

### Introduction

1. “<sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;” ([Heb. 1:1-2](#))
  - a. Prophecy was given by God and spoken by holy men ([2 Pt. 1:19-21](#))
  - b. All Scripture is inspired of God ([2 Tim. 3:16](#))
2. The Old Testament prophets pointed to the Christ
  - a. In our Bible, the prophets are divided into two sections:
    - i. Major (5 books): Isaiah - Daniel
    - ii. Minor (12 books): Hosea - Malachi
  - b. The difference is based upon length and not quality of content
3. Zechariah came from a family of prophets ([Zech. 1:1](#))
  - a. He lived during the time that the faithful remnant of Judah were coming out of Babylonian captivity after seventy years (cf. [Jer. 29:10](#); [Dan. 9:2](#))
    - i. In total, three waves of Jews returned to their land in the years 536 B.C., 457 B.C., and 444 B.C. (cf. [Ezra 2](#))
  - b. He wrote around 520 B.C.
    - i. “In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah...” ([Zech. 1:1](#))
    - ii. Darius Hystaspes, the king of Persia, reigned from 522-486 B.C.
  - c. While his focus was on motivating Judah to rebuild the temple and restore worship to God, he also gave glimpses of the coming Messiah

### The BRANCH

1. Zechariah records eight visions given to him by God in the first six chapters ([Zech. 1-6](#))
2. One of those visions is of Joshua, the high priest ([Zech. 3:1-10](#))
  - a. In this vision, the angel of the LORD speaks to Joshua regarding His servant, the BRANCH ([Zech. 3:8](#))
    - i. BRANCH (*tsemach* H6780 tseh'-makh) a *sprout* (usually concr.), lit. or fig.:— branch, bud, that which (where) grew (upon), spring (-ing). (Strong 100)
    - ii. Though Judah had been cut down, there was hope coming through their nation! (cf. [Job 14:7](#); [1 Tim. 1:1](#); [2 Tim. 1:1](#); [Titus 1:1-2](#))
3. In a different vision, Zechariah records another prophecy regarding the BRANCH ([Zech. 6:12-13](#))
  - a. This is a prophecy about Jesus who would spring forth from Judah through Jesse and David's seed line ([Isa. 11](#); [Jer. 23:5-6](#))
  - b. The BRANCH was going to be a man ([Gal. 4:4](#); [Jn. 1:1-3](#), [14](#))
    - i. Some deny Christ came in the flesh ([1 Jn. 4:3](#); [2 Jn. 7](#))
  - c. The BRANCH would build the temple of the LORD ([Zech. 6:12-13](#))
    - i. A great prophecy of the church, the temple of God ([2 Cor. 6:16-18](#); [Eph. 2:19-22](#); cf. [1 Pet. 2:5](#))

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- ii. God's eyes would be upon this precious stone ([Zech. 3:9-10](#); cf. [Mic. 4:1-4](#))
- d. The BRANCH would be King and Priest at the same time and peace will be between these offices ([Zech. 6:13](#))
  - i. Christ is the great High Priest ([Heb. 3:1, 4:14](#))
  - ii. Christ is the KING OF KINGS ([Rev. 19:13-16](#))
  - iii. Christ is the Prince of Peace ([Isa. 9:6-7](#))

### Various Prophecies of the Christ

1. Zechariah is replete with various prophecies which were fulfilled in Christ
  - a. Triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem ([Zech. 9:9](#); [Mt. 21:1-11](#))
    - i. We need to be meek ([Gal. 5:22-23](#))
  - b. Betrayal price of Jesus and what the money would be used for ([Zech. 11:12-13](#); [Mt. 26:14-16](#), [27:3-10](#))
    - i. 30 shekels of silver was the price of a servant ([Ex. 21:32](#); cf. [Mk. 10:45](#))
    - ii. 30 shekels of silver = \$172.50 today
    - iii. This money was used to purchase the potter's field full of broken, misshapen, and marred vessels ([Mt. 27:10](#))
    - iv. We are remade new in Christ ([2 Cor. 5:17](#))
  - c. Piercing of Jesus ([Zech. 12:10](#); [Jn. 19:34, 37](#); [Rev. 1:7](#))
    - i. Two precious elements flowed from Jesus: blood and water (cf. [1 Jn. 5:8](#))
  - d. Striking of the Shepherd ([Zech. 13:7](#); [Mt. 26:31, 56](#))
    - i. Let us not forsake God! ([Heb. 13:5-6](#))

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1. One of Zechariah's most powerful prophecies comes to us in [Zech. 13:1](#)
2. The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses sin (cf. [1 Jn. 1:7](#))
  - a. Where is this blood and where can I contact it?
    - i. Remember what flowed from Jesus' side when the soldier pierced him? Water and blood
    - ii. The blood is in the water
  - b. "And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," ([Rev. 1:5](#))
  - c. "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." ([Acts 22:16](#))
  - d. "...were saved by water."<sup>21</sup> The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us..." ([1 Pt. 3:20-21](#))
  - e. One must be born again to enter into the kingdom of God ([Jn. 3:1-5](#); cf. [Eph. 5:25-27](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#); [Titus 3:5](#))