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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

Zechariah

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1:1-6

Background: Zechariah wrote to the people of Judah who returned from being exiled in Babylon. The people of Judah continued to sin, as their ancestors did before they went into exile.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Zechariah that he had been very angry with the people's fathers. [1:1-2]
- ☐ Yahweh told Zechariah to tell the people to turn to Yahweh, and he would return to them. [1:3]
- ☐ Yahweh told Zechariah to tell them not to be like their fathers who did not pay attention to Yahweh. [1:4]
- ☐ Yahweh told Zechariah to tell the people that when his decrees overtook their fathers, they repented. [1:6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. During whose reign did Yahweh speak to Zechariah? [1:1]
During the reign of Darius.
2. What did Yahweh say he would do if the people would turn to him? [1:3]
He said if the people would turn to him, he would return to them.
3. What did their fathers do when Yahweh told them to turn from their evil ways and wicked practices? [1:4]
Their fathers did not listen, and they did not pay attention to Yahweh.
4. What questions did Yahweh ask about their fathers and the prophets? [1:5]
He asked, "Where are they, do they live forever?"
5. What do you think Yahweh meant when he spoke about their fathers and the prophets?
Their ancestors and the prophets who lived back then had all died.
6. What was the result of Yahweh's words and decrees? [1:5]
His words and decrees overtook their fathers.
7. How do you think Yahweh's word and decrees overtook the fathers? [1:5]
What God said would happen to their fathers happened to them.
8. What did the fathers say when they repented? [1:6]
When they repented, they said, "Just as Yahweh of hosts planned to do to us, what our ways and actions deserved, so he has dealt with us."

Comment Section:

1:14-17

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh spoke through an angel to Zechariah saying that he was jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. [1:14]
- ☐ Yahweh said that he was very angry with the nations that had treated Israel badly. [1:15]
- ☐ Yahweh said that he had returned to Jerusalem with mercies and his house would be built within her. [1:16]
- ☐ Yahweh said that his cities would once again overflow with goodness. [1:17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Yahweh feel about Jerusalem and Zion? [1:14]
He was jealous for them. This means that he was very protective of them because they belonged to him.
2. Who was Yahweh very angry at? [1:15]
Yahweh was angry at the nations that were at ease.
3. Why was Yahweh angry at those nations? [1:15]
He was angry with them because when he was only a little angry with his people, those other nations made the disaster worse.
4. What did Yahweh say concerning Jerusalem? [1:16]
He said he had returned to Jerusalem with mercies, that his house would be built within her, and the measuring line would be stretched out over Jerusalem.
5. What did Yahweh say about his cities, about Zion, and about Jerusalem? [1:17]
He said that his cities would prosper greatly, that he would comfort Zion again, and that he would choose Jerusalem again.

Comment Section:

2:5-13

Read all of Chapter 2. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh said he would be a wall of fire around Jerusalem. [2:5]
- ☐ Yahweh told his people who were in the north and in Babylon to flee and come to Zion. [2:6-7]
- ☐ Yahweh would make the nations become plunder for their slaves. [2:8-9]
- ☐ Yahweh would dwell with his people, and the nations would join them. [2:10-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh say he would become for Jerusalem? [2:5]
Yahweh said he would become a wall of fire around her.
2. How do you think Yahweh would be like a wall of fire for Jerusalem? [2:5]
He would protect Jerusalem as a wall around a city protects it. Perhaps "fire" shows how glorious he is.
3. What had Yahweh done to the people who were in the land of the north, and what was he telling them to do? [2:6]
He had scattered them, and he was telling them to flee from the land of the north.
4. What did Yahweh tell those who lived with the daughter of Babylon to do? [2:7]
Yahweh told them to escape to Zion.
5. What did Yahweh say would happen to the nations that plundered Israel? [2:9]
They would be plunder for their slaves. This meant that those who had been their slaves would steal from them.
6. Why did Yahweh tell the daughter of Zion to rejoice? [2:10]
Yahweh was about to dwell among the people of Zion.
7. What will happen when Yahweh comes and dwells in Zion? [2:11]
Great nations will join themselves to Yahweh and become his people.
8. Why are all people told to be silent before Yahweh? [2:13]
Yahweh has been roused from out of the heavens.

Comment Section:

3:1-10

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Joshua was standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan was standing at his right hand to accuse him of sin. [3:1]
- ☐ Joshua was dressed in filthy garments, but the angel removed Joshua's sin and told those standing there to remove Joshua's filthy garments. [3:3-4]
- ☐ They dressed Joshua in clean clothes and a clean turban. [3:5]
- ☐ Yahweh promised Joshua that he would govern Yahweh's house and guard Yahweh's courts. [3:7]
- ☐ Yahweh said he would remove the sin from that land in one day. [3:9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Joshua's work? [3:1]
Joshua was the high priest.
2. As Joshua stood before the angel of Yahweh, what did Satan intend to do to Joshua? [3:1]
Satan intended to accuse Joshua of sin.
3. What did the angel of Yahweh say to Satan two times? [3:2]
He said, "May Yahweh rebuke you."
4. What was Joshua wearing? [3:3]
Joshua was dressed in filthy garments.
5. What did the angel of Yahweh say he had done for Joshua? [3:4]
The angel said he had removed Joshua's sin.
6. What happened concerning Joshua's clothing? [3:4-5]
The angel commanded the others standing there to remove the filthy garments from Joshua, and they clothed him with a clean turban and clean garments.
7. What did Yahweh promise Joshua, the high priest, if he would walk in Yahweh's ways and keep his commandments? [3:7]
Yahweh promised Joshua that he would govern Yahweh's house, guard Yahweh's courts, and have a place among those who were standing there.
8. Who did Yahweh say he would bring? [3:8]
He said he would bring his servant, the Branch.
9. What was on the stone that Yahweh set in front of Joshua? [3:9]
There were seven eyes on it and an inscription.

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10. What did Yahweh say he would do in a single day? [3:9]

He would remove the sin of that land.

11. What did Yahweh say would happen on that day? [3:10]

Yahweh said that each man would invite his neighbor to relax under his vine and under his fig tree.

Comment Section:

4:1-10

Background: Verse 6 speaks of Zerubbabel. He was the governor of Judah, and he led the people in rebuilding Yahweh's temple.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Zechariah saw a gold lampstand that had two olive trees beside it. [4:1-3]
- ☐ The angel who was with Zechariah said he would explain what the vision meant. [4:4-5]
- ☐ The rebuilding of the temple was by the power of the Spirit, not by human might or power. [4:6]
- ☐ The people will know that Yahweh sent Zechariah to them when the foundation of the temple was laid. [4:8-9]
- ☐ Yahweh told the people not to despise small things. [4:10]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Zechariah see when the angel roused him like a man who was awakened out of his sleep? [4:1-2]
He saw a gold lampstand with a bowl on top, with seven lamps and wicks, and two olive trees by the bowl.
2. What did Zechariah want to know? [4:4-5]
He wanted to know what the lampstand and the olive trees meant.
3. What was the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel about how Zerubbabel would complete his work? [4:6]
The word of Yahweh was, "Not by might nor by power, but only by my Spirit."
4. What will people shout when Zerubbabel brings out the top stone? [4:7]
They will shout, "Grace, Grace to it."
5. What do you think was important about bringing out the top stone?
Doing that showed that the work of rebuilding the temple was almost done.
6. How will the people know that Yahweh sent Zechariah to them? [4:8-9]
They will know it when Zerubbabel finishes rebuilding the temple.
7. Why do you think Yahweh told the people not to despise the day of small things? [4:10]
He may have said this because Zerubbabel held the plumb stone. This showed that even though at first, they made little progress, Zerubbabel would finish building the temple.
8. What did the seven lamps mean? [4:10]
They are the eyes of Yahweh that roam over the whole earth.

Comment Section:

8:1-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The word of Yahweh came to Zechariah and declared to him that he was jealous for Zion. [8:1-2]
- ☐ Yahweh told Zechariah that he will return to Zion and live in their midst. [1:3]
- ☐ When Yahweh returns, old men and old women will be in the streets and the streets will be full of boys and girls playing. [8:4-5]
- ☐ Yahweh's people will again be his people, and he will be their God in truth and in righteousness! [8:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh say to Zechariah? [8:1-2]
Yahweh said that he was jealous for Zion with great jealousy and passionate for her with great anger.
2. What will Jerusalem and the mountain of Yahweh be called when Yahweh returns to live in the midst of Jerusalem? [8:3]
Jerusalem will be called "The City of Truth" and the mountain of Yahweh will be called "The Holy Mountain."
3. Who will again be found in the streets of Jerusalem? [8:4-5]
Old men and old women will be in the streets, and the streets will be full of boys and girls playing.
4. Why do you think old people and children will be in the streets? [8:4-5]
The old people will be well enough to go outside. There will be peace, so they and the children will not have to hide from enemies.
5. Where will Yahweh rescue his people from? [8:7]
Yahweh will rescue his people from the land of the sunrise and the land of the setting sun.
6. What will happen when Yahweh brings his people back to Jerusalem? [8:8]
Yahweh's people will again be His people, and he will be their God in truth and in righteousness!

Comment Section:

9:9-13

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The people were told to shout for great joy because their king was coming to them. [9:9]
- ☐ The king of the people will be humble and will ride on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey. [9:9]
- ☐ The coming king will speak peace to the nations. [9:10]
- ☐ Yahweh will set the prisoners free because of the blood of his covenant with them. [9:11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the daughter of Zion told to rejoice and the daughter of Jerusalem told to shout with happiness? [9:9]
They were told to do this because their righteous and victorious king was coming to them.
2. How will the king come to the people? [9:9]
Their king will be humble and will ride on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.
3. How do you think the people of Israel will feel because of what Yahweh will do in verse 10?
They will be glad because there will be no fighting in Ephraim and Jerusalem when Yahweh removes the chariot, the horse, and the bow.
4. What will this king speak to the nations? [9:10]
The king will speak peace to the nations.
5. How far will that king's dominion spread? [9:10]
His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
6. Why did Yahweh set the prisoners free from places that were like a pit with no water? [9:11]
Yahweh says he has done this because of the blood of his covenant with them.
7. What do you think the stronghold was that Yahweh told the prisoners to return to? [9:12]
It was probably Jerusalem.
8. Against whom did Yahweh rouse the sons of Zion? [9:13]
He roused the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece.

Comment Section:

12:10-14

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh will pour out a spirit of compassion and pleading on the house of David. [12:10]
- ☐ The house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will look upon him whom they have pierced and mourn. [12:10]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. On that day, what will Yahweh pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem? [12:10]
He will pour out a spirit of compassion and pleading.
2. What will the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem do when they look upon him whom they have pierced? [12:10]
They will mourn and lament bitterly for him.
3. Why do you think they will mourn? [12:12]
Perhaps they will realize what they have lost. Perhaps they will realize how guilty they are.
4. How will they mourn? [12:12-14]
The clans will mourn separately from each other. The men will mourn separately from the women.

Comment Section: