and strike
down her power in the sea, and she will
be consumed by fire.
5 Ashkelon will see it and be afraid.
Gaza will writhe in great anguish, and so
will Ekron, because her hope has been put
to shame.
A king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon
will not be inhabited.
6 "A people of mixed birth will dwell in Ashdod,
and I will cut off the pride of the
Philistines.
7 I will remove his blood from his mouth and his
abominations from between his teeth.
He too will remain for our God and will be
like a chief in Judah, and Ekron like a
Jebusite.
8 I will encamp for my house against an army,
against those passing through and
returning.
No oppressor will pass over them again, for
now I have seen with my own eyes."

9 Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion!
Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
Look, your king comes to you, righteous and
victorious, humble and riding on a
donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
10 "I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and
the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle
bow will be cut off.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea and
from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you, because of the blood of your
covenant, I have released your prisoners
from the waterless pit.
12 Return to the stronghold, prisoners of hope.
Even today I declare that I will restore
double to you.
13 For I have bent Judah as my bow and loaded it
with Ephraim.
I will stir up your sons, Zion, against your
sons, Greece, and make you like a
warrior's sword."
14 The LORD will appear over them, and his
arrow will go out like lightning.
The Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and
march in the whirlwinds of the south.
15 The LORD of hosts will shield them.
They will devour;
they will trample slingstones.
They will drink and roar as if from wine,
and they will be filled like a sacrificial
bowl, like the corners of the altar.
16 The LORD their God will save them on that
day as the flock of his people, for they are
the stones of a crown, raised high over his
land.
17 How great is his goodness, and how great his
beauty!
Grain will make the young men flourish,
and new wine the young women.

10

1 Ask the LORD for rain in the season of the late
rain—the LORD who makes lightning.

He gives them showers of rain, and
everyone vegetation in the field.
2 For the household idols speak deceit, the
diviners see lies, and they tell false
dreams and offer empty comfort.
Therefore they wander like sheep and suffer
because there is no shepherd.

3 “My anger burns against the shepherds, and I
will punish the male goats.
For the LORD of hosts has visited his flock,
the house of Judah, and will make them
like his majestic horse in battle.
4 From him will come the cornerstone, from him
the peg, from him the battle bow, from
him every ruler together.
5 They will be like warriors trampling the mud
of the streets in battle.
They will fight because the LORD is with
them, and the riders on horses will be put
to shame.
6 I will strengthen the house of Judah and save
the house of Joseph.
I will restore them because I have
compassion on them.
They will be as though I had not rejected
them, for I am the LORD their God, and I
will answer them.
7 Ephraim will be like a warrior, and their hearts
will rejoice as if from wine.
Their children will see and be glad;
their hearts will rejoice in the LORD.

8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for I
have redeemed them.
They will be as numerous as they were
before.
9 I will sow them among the peoples, and in
distant lands they will remember me.
They will live with their children and
return.
10 I will bring them back from the land of Egypt
and gather them from Assyria.
I will bring them to the land of Gilead and
Lebanon, until there is no room for them.
11 He will pass through the sea of distress and
strike the waves of the sea.
All the depths of the Nile will dry up.
The pride of Assyria will be brought down,
and the scepter of Egypt will depart.
12 I will strengthen them in the LORD, and they
will walk in his name," declares the LORD.

11

1 Open your doors, Lebanon, so that fire may
consume your cedars!
2 Wail, cypress, for the cedar has fallen;
the majestic ones have been destroyed.
Wail, oaks of Bashan, for the dense forest
has been brought down!
3 Listen to the wailing of the shepherds, for their
splendor has been destroyed!
Listen to the roaring of young lions, for the
pride of the Jordan has been destroyed!
4 This is what the LORD my God says:
"Shepherd the flock destined for slaughter,

5 whose buyers slaughter them and incur no
guilt, and whose sellers say, ‘Blessed be the
LORD, for I have become rich!’ Their own
shepherds have no compassion on them.
6 For I will no longer have compassion on the
inhabitants of the land,” declares the LORD. “I
am about to hand everyone over to his neighbor
and his king. They will crush the land, and I will
not rescue them from their hands.”
7 So I shepherded the flock destined for
slaughter, especially the poor of the flock. I took
two staffs, calling one Favor and the other
Union, and I shepherded the flock.
8 In one month I removed the three shepherds.
I lost patience with them, and they too detested
me.
9 Then I said, “I will not shepherd you. Let the
dying die, and let the perishing perish. Let those
that remain eat one another’s flesh.”
10 I took my staff Favor and broke it, to annul
the covenant I had made with all the peoples.
11 It was annulled on that day. Then the poor
of the flock who were watching me knew that it
was the word of the LORD.
12 I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give
me my wages; if not, keep them.” So they
weighed out thirty pieces of silver as my wages.
13 The LORD said to me, “Throw it to the
potter—the magnificent price at which they
valued me!” So I took the thirty pieces of silver
and threw them to the potter in the house of the
LORD.
14 Then I broke my second staff, Union, to
break the brotherhood between Judah and

Israel.
15 The LORD said to me, “Take up once more
the equipment of a foolish shepherd.
16 For I am about to raise up a shepherd in the
land who will not care for the perishing, seek
the young, heal the injured, or sustain those still
standing. Instead, he will eat the flesh of the fat
ones and tear their hoofs apart.

17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who abandons
the flock!
May a sword strike his arm and his right
eye!
May his arm wither completely, and his
right eye go utterly blind!”

12

1 An oracle of the word of the LORD
concerning Israel. The LORD declares—he who
stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of
the earth, and forms the spirit of man within
him:
2 “I am about to make Jerusalem a bowl that
causes all the surrounding peoples to stagger. It
will also be upon Judah during the siege against
Jerusalem.
3 On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy
stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will be
severely cut, and all the nations of the earth will
gather against her.
4 On that day,” declares the LORD, “I will strike
every horse with panic and its rider with
madness. I will open my eyes over the house of

Judah, but I will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.
5 Then the chiefs of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength through the LORD of hosts, their God.'
6 On that day I will make the chiefs of Judah like a firepan among wood and like a burning torch among sheaves. They will consume all the surrounding peoples to the right and to the left, while Jerusalem will again be inhabited in her own place, in Jerusalem.
7 The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be greater than that of Judah.
8 On that day the LORD will shield the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The feeblest among them on that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them.
9 On that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
10 I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look to me, whom they pierced, and mourn for him as one mourns for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn.
11 On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be great, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddon.
12 The land will mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself and

their wives by themselves; the family of the
house of Nathan by itself and their wives by
themselves;
13 the family of the house of Levi by itself and
their wives by themselves; the family of the
Shimeites by itself and their wives by
themselves;
14 all the remaining families, each family by
itself and their wives by themselves."

13

1 On that day a fountain will be opened for the
house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.
2 "On that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "I
will cut off the names of the idols from the land,
and they will no longer be remembered. I will
also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit
from the land.
3 If anyone still prophesies, his father and
mother who bore him will say to him, 'You must
not live, for you have spoken lies in the name of
the LORD.' His father and mother who bore him
will pierce him through when he prophesies.
4 On that day the prophets will each be
ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. They
will no longer wear a hairy cloak in order to
deceive.
5 Instead he will say, 'I am not a prophet. I am
a man who works the ground, for someone
made me a slave in my youth.'
6 If someone asks him, 'What are these
wounds between your arms?' he will answer,

‘The wounds I received in the house of those
who love me.’

7 Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against
the man who is my companion,” declares
the LORD of hosts.
“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be
scattered.
I will turn my hand against the little ones.
8 In all the land,” declares the LORD, “two-thirds
will be cut off and die, but one-third will
remain in it.
9 I will bring that third through the fire, refine
them as silver is refined, and test them as
gold is tested.
They will call on my name, and I will
answer them.
I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they
will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

14

1 Look, a day is coming for the LORD, when
your plunder will be divided in your midst.
2 “I will gather all the nations against
Jerusalem for battle. The city will be captured,
the houses plundered, and the women raped.
Half the city will go into exile, but the rest of the
people will not be cut off from the city.”
3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against
those nations, as when he fights on a day of
battle.
4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount
of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. The
Mount of Olives will split in two from east to

west, forming a very great valley. Half the
mountain will move north and half south.
5 You will flee through the valley of my
mountains, for the valley of the mountains will
reach to Azal. You will flee as you fled from the
earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.
Then the LORD my God will come, and all the
holy ones with you.
6 On that day there will be no light; the bright
lights will grow dim.
7 It will be a unique day, known to the LORD,
neither day nor night. At evening there will be
light.
8 On that day living waters will flow from
Jerusalem, half toward the eastern sea and half
toward the western sea. It will be so in summer
and in winter.
9 The LORD will be king over all the earth. On
that day the LORD will be one and his name one.
10 All the land will become like a plain, from
Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But she
will be raised up and inhabited in her place,
from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the first
gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of
Hananel to the king's winepresses.
11 People will dwell in her, and there will be
no more utter destruction. Jerusalem will dwell
securely.
12 This will be the plague with which the LORD
strikes all the peoples who fought against
Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are
standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their
sockets, and their tongues will rot in their

mouths.
13 On that day a great panic from the LORD
will be among them. Each will seize his
neighbor's hand, and his hand will rise against
his neighbor's hand.
14 Judah too will fight in Jerusalem. The
wealth of all the surrounding nations will be
gathered—gold, silver, and garments in great
abundance.
15 A plague like this will also strike the horses,
mules, camels, donkeys, and all the livestock in
those camps.
16 Then all who remain from all the nations
that came against Jerusalem will go up year
after year to worship the King, the LORD of
hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.
17 If any of the families of the earth do not go
up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD
of hosts, no rain will fall on them.
18 If the family of Egypt does not go up and
come, they too will have no rain. There will be
the plague with which the LORD strikes the
nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast
of Booths.
19 This will be the punishment of Egypt and
the punishment of all the nations that do not go
up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.
20 On that day the bells of the horses will bear
the words "Holy to the LORD." The pots in the
house of the LORD will be like the bowls before
the altar.
21 Every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be
holy to the LORD of hosts. All who sacrifice will
come and take them and cook in them. On that

day there will no longer be a merchant in the house of the LORD of hosts.

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