



Unit 17, Session 4

Zechariah the Prophet

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Story Point: Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.

When God's people stopped rebuilding God's temple, God sent prophets to give His people a message. Zechariah was one of the prophets who told the people what God said. This was God's message: "Return to Me, and I will return to you."

One night, Zechariah saw eight visions; each was a different message from God about something that was going to happen. First, Zechariah saw a man riding on a red horse. Second, Zechariah saw four horns. Third, he saw four craftsmen. Fourth, Zechariah saw a man going out to measure Jerusalem, but the city could not be measured because it was too big for walls.

Fifth, Zechariah saw a solid gold lampstand. Sixth, Zechariah saw a flying scroll. In the seventh vision, a woman sat inside a basket. In the eighth vision,

Zechariah saw four chariots.

God told Zechariah to collect silver and gold to make crowns and place them on the head of Joshua, the high priest. Joshua's crowns meant that a special king was coming to bring peace for everyone. "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey," Zechariah said. God promised to bless His people and punish the rest of the nations for their sin. One day everyone will worship the Lord.

Christ Connection: God was going to help His people and give them a different kind of king. Jesus is the King who came and rode humbly on a donkey, just as Zechariah said. Because Zechariah's prophecy came true in Jesus, we can have hope and forgiveness of sins when we trust in Jesus.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Unscramble the Bible book names of the Major and Minor Prophets. Use the table of contents in your Bible if you need help.

MAJOR PROPHETS

1. AIASIH
2. MIREEHJA
3. MOLEINASATNT
4. KIEZEEL
5. AILDEN

MINOR PROPHETS

1. AEOSH
2. LEJO
3. MOAS
4. HIOBAAD
5. OAJNH
6. CMAIH
7. MHNAU
8. AKUBHKKA
9. EHHAPAINZ
10. IGAGAH
11. AHARIZCEH
12. AMACHIL

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How many visions did Zechariah see? What did they mean?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Jeremiah 29:11 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, acknowledging God as the one eternal King. Ask God to help you follow Jesus and share with others the good news that Jesus saves and is coming again.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> James 4:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:41 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 15:14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 4:25-26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:24-25 |