Interesting Facts About Zechariah

MEANING: “Yahweh Remembers” or Yahweh has Remembered.
AUTHOR: Zechariah
TIME WRITTEN: Possibly between 480 and 470 B.C.
POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
• 38th Book in the Bible
• 38th Book in the Old Testament
• 16th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
• 11th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
• 28 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 14
VERSES: 211
WORDS: 6,444

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ZECHARIAH:
■ No fewer that 29 Old Testament characters shared the name “Zechariah.”
■ Zechariah:
  • Was of the priestly lineage.
  • Was the son of Berechiah.
  • Was the grandson of Iddo.
  • Was born in Babylon and brought to Jerusalem by his father in the return by Zerubbabel.
  • Was called to prophesy at a young age in 520 B.C.
  • Was member of the Great Synagogue, according to Jewish tradition.
  • Was murdered “between the temple and the altar,” according to Matthew 23:35.
■ As was the case with Haggai, God commissioned Zechariah to urge the people to complete the construction of the Temple.

■ Zechariah was a younger contemporary of:
  • Haggai the prophet.
  • Zerubbabel the governor.
  • Joshua the high priest.
■ To portray God’s future plans for His people, Zechariah uses a series of:
  • 8 visions
  • 4 messages
  • 2 burdens
■ The first 8 chapters were written to encourage the people while they were rebuilding the Temple.
■ The final six chapters were written after the completion of the temple and anticipate Israel’s coming Messiah.