THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AS A WHOLE.

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ZECHARIAH’S first prophecy dated (1:1) “in the eight month in the second year of Darius” (Hystaspis) (410 B.C.); sixteen years after the Decree of Cyrus. It thus comes midway between Haggai’s second and third messages. See notes on p. 1277.

His last date is in the fourth year of Darius (7:1).

The Temple was completed in the sixth year of Darius, and was dedicated in Adar (Ap. 51), 405 B.C. The first Passover, and the last Feast of Tabernacles were in 404 B.C. (see p. 617, Ap. 58, and Neh. 9). This marks the close of Zechariah’s dated Prophecies; but, as Zechariah really closes the O.T. (see Ap. 77, 9), his prophecies would extend to and cover the latest date in the O.T., which is the eighth year of Darius Hystaspis in the year 403 B.C. (see Ezra 10:17 and Ap. 58). The whole period therefore covered by the book of Zechariah is seven years, 410-403 B.C. (Ap. 77).

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In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius Hystaspis, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the descendant of Iddo the prophet, saying,

1 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus hath said the LORD of hosts; Return ye unto Me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets [Joshua to 2 Kings] have cried, saying, Thus hath said the LORD of hosts; Return ye now from your wicked ways, and from your wicked doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto Me, saith the LORD.

3 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

4 But My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath He dealt with us.

5 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

6 I saw by night, and behold a angel of Jehovah riding upon a red horse, and he stood between the myrtle trees that were in the shade between the two mountains; and behind him were there red, bay, and white.

7 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these are.

8 And the angel of Jehovah that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

9 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.
12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt Thou not have pity on °Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which Thou hast had indignation these °threescore and ten years?  
13 And the LORD °answered the °angel that talked with me with good words and °comfortable words. 
14 So the °angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 
15 And I am very °sore displeased with the °nations that are °indifferent: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the °calamity. 
16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to °Jerusalem with °compassions: °My house °shall be built in it, saith the °LORD of hosts, and °a °measuring line for °building °shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. 
17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; °My °cities through °prosperity shall yet °be spread abroad; and °the °LORD °shall yet °have °compassion °on °Zion, °and °shall °yet °choose °Jerusalem. 
18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and °behold °four °horns. 
19 And I said unto the °angel that talked with me, °What °be these? And he answered me, °These °are °the °Gentile °powers °which °have °scattered °Judah, °Israel, °and °Jerusalem. 
20 And the LORD °shewed me °four °iron °smiths. 
21 Then said I, °What °come °these °to do? °And °the °angel °spake, °saying, °These °are °the °horns °which °have °scattered °Judah, °so °that °no °man °did °lift °up °his °head: °but °these °four °smiths °are °come °to °terrify °the °kings °of °the °nations, °to °cast °out °the °horns °of °the °nations °which °lifted °up °their °horn °over °the °land °of °Judah °to °scatter °it. 
22 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and °behold °a °°angel °with °°a °°measuring °°line °°for °°building °°in °°his °°hand. 
23 Then said I, °Whither °goest °thou? °And °he °said °unto °me, °To °measure °°Jerusalem, °°to °°see °°what °°is °°the °°breadth °°thereof, °°and °°what °°is °°the °°length °°thereof. 
24 And, °behold, °the °°angel °°that °°talked °°with °°me °°came °°forward °°, °°and °°another °°angel °°went °°out °°to °°meet °°him, 
25 °And °°said °°unto °°him, °°Run, °°speak °°to °°this °°young °°man °°[angel], °°°saying °°[°°Stop °°! °°], °°°Jerusalem °°shall °°be °°inhabited °°as °°towns °°°without °°walls °°for °°the °°multitude °°of °°men °°°and °°cattle °°therein: 
26 °For °°I, °°saith °°the °°LORD, °°will °°be °°unto °°her °°a °°wall °°of °°fire °°round °°about, °°and °°will °°be °°the °°glory °°in °°the °°midst °°of °°her. 

13 answered. See note on Deut. 1. 41. Jehovah Himself now speaks. 
15 shall be built in it. The Temple therefore had not yet been commenced. a line shall be stretched, &c. : i.e. a measuring-line. 
16 comfort = pity, or have compassion on; as mercy” in v. 12. 
18-21 (D, p. 1281). SECOND VISION. EXTERNAL ENEMIES. (Alternations.) 
D e °18. Four °Horns. 
°c °20. Four °Smiths. 
18 four horns: “horns” being put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the Gentle (v. 21) powers signified by them. 
19 Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. With ‘eth prefixed to the first two (not Jerusalem) for emphasis, so that we may not confuse them with the Church or with Gentile peoples. There is no “gloss”, as alleged. 
20 shewed me. This is part of the second vision. carpenters=iron smiths. 
21 he: i.e. the angel these: i.e. these four smiths (or it may denote the supernatural princes over the kingdoms). They represent the Divine agencies raised up, by which Jehovah will overthrow them. fray. Short for affray = to terrify; hence English, afraid and affright. So the Heb. הֲרֵד = terrify, put in consternation (Heb. Hiphil, causative). Op. Zeph. 3. 13. 
22 Gentiles=nations. 
23. 1-13 (E, p. 1251). THIRD VISION. JEHOVAH’S PURPOSE. 
E °G1 1. 2. Symbol. Man with measuring line. 
1 behold. Fig. Asterismos, Ap. 6. 
2 Jerusalem. With ’eth. See note on 1. 19. 
2. 3-13 (G2, above). THE SIGNIFICATION.
6 "Ho, ho, [escape], and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have scattered you abroad by the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.
7 Ho! Rescue thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; For His own glory hath He sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple [pupil] of Mine eye.
9 For, *behold, I will shake Mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their own slaves: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.
10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, *lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be My People: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.
12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah, His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem yet.
13 *Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for He hath roused Himself out of His holy habitation.

3 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest *ministering before the angel of the LORD, and Satan [the Accuser] standing at his right hand to be his adversary.
2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD That hath now and hereto fore chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: have I not plucked a brand out of the fire?
3 Now Joshua had come to be clothed with filthy garments [a symbol of the nature of sin], and stood before the angel.
4 And He answered and spake unto those that stood before Him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, *Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from upon thee, and I have caused thee to be clothed with robes of righteousness.
5 *Then said I, *Let them set a clean turban upon his head. So they set a clean turban upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by [while this was being done].
6 And the angel of the LORD solemnly affirmed unto Joshua, saying,
7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also govern My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee free access among the attendant angels in My presence.

7 the Lord of hosts. See note on 1:3 and on 1 Sam. 1:3. *if thou wilt keep, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 17:9). places to walk=free access, or right of way. these that stand by: i.e. the attendant angels of Ps. 103:21.

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Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy colleagues that sit before thee: for they are men of sign: for, behold, I will bring forth My servant the BRANCH [The Messiah].

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; fixed upon every stone shall be seven pairs of eyes watching and caring for: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In the day of Messiah, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye invite to sit down and feast every man his neighbour under his own vine and under his own fig tree.

**4. 14.**

And the angel of Jehovah that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And he said, I have looked, and behold a single seven-branched lampstand all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might of man, and not by power of flesh, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain [that standeth in the way of Zerubbabel]? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with these seven lamps which thou seest these are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the seven-branched lampstand and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty out of themselves and fill the golden bowls?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth.
5. 1

Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and beheld a flying scroll.

2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth [on an errand] over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth hath been let off, is written on the one side, according to the scroll; and every one that sweareth falsely hath been let off is written on the other side, according to the scroll. Therefore have I brought the curse forth.

4 I have brought it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall abide in the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by Me Myself: and it shall roost in the midst of his house, and shall destroy it with the timbers thereof and the stones thereof.

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what this is that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their appearance through all the earth.

7 Then was lifted up a round disk, fitting the ephah like a lid: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This is the lawless one. And he cast the round disk which had been lifted up for the prophet to see, into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, To build for her an house in Babylonia: and it shall be prepared, and settled upon her own fixed resting place.
6. And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of copper.

2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot speckled [like hail] and strong horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits [angels] of the heavens, which go forth each to take their stand before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth to the west of them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then called he to me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have caused mine anger to rest upon the north country.

9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the exile, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and come with them into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man Whose name is The BRANCH; and He shall sprout forth out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD:

13 Yea He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory and majesty of royalty, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall become a priest upon His throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between the two offices, priest and King.

14 And the crowns shall belong to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And those far off future builders shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And it shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.
And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius Hystapis, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu [December];

When Sherezer had sent (and Regem-melech and his men) to Bethel, to entreat Jehovah’s favour by prayer,

And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month [August], separating myself, according as I have done now so many years?

Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

Speak unto all the People of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month [October], even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto Me, even to Me?

And was it not ye that were the eaters, and ye the drinkers for yourselves, [Not before the Lord or for His glory].

Should ye not have obeyed the words which the LORD hath cried by the hand of the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the Negeb and the lowland?

And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

Execute true judgment, and shew loving kindness and compassions every man to his brother:

And oppress not the widow, and the fatherless, the stranger, and the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

And ye refused to hearken, and turning aside from the one who speaks, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent by His Spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

Therefore it is come to pass, that according as He cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate when they had left it, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the desirable land desolate.

8 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,
9 "Thus hath said the LORD of hosts; I was and still am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was and still am jealous for her with great fury.
10 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of the truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.
11 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of the truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.
12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet [in the days of future fulfilment] old men and old women sit in the broad, open places of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for multitude of days.
13 And the broad, open places of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the open places thereof.
14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant [the exiles who had then returned] of this People in these days, should it also be marvellous in Mine eyes [in those future days]? saith the LORD of hosts.
15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold Me saving My People throughout the whole earth;
16 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My People, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.
17 And it shall come to pass, that according as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.
18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; According as I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:
19 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.
16 These *are* the things that ye shall do; *Speak ye* every man the truth to his neighbour; *execute* the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:
17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and *love* no false oath: for *all these things do I hate*, saith the LORD.

19 Thus *hath said* the LORD of hosts; The fast of *the fourth month*, and the fast of *the fifth*, and the fast of *the seventh*, and the fast of *the tenth*, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful appointed seasons; therefore love the truth and peace.
20 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,
21 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and *entreat Jehovah's favour by prayer*.
22 Thus *hath said* the LORD of hosts; In *those days it shall come to pass*, that ten *men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with God's People Israel: for we have heard [will be the time] that God is with you.

9. 7

The Divine declaration is to say the word of the LORD resting on the land of *Hadrach, and Damascus shall be its resting place: for Jehovah will look in mankind's eye, as well as to all the tribes of Israel*. [to render to all according to their doings].

2 And Hama also which bordereth on the land of Hadrach; Tyrus, and Zidon, *because* it be very wise.
3 And *Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver like the dust, and fine gold like the mire of the streets.*
4 *Behold, the Lord will dispossess her,* and He will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.
5 *Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it,* and be very sorrowful, and Ekron: for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall have none to sit on the throne.
6 And a half-breed shall sit as king in Ashdod, and I will cut off *the pride* of the Philistines.
7 And I will take away his eaten blood sacrifices out of his mouth, and his idolatrous sacrifices from between his teeth: but the remnant of them, he also, *shall be subject unto* our God, and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and the Philistines as a bondservant.
8 And I will encamp about Mine house against the army, against him that marcheth to and fro: so that no taskmaster shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen [the affliction of My People] with Mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King will come unto thee: He is righteous, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and He shall speak peace unto the nations: and His dominion shall be as from sea even to sea, and from the river [Euphrates] even to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee O Zion also, by thy covenant of blood have I sent forth [from their captivity] thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 Return you to the safe place, ye prisoners of the hope: even to day do I declare that I will render a prosperity and blessing double what was possessed before unto thee;

13 When I have bent Judah for Me, grasped the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against the sons of Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour their enemies, and trample on their weapons; and they shall drink, and shout as through wine; and they shall be filled with wine like bowls, and as as the sacrificial bowls are filled with blood, which are tossed against the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His People: for they shall be as the gems of a crown [diadem], sparkling as an ensign upon His soil.

17 For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty! corn shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maids.

10 Ask ye of the LORD copious rains in the time of the latter rain; of Jehovah Who maketh bright clouds and giveth you showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
2 For the household gods [that cannot give rain] have spoken trash, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as he-goats, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I shall visit upon the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited His flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as His majestic war-horse in the battle.

4 Out of Judah went forth the Corner-Stone [Messiah], out of him the tent-peg, out of him all kinds of weapons, out of him every ruler together.

5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the lanes in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will answer them.

7 And I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Labanon; and the necessary room shall not be found for them.

10Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, cypress tree; for the cedar is fallen [if the cedar is fallen, how much more the cypress]; because the honourable are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the inaccessible forest is come down.

3 There is a voice of the howling of the rulers of the state; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus hath said the LORD my God; Tend the flock destined for slaughter;

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5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am become rich [and therefore can sell them cheaply]: and their own tenders pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

7 So I Zechariah tended the flock destined for slaughter, for the sheep-traffickers. And I took unto me two staves [the crook and the club]; the one I called Graciousness, and the other I called Union; and I tended the flock.

8 Three shepherds also I sent off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then said I, I will not feed you: the dying will die, let it die; and that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest destroy one another.

10 And I took my staff, even Graciousness, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the tribes.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the sheep-traffickers that were watching me knew that it was the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my wage; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the fashioner: a ample wage that I was priced at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the fashioner in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Union, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the implements of a worthless shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit the perishing, neither shall seek the straying, nor heal the wounded, nor nourish the weak: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to the idol's shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be withered, and his right eye shall be utterly blinded.

12 The oracle of the word of the LORD upon Israel, saith the LORD, Which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the peoples round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.
3 And it shall come to pass in that day will I make Jerusalem a stone difficult to lift for all peoples: all that seek to lift it shall be lacerated, though all the peoples of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with the panic, and his rider with madness: and I will regard with favour upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a chafing dish of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, as Jerusalem.

7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah as at the first, that the glory of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is tottering among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come to make war against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look attentively with hope and concern unto Me Whom they have pierced [thrust through], and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day the wailing shall be great in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall wait, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their women apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their women apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their women apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their women apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their women apart.

13 In that day [when this prophecy shall come to pass] there shall be a fountain permanently set open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for the expiation of sin and for uncleanness.

come to pass. shall be. This is not the simple future tense, but the verb hayah, with the Participle, meaning that the fountain shall be permanently opened. a fountain. This waits for literal fulfilment, and is not an intangible one as in the present day. opened: i.e. set open. The only occ. of this participle in the O.T. Cp. the first in Gen. 7:11. for=for [the expiation of] sin, &c. sin. Heb. chata. Ap. 44. i.
2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

3 And it shall come to pass in that yet future day, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou spakest lies in the name of the LORD: neither shall they wear any more a rough garment to deceive:

5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And one shall say unto Him [Messiah], What are these wounds in the palms of Thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.

7 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Mighty One That is My Fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand [for care and protection] upon the feeble of the flock.

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My name, and I will answer them: I will say, It is My People: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

14 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil [Jerusalem] shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to war; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the People shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, just as when He fought in the day of close conflict.

4 And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley [between the northern and southern half of Olivet]; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of My mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all His Angels with Him.
And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be light, nor dense:

But it shall be one continuous day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

And it shall be in that day, that fresh, running waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the Dead Sea, and half of them toward the Mediterranean Sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

And the LORD shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one.

All the land shall be turned as the plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and be inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall abide in security.

And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the peoples that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great panic from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these camps, with this plague.

And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, there shall be no periodic rain.

And the punishment brought down by Egypt, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD: and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowl's before the altar.

In that day shall there be inscribed upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowl's before the altar.

Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and the LORD shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and the LORD shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts.

This shall be the punishment brought down by Egypt, and the punishment brought down by all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.