

# “SEE, YOUR KING SHALL COME TO YOU”

## The Book of Zechariah

### Who wrote The Book of Zechariah?

The Prophet Zechariah probably wrote Chapters 1 through 8. However, it is evident that Chapters 9 through 14 are from a later time.

### How did The Book of Zechariah get its name and/or what does that name mean?

The Book of Zechariah was named for its author, Zechariah.

### When did these events take place?

Zechariah prophesied at the same time as the prophet Haggai in 520 B.C.

### For more about The Book of Zechariah:

See page 982 in the Fireside Catholic Youth Bible – Next.

Stereograms are fascinating. From the first glance, everyone sees the picture on the surface. But, for some people, when they look closer, a new completely different picture emerges. For them, this “picture within a picture” is easy to see. Others, without someone’s help, never see it. Even then, the second image finally comes into focus only after intense concentration.. Once that happens, usually the person can’t imagine why they couldn’t see it all along.

Think of the Book of Zechariah as a Scriptural stereogram. On the surface, this is the story of a prophet in the year 520 B.C. relating visions of grandeur designed to reassure the Jewish community upon their return from exile in Babylon. God chose Zechariah (and Haggai) to remind Israel that He was still in their midst even though all they saw was destruction and ruin all around them. His message was intended to give them the strength to begin again and to give them the hope that there were brighter days ahead.

But when you look closer, The Book of Zechariah is much more than that. Here is a book full of words of promise with strong hints of the Messiah to come. Verses like “. . .so again in these days, I have determined to favor Jerusalem and the House of David” (8:14); and “. . . they shall look on him whom they have thrusts through” (12:10); and “A King shall come . . . Meek, and riding on an ass” (9:9); and “Sing! Rejoice O Daughters of Zion. See, I am coming to dwell among you says the Lord” (8:15), although written some 500 years before, all foretell the coming of Christ. As a result, when you look very close at The Book of Zechariah, what emerges in this beautiful Biblical stereogram is a picture of the fidelity and loving gift God intended not only for Zechariah’s people but for you and me as well.

**Interesting Fact:** By the time of Zechariah, many Jews were suspicious of prophets and their message.

**Bonus Point:** What color of horse represents the anger of the LORD towards Babylon?