



JEHOVAH
—YHWH—
I AM
Self-Existent
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- Important! Study Haggai before Zechariah!
- Probably Yehoveh not Yah-weh
- 6800 times God's name appears, and 6800 times the Christian Bible replaces it with "THE LORD"
- The first 6 verses of Zechariah chapter 1 are the first prophetic oracle God gave to Zechariah

AN ANGRY GOD

- Zechariah 1:1 – 6
- 8th month (Heshvan) of the 2nd year of Darius's reign
- ***“The Word of YHWH came...”***
- Critical for the ancient reader to know WHICH god is being referred to, so the name was important
- Church decided a name didn't matter
- YHWH was angry with the Israelites of around 90 years ago



FREQUENCY OF CYCLES

- The problem with recent poor harvests, and the reason that was happening, wasn't what vs. 2 was about
- On a national level, God's blessings and punishments don't vacillate at the speed we'd like
- Our trespassing against God in Western culture has gone on for a long time
- It takes many decades or more for the cycle to complete





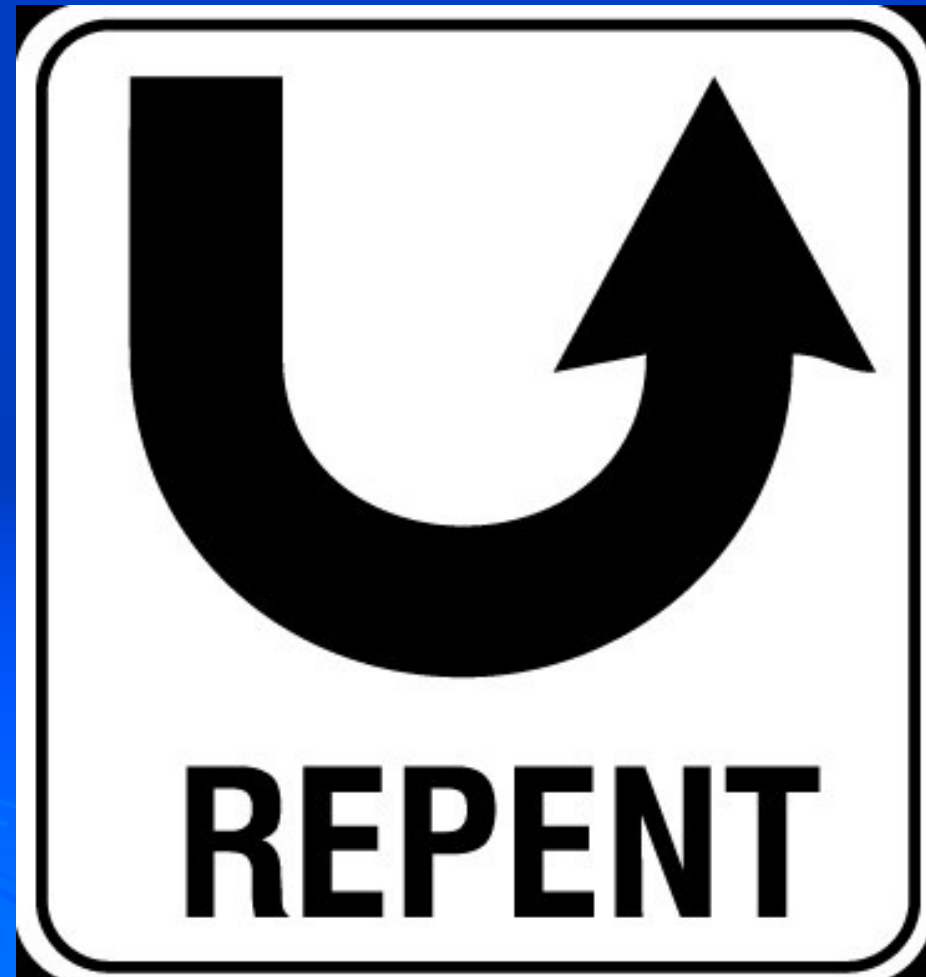
WHEN DOES IT STOP?

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SIN

- Zech 1:3 *“Return to Me....I will return to you...”*
- Returning to God means returning to His covenants
- God gives a command, then a punishment for breaking that command
- Only one standard of sin we are judged by:
The Law of Moses

FIRST RETURN, THEN FORGIVENESS

- Their disobedience was in not rebuilding the Temple and in using the Altar without a Temple
- **Shuv** = turn or re-turn
- The same word is used for repent
- ONLY when active behavior is changed can actual forgiveness occur
- Zech. 1:4 Don't embrace what your ancestors did
- Israel's ancestors ignored their Prophets



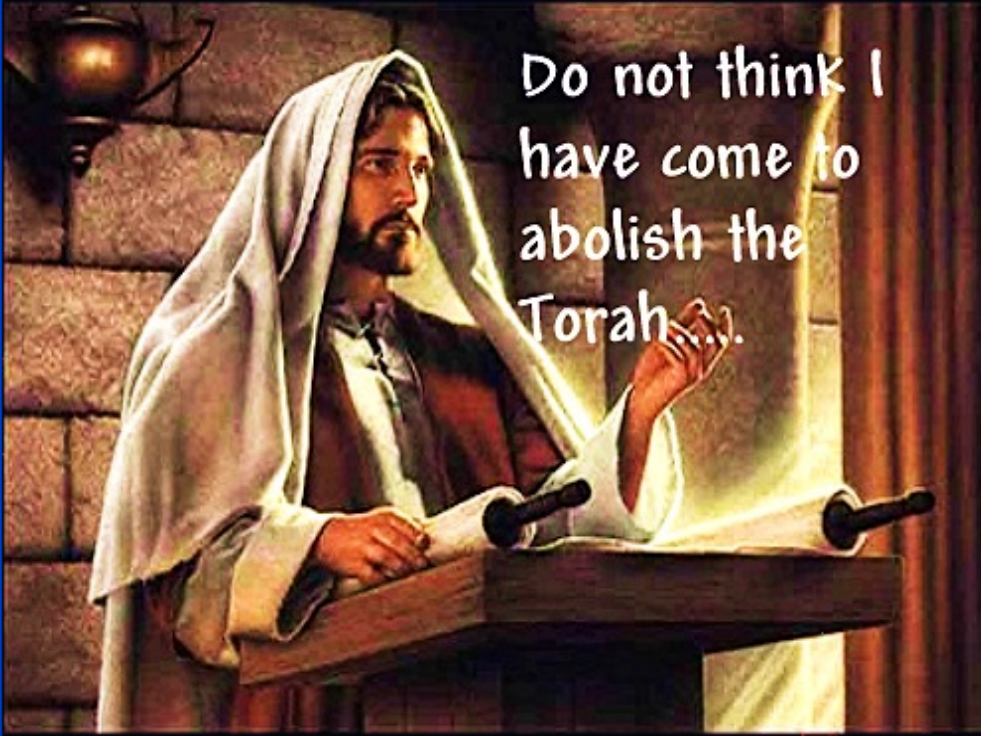


MORTAL vs. IMMORTAL

- King Hezekiah
2Chronicles 30:4 – 8
- “Don’t be like
your ancestors...”
- Both Prophets and
common Israelites died
- Zech 1:6
- Same laws will overtake
any current generations
- Through His laws, God
deals with His people

*God's Word
Endures Forever*





Do not think I
have come to
abolish the
Torah...



Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers
and the flowers fall
but the word of
our God stands
forever.....

- A Believer ought not try to resist the Words of God because those Words live forever
- His laws and commands determine the measure of a person's behavior
- Matthew 5:17 – 20
- Two principles no man can alter:
- 1) God responds to us in like kind to how we respond to Him
- 2) God's Word never changes because His message never changes

The background image is a composite. On the left, a man with a long, grey beard and hair, wearing a dark robe, is shown from the chest up. He is looking upwards and to the right with a contemplative expression, holding a small book or scroll. On the right, a large, classical-style temple with multiple columns and a pediment is visible, set against a hazy, blue-tinted sky. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and greys.

Zechariah

A VIEW OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE DESTINY

- A new oracle comes on the 24th day of the 11th month (Shevat) of Darius's 2nd year of reigning
- Zechariah's job was to explain to the Judeans the meaning for this new Temple
- It makes sense the oracle would have to be presented by visual symbols since it was the future
- ***Hinneh*** = Behold!

ZECHARIAH'S NIGHT VISION

- ***Ish*** = man
- “The Rider”
- Myrtles growing in the shade
- Shade + night = obscured, concealed
- 3 more horses
- Red, sorrel, white
- Vs. 9 A new character:
“The angel who talked with me”
- ***Adon*** = lord
- ***Malach*** = angel



A CONFUSING NUMBER OF FIGURES



- Seems to be no meaning as to the colors of the horses
- The angel who talked with Zechariah we'll call "The Interpreting Angel"
- Zech 1:10
- Standing under the myrtles, and sitting under the myrtles... are these 2 figures or just 1?
- What matters is a figure's function/role

A silhouette of a person riding a horse is shown against a bright, golden sunset. The person is holding a long staff or spear. The background is a warm, hazy landscape with some trees and a fence line visible in the distance.

“... the whole earth is quiet and at peace....”

- Yehoveh sent the 3 horses as His scouts over the entire planet
- Another figure? The “Angel of Yehoveh”
- People rode donkeys, not horses
- Horses were for the military
- Quiet and at peace is a political/military statement
- The Persian Empire under Darius was stable and no wars were happening