

“I am zealous for Jerusalem...”

Hebrews 10:37 (NKJV)

37 “For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

Zechariah 1:1–3 (NKJV)

-1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 “The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. 3 Therefore say to them, “Thus says the Lord of hosts: **“Return to Me,” says the Lord of hosts, “and I will return to you,” says the Lord of hosts.**

- “Return to Me,” :
- Micah 7:16–20 (NKJV) 16. The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put their hand over their mouth; Their ears shall be deaf. 17. They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid of the Lord our God, And shall fear because of You. 18. Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. 19. **He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. 20. You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.**
- Malachi 3:7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. **Return to Me, and I will return to you,” Says the Lord of hosts.** “But you said, ‘In what way shall we return?’
- Luke 15:20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
- Lamentations 2:17 The Lord has done what He purposed; He has fulfilled His word Which He commanded in days of old. He has thrown down and has not pitied, And He has caused an enemy to rejoice over you; He has exalted the horn of your adversaries.

Zechariah 1:4–6 (NKJV)

- 4 “Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: **“Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.”**’ But they did not hear nor heed Me,” says the Lord. 5 “Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 Yet surely My words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers? “So they returned and said: ‘Just as the Lord of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.’ ” ”

- “Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.”

- Ezekiel 18:30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord God. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.
- Hosea 14:1 O Israel, return to the Lord your God, For you have stumbled because of your iniquity;

Zechariah 1:7–11 (NKJV)

-7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet:

- 8 I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the **myrtle trees in the hollow**; and behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white.
- 9 Then I said, “My lord, what are these?” So the angel who talked with me said to me, “I will show you what they are.”
- 10 And the man who stood among the **myrtle trees** answered and said, “These are the ones whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth.”

- 11 So they answered the **Angel of the Lord, who stood among the myrtle trees**, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly."
- **Myrtle trees** were among the picturesque symbols of God's favor and whose branches were among other trees used to build the booths that the Israelites dwelled in during the Feast of Booths
 - Nehemiah 8:13–15 (NKJV)
 - 13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to **Ezra** the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.
 - 14 And they found written in the Law, which the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,
 - 15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, **myrtle branches**, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."
 - Isaiah 55:13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the **myrtle tree**; And it shall be to the Lord for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."
 - **Also signifying a change**
 - Isaiah 11:9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.
 - Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.
- And in that they were growing in the hollow or in a low elevation/river bank or ravine typifying Israel's low estate spiritually.
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Zechariah 1:12 (NKJV)

-12. Then the **Angel of the Lord** answered and said, "O Lord of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, **against which You were angry these seventy years?**"

- 2 Chronicles 36:21 to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, **to fulfill seventy years.**
- Jeremiah 25:8–12 (NKJV)
- 8 "Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Because you have not heard My words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the Lord, 'and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, **and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.** Jeremiah 12 'Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,' says the Lord; 'and I will make it a perpetual desolation.
- Jeremiah 29:8–10 (NKJV)
- 8 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the Lord. 10 For thus says the Lord: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon**, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

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