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ANTICIPATING  
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TEMPLE

# Lesson 8 Chapters 7-8

# ZECHARIAH

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# Review



# 70 years in captivity in Babylon

606 BC  
to  
536 BC





536BC – Cyrus allows Zerubbabel to lead Jews who wish to return back home to Israel. Only 50,000 (approximately) return. They start rebuilding the Altar and the Temple.



The Samaritans successfully get the building of the Temple stopped and it remains stopped until 520 BC



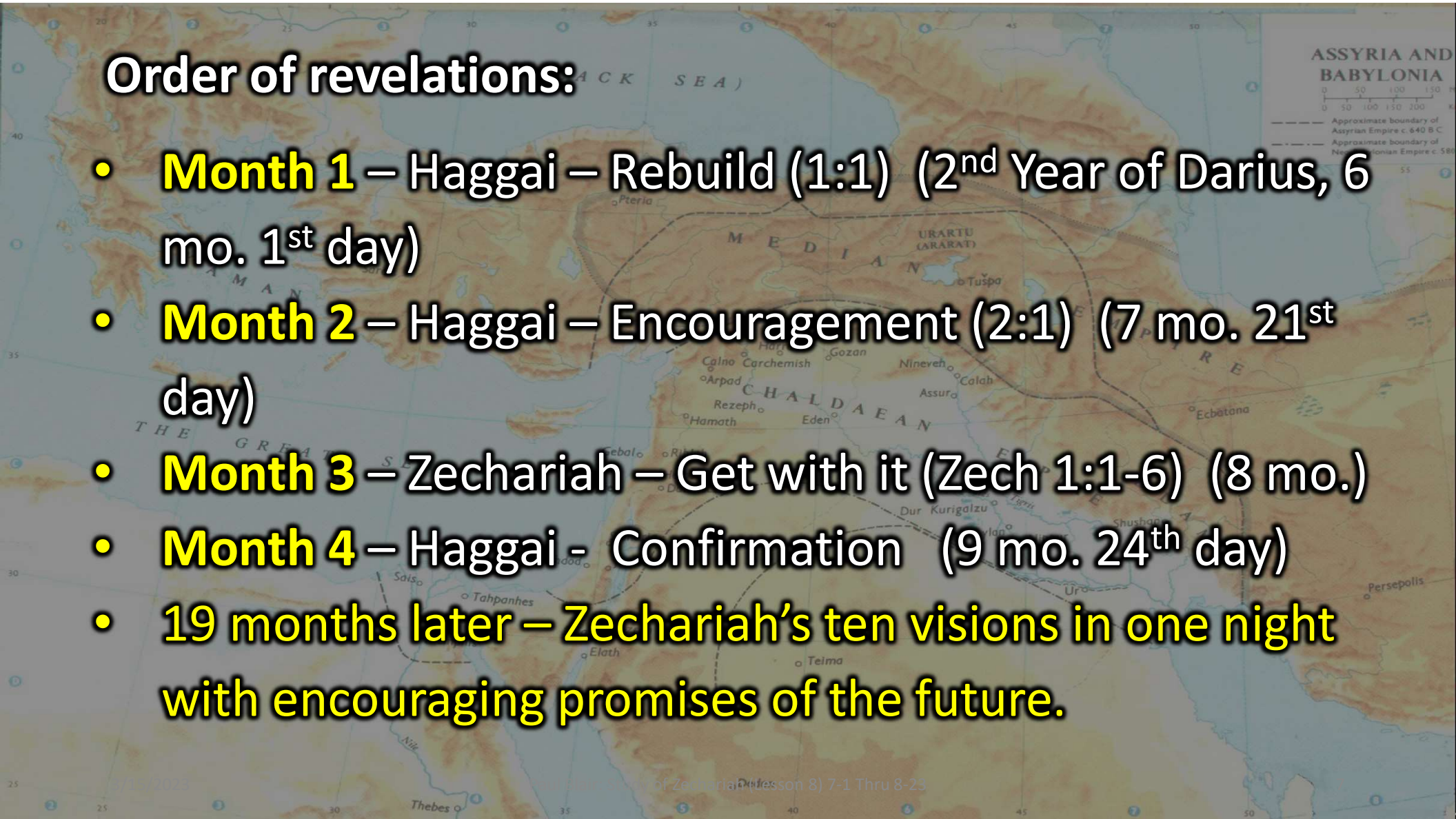


**Haggai reproved the people for their failure to rebuild the temple.**

**Zechariah encouraged the people by presenting to them the coming glory of the Messiah.**

## Order of revelations:

- **Month 1** – Haggai – Rebuild (1:1) (2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius, 6 mo. 1<sup>st</sup> day)
- **Month 2** – Haggai – Encouragement (2:1) (7 mo. 21<sup>st</sup> day)
- **Month 3** – Zechariah – Get with it (Zech 1:1-6) (8 mo.)
- **Month 4** – Haggai – Confirmation (9 mo. 24<sup>th</sup> day)
- **19 months later** – Zechariah's ten visions in one night with encouraging promises of the future.







**Vision #1 - The Angel of the LORD taking note of the state of the world.**

**Vision #2 (&3) - Four horn and four smiths**

**Vision #4 – City Planning for the future**

**Vision #5 (& 6) – The calling and cleansing of Joshua the High Priest and the Branch**

**Vision #7 – Two Olive Trees**

**Vision #8 – The Flying Roll (Scroll)**

**Vision #9 –Wickedness Carried to Babylon**

**Vision #10 – Four Horsemen/Chariots**





**Gifts brought from Jews in Babylon are made into crowns of silver (priesthood/redemption) and gold (royalty) and Joshua the High Priest is crowned SYMBOLICALLY.**

**Zerubbabel (although of the house of David) was NOT crowned.**

**Joshua did NOT actually rule or reign.**

**It was a picture of the promised Seed of David who would RULE as a PRIEST after the order of MelkiZedek.**

# ZECHARIAH

Zech 7:1-3

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu;

<sup>2</sup> When they had sent unto the **house of God (Bethel)** Sherezer and Regem-melech, and their men, to pray before the Lord,

<sup>3</sup> 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, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?*





1313 BCE: The **spies returned from the Promised Land** with frightening reports, and the Israelites balked at the prospect of entering the land. G-d decreed that they would therefore wander in the desert for 40 years. [Read more.](#)

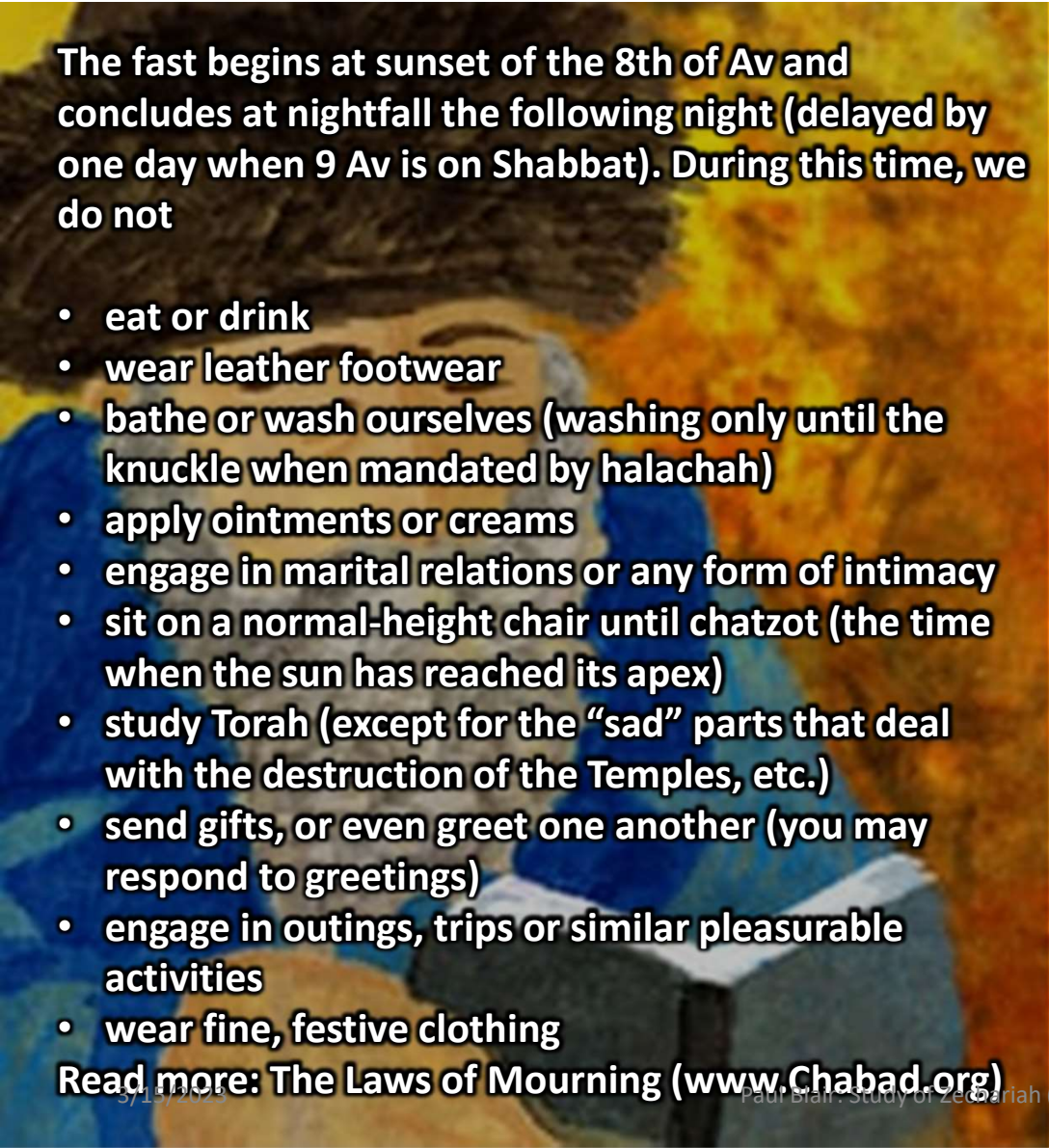
Both **Holy Temples in Jerusalem** were destroyed on this date. The First Temple was burned by the Babylonians in 423 BCE ([read more](#)) and the Second Temple fell to the Romans in 70 CE ([read more](#)), unleashing a period of suffering from which our nation has never fully recovered.

The **Bar Kochba revolt** against the Romans in 133 CE ended in defeat: The Jews of Betar were butchered on the 9th of Av and the Temple Mount was plowed one year later on the same date. [Read more.](#)

Later on in our history, many more tragedies happened on this day, including the 1290 **expulsion of England's Jews** and the 1492 **banishment of all Jews from Spain**. [Read more.](#)



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The fast begins at sunset of the 8th of Av and concludes at nightfall the following night (delayed by one day when 9 Av is on Shabbat). During this time, we do not

- eat or drink
- wear leather footwear
- bathe or wash ourselves (washing only until the knuckle when mandated by halachah)
- apply ointments or creams
- engage in marital relations or any form of intimacy
- sit on a normal-height chair until chatzot (the time when the sun has reached its apex)
- study Torah (except for the “sad” parts that deal with the destruction of the Temples, etc.)
- send gifts, or even greet one another (you may respond to greetings)
- engage in outings, trips or similar pleasurable activities
- wear fine, festive clothing

Read more: The Laws of Mourning ([www.Chabad.org](http://www.Chabad.org))

**“Should I weep in  
the fifth month,  
separating myself,  
as I have done  
these so many  
years?”**



Zech 7:4-7

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## Zech 7:7

Should ye not hear the words which the Lord hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?





# ***Charges Against Judah:***

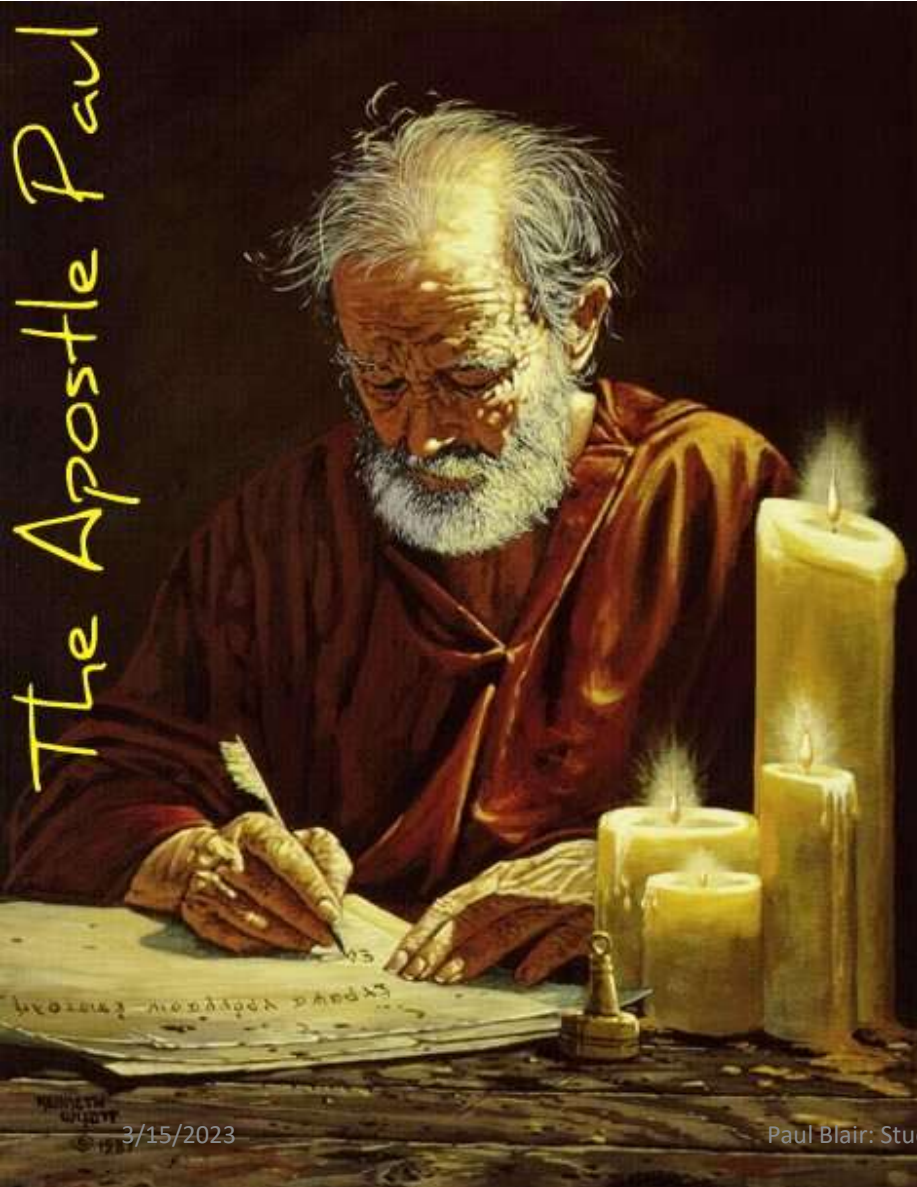
- Dishonest in Business
- Ignored Sabbatical Release
- Unjust weights and measures
- Removed landmarks
- Bribed judges
- Leaders fed off of the flock rather than caring for it
- Disrespectful to parents and elders.
- Didn't care for their family
- They lived for revelry and drunken parties.
- They murdered their children.
- Religion became big business.
- They were no longer ashamed of immorality even CELEBRATING homosexuality and paraded and reveled in their debauchery.
- Things that common sense and God said was evil, they called good.
- Things that experience and common sense and God called good, they called evil.
- They were proud and arrogant
- Their court system became corrupt
- The government was corrupt
- They denied and abandoned God

Jeremiah 7:4-5

**4 But don't be fooled by those who promise you safety simply because the Lord's Temple is here. They chant, *"The Lord's Temple is here! The Lord's Temple is here!"***







Eph. 4:11-12

And he gave some, apostles;  
and some, prophets; and  
some, **evangelists**; and  
some, **pastors** and **teachers**;  
*For the perfecting of the  
saints, for the work of the  
ministry, for the edifying of  
the body of Christ:*

# “I only preach the gospel...”

- Jesus of Nazareth IS the promised Messiah
- Proper government
- Taxes
- Proper sexuality
- Sexual sin
- Homosexual sin
- Marriage
- Circumcision
- Church Discipline
- Work and Work Ethic
- Integrity as business owners
- Charity
- Church organization
- Care for widows & orphans
- Handling disputes
- Pride/humility/forgiveness
- Gossip
- Cultural issues – dress, hairstyles, clean & unclean food
- Proper doctrine
- Eschatology, etc., etc.



Zech 7:8-10

**8** And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying,

**9-10** Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying,  
***Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.***



Luke 10:27

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.



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Mic 6:6-8, 11-12

**6** Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

**7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

**8** He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to **do justly**, and to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly with thy God**?

**11-12** Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights? For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.



Prov 3:27

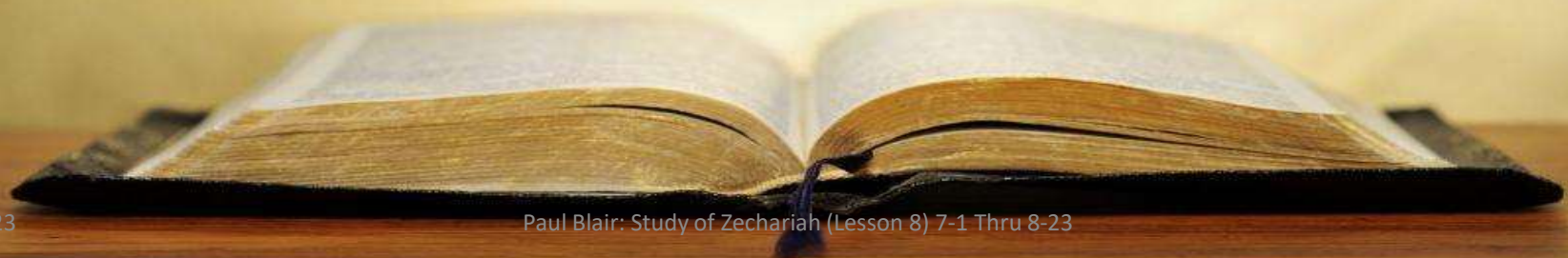
*Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when  
it is in the power of thine hand to do it.*

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James 1:27

The religious observance that God the Father  
considers pure and faultless is this: **to care for  
orphans and widows in their distress and to keep  
oneself from being contaminated by the world.**

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## Zech 7:11-14

11 But **they refused to hearken**, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 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 in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts.

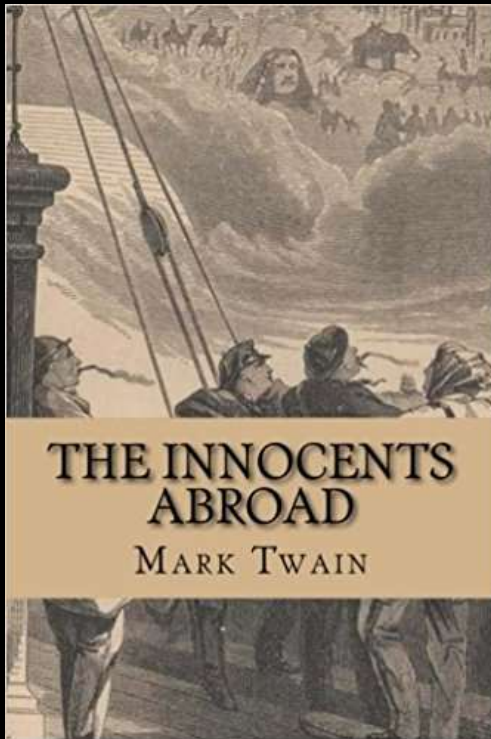
13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and **they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts:**

14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.





# This land was wasteland!



*"Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince...It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land... Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes... Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies... Palestine is desolate and unlovely. And why should it be otherwise? Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land?"*

*- Innocents Abroad, 1867*

Zech 8:1-3

Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 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 truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.





Zech 8:4-6

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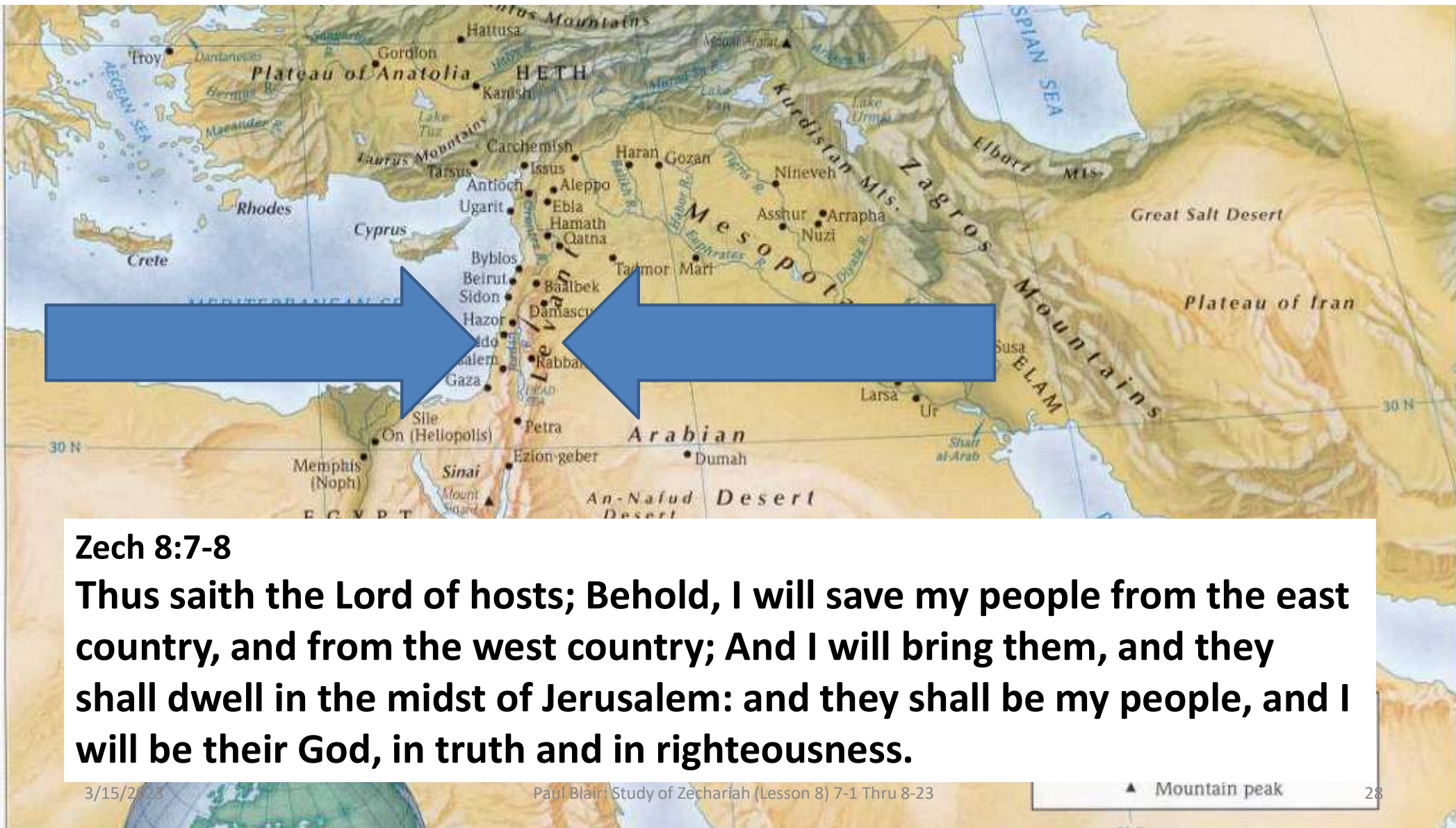
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### **Zech 8:7-8**

**Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; 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.**

Zech 8:9-12

**9 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.**

**10** For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

**11 But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the Lord of hosts.**

**12** For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.



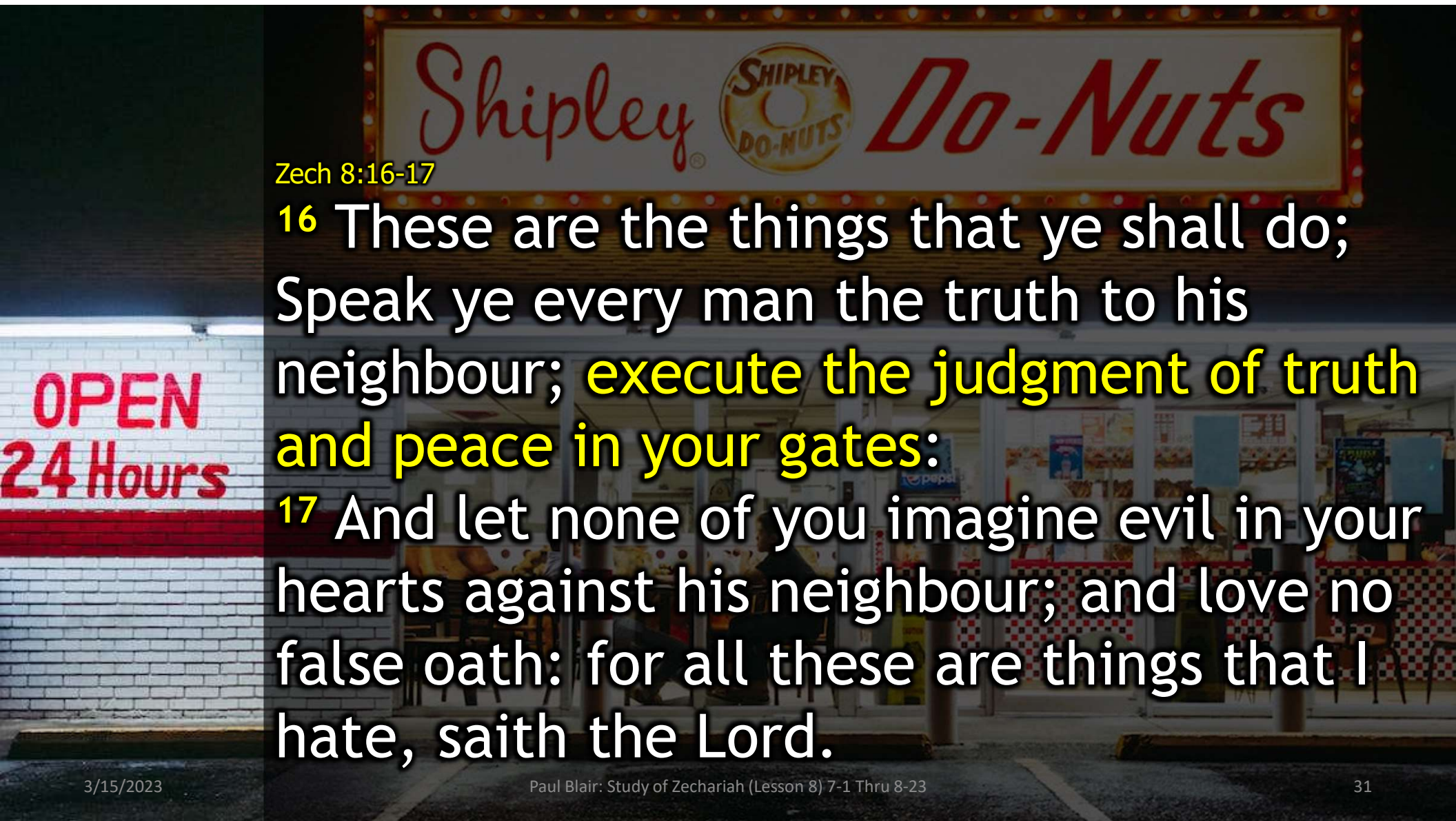
## Zech 8:13-15

**13** And it shall come to pass, that as **ye were a curse among the heathen,**  
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.**

**14** For thus saith the Lord of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your  
fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the Lord of hosts, and I repented  
not:

**15** So again **have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to**  
**the house of Judah: fear ye not.**





Zech 8:16-17

**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 are things that I  
hate, saith the Lord.





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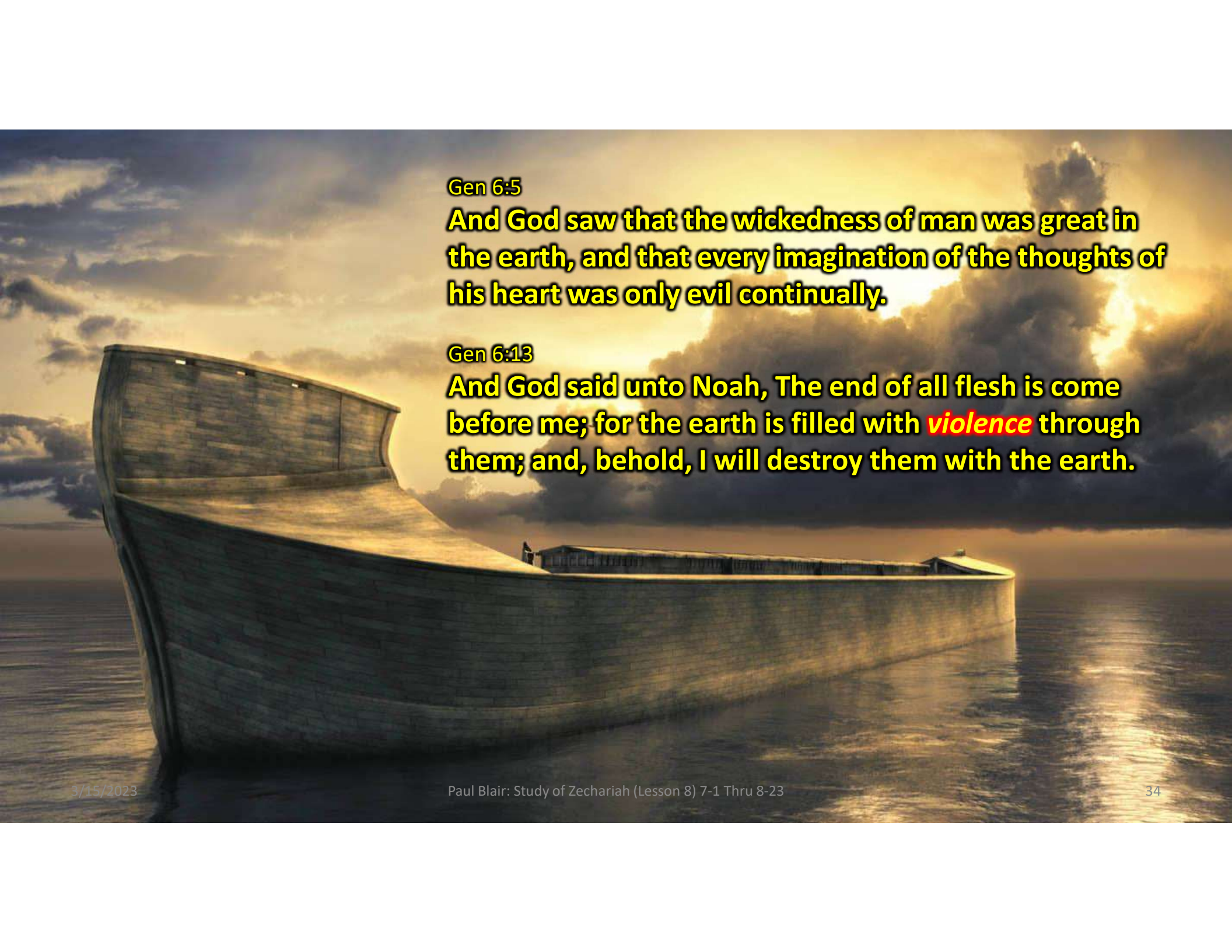




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Gen 6:5

**And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

Gen 6:13

**And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with *violence* through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.**

As a fountain casteth out her waters, so **she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil** is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds.

OT:2555 **חָמָאֵץ** **chamac** (khaw-mawce'); from OT:2554; violence; by implication, wrong; by meton. unjust gain:

**KJV** - cruel (-ty), damage, false, injustice, **x** oppressor, unrighteous, violence (against, done), violent (dealing), wrong.

**VIOLENCE – actions motivated through hatred or greed.**

Greed motivated the rich and powerful to exploit the powerless, robbing them of their rightful property. Amos condemned the wealthy leaders of Samaria for storing up "violence and robbery in their strongholds".

Various proverbs warn against following the path of those who enrich themselves by exploiting others. See also **EXTORT; OPPRESS ; POOR ; RICHES**



Zech 8:18-19

And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying, Thus saith 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 feasts;** therefore love the truth and peace.

Isa 61:1-4

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;  
**2** To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...

Luke 4:20-21

**20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

**21** And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

**20** Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

**21** And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also.

**22** Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.

**23** Thus saith 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 you: for we have heard that God is with you.