

Zechariah 1:18-21; 2:1-13

The Eight Visions of Zechariah 1-6

Zechariah 1-6 – Zechariah’s Eight Visions on February 15, 519 BC

1. **Man among the myrtle trees** – God is watching and controlling history
 2. **Four horns and four horn cutters** – God will remove the oppressive nations
 3. **Measuring line** – Jerusalem will have a population explosion
 4. **Garments for the High Priest** – God is reinstalling the priesthood of Aaron
 5. **Golden lamp stand and two olive trees** – Joshua and Zerubbabel are anointed and are providing the oil for Israel’s lamp
 6. **Flying scroll** – There is a curse hanging over the land. Violators of the covenant will be removed from history
 7. **Woman in a basket** – the system of evil will be returned to the pagan land of Babylonia but it will not be part of Israel’s new nation.
 8. **Four chariots** – God ultimate victory over the oppressive nations is won and judgment is brought to those nations
- 1-3 focus on Judah’s return from captivity
 - 4-5 focus on the anointed of the Lord
 - 6-8 focus on the seat of wickedness and the removal of that wickedness

The phrase of “all the earth” (*kol-ha’ares*) is used often to present YHWH as active and in control in a universal sense

Potentially a pattern in the eight visions concerning scope of message following: A-B-C-D-D-C-B-A

- Visions 1 and 8 – universal perspective and the omniscience of the Lord
- Visions 2 and 7 – international matters and Judah’s relationship with the nations
- Visions 3 and 6 – national issues of Judah, particularly in Jerusalem
- Visions 4 and 5 – the temple and its leadership

The Four Horns and the Four Horn Cutters

1:18 – “And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns!

7161 [e]	702 [e]	2009 [e]	7200 [e]	5869 [e]	853 [e]	5375 [e]
qə·rā·nō·wʔ.	'ar·ba'	wə·hin·nêh	wā·'ê·re;	'ê·nay	'et-	wā·'es·šā
· קַרְנֹתַי:	אַרְבַּע	וְהִנֵּה	וַאֲרָא	עֵינַי	אֶת־	וַאֲשַׁר 18
horns	four	and there [were]	and looked	my eyes	-	And I raised
N-fp	Number-fsc	Conj-w Interjection	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclimperf-1cs	N-cdc 1cs	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclimperf-1cs

1. Horns in the Bible are symbolic for strength. In this case the strength of a nation or an empire.
 - a. In the ancient Middle East the horn represented strength and authority
 - b. The bull was a symbol of power, but the bull’s horn represented all the power of the bull.
 - c. Psalm 18:2 -
 “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

d. Psalm 75:10 -

“All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.”

2. Horns of an animal are trophies from the hunt of having conquered strength
3. Even though only the horns are mentioned it is acceptable to consider that these horns in the vision were seen on some kind of animal or beast.
 - a. The horns feel terror when they see the horn cutters coming.

1:19 – “**And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these?” And he said to me, “These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”**”

413 [e]	559 [e]	428 [e]	4100 [e]	1696 [e]	4397 [e]	413 [e]	559 [e]	
'ê-lay,	way-yō-mer	'êl-leh;	māh-	bî	had-dō-b'êr	ham-mal-'āk	'el-	wā-'ō-mar,
אֵלַי	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֵלֶי	מָה	בִּי	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמַּלְאָךְ	אֵלַי	וַאֲמַר 19
me	so he answered	these	what [are]	with me	who talked	the angel	to	And I said
Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3ms	Pro-cp	Interrog	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcp1-ms	Art N-ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs

s	3389 [e]	3478 [e]	853 [e]	3063 [e]	853 [e]	2219 [e]	834 [e]	7161 [e]	428 [e]
	wf-rū-šā-lām	yiś-rā-'êl	'et-	ye-hū-dāh,	'et-	zê-rū	'ā-šer	haq-qe-rā-nō-wt	'êl-leh
ס .	וִירוּשָׁלַם :	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶת-	יְהוּדָה	אֶת-	זֵרוּ	אֲשֶׁר	הַקַּרְנוֹת	אֵלֶּה
-	and Jerusalem	Israel	-	Judah	-	have scattered	that	the horns	these [are]
Punc	Conj-w N-proper-fs	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Piel-Perf-3cp	Pro-r	Art N-fp	Pro-cp

1. Notice these four horns (or, empires/nations) scattered (*zeru*) not just Jerusalem, but:
 - a. Judah (Babylon 586 BC, Rome 70 AD)
 - b. Israel (Assyria 721 BC)
 - c. Jerusalem (Babylon 586 BC, Rome 70 AD)
2. These four horns are the empires that scattered Jerusalem, Israel and Judah:
 - a. Could they be: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and Persia
 - i. The horn cutters could then be: Assyria, Babylon, Persia and Greece
 - b. Could they be: Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome
 - i. The horn cutters could then be: Persia, Greece, Rome and the Kingdom of God
 - c. The text does not say or explain exactly who the horns are
 - d. The horns may be considered general oppression and those who scatter. Just like the four winds or the four spirits may mean “from every direction” or “all of them”, the four horns may be a general reference to an all-inclusive group.
3. It does seem more specific in 1:21 that these horns are nations (likely nations that developed into empires). These nations (or, horns):
 - a. Scattered Judah
 - b. Oppressed Judah
 - c. Lifted their national (empire) power against Judah
 - d. Then, who cut these horns (nations, empires) down? The next sequential nation/empire/horn that rose in history.
 - e. This seems like the most logical way to read this. But, who are the four nations?
 - i. Are they past?
 - ii. Do they include Persia?
 - iii. Are they prophetic?
 - iv. Do they include the eschatological empire?

v. Is one of the craftsmen (the final one) the Lord himself?

1:20 – “Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.

2796 [e]	702 [e]	3068 [e]	7200 [e]
ḥā·rā·šīm.	'ar·bā·'āh	Yah·weh,	way·yar·'ê·nî
חַרְשִׁים:	אַרְבַּעַה	יְהוָה	וַיַּרְאֵנִי 20
craftsmen	four	Yahweh	And showed me
N-mp	Number-ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConsecImperf-3ms 1cs

1. “Craftsmen” – *harasim* – “engraver” or “artificier” –
 - a. translated as “artisan, blacksmith, carpenter, craftsmen, engraver, mason”.
 - b. These are laborers in metal work, wood work or stone work
 - c. From the word *charash* which means a fabricator or any material
 - d. These craftsmen carried hammers or saws to crush or remove the horns from the beasts.
2. Craftsmen usually build, but these craftsmen will destroy.

1:21 – “And I said, “What are these coming to do?” He said, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one raised his head. And these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter it.”

834 [e]	7161 [e]	428 [e]	559 [e]	559 [e]	6213 [e]	935 [e]	428 [e]	4100 [e]	559 [e]
'ā·šer-	haq·qə·rā·nō·wî	'ēl·leh	lê·mōr,	way·yō mer	la·'ā·šō·wî	bā·'im	'ēl·leh	māh	wā·'ō·mar
אֲשֶׁר	הַקְרַנֹּת	אֵלֶּה	לְאֹמְרִים	וַיֹּאמֶר	לַעֲשׂוֹת	בָּאִים	אֵלֶּה	מָה	וַאֲמַר 21
that	the horns	these [are]	saying	so he said	to do	coming	these	what [are]	And I said
Pro-r	Art N-fp	Pro-cp	Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	V-Qal-Prtpl-mp	Pro-cp	Interrog	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-1cs

2729 [e]	428 [e]	935 [e]	7218 [e]	5375 [e]	3808 [e]	376 [e]	6310 [e]	3063 [e]	853 [e]	2219 [e]
lə·ha·hā·rîd	'ēl·leh	way·yā·'ō·'û	rō·šōw,	nā·šā	lō-	'îš	kə·pî-	ye·hū·dāh,	'et-	zē·rū
לְהַחְרִיד	אֵלֶּה	וַיָּבֹאוּ	רֹאשׁוֹ	נָשָׂא	לֹא	אִישׁ	כְּפִי	יְהוּדָה	-	צֶרְרוּ
to terrify	these [craftsmen]	but are coming	his head	could lift up	no	one	so that	Judah	-	scattered
Prep-l V-Hifil-Inf	Pro-cp	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3mp	N-msc 3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	N-ms	Prep-k N-msc	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Piel-Perf-3cp

2219 [e]	3063 [e]	776 [e]	413 [e]	7161 [e]	5375 [e]	1471 [e]	7161 [e]	853 [e]	3034 [e]	853 [e]
s	lə·zā·rō·w·tāh.	ye·hū·dāh	'e·reš	'el-	qe·ren	han·nō·šə·'im	hag·gō·w·yim,	qar·nō·wî	'et-	le·yad·dō·wî
ס	לְצַרְתָּהּ:	יְהוּדָה	אֶרֶץ	אֶל-	קַרְנוֹ	הַנִּשְׂאִים	הַגּוֹיִם	קַרְנֹת	אֶת-	לְיָדוֹת
-	to scatter it	of Judah	the land	against	[their] horn	that lifted up	of the nations	the horns	-	to cast out
Punc	Prep-l V-Piel-Inf 3fs	N-proper-ms	N-fsc	Prep	N-fs	Art V-Qal-Prtpl-mp	Art N-mp	N-fpc	DirObjM	Prep-l V-Piel-Inf

Measuring line

2:1 – “And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand!

4060 [e]	2256 [e]	3027 [e]	376 [e]	2009 [e]	7200 [e]	5869 [e]	5375 [e]	
mid·dah.	ḥe·bel	ū·be·yā·dōw	'iš;	we·hin·nêh-	wā·'ê·re	'ê·nay	wā·'es·sā	
·	מִדָּה:	תְּבֵל	וּבְיַדוֹ	אִישׁ	וַהֲגִיד	וַאֲרָא	עֵינַי	וַאֲשָׂא 1
measuring	with a line	and in his hand	a man	and behold	and looked	my eyes	And I raised	
N-fs	N-msc	Conj-w, Prep-b N-fsc 3ms	N-ms	Conj-w Interjection	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs	N-cdc 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs	

1. Divine protection and miraculous restoration is the theme
 2. This third vision parallels with the sixth vision:
 - a. Measurements
 - b. Righteousness and the Law of God
 3. “Man” with the measuring line is from the word *adam* meaning “man”. This is another angel or represents those laying out the city
 4. “The angel” speaking to Zechariah is *malak* meaning “messenger, angel”
 5. Jeremiah prophesied the rebuilding in 32:1-15 as did Ezekiel in 40:3
 6. These verses with measuring lines (Zechariah 2:1; Ezekiel 40:3) set the standard for Revelation 11:1 when John is given a reed like a measuring rod and told to measure the temple and altar.
 7. The focus is to be on building the Temple (as said in Haggai) and not to worry about building the walls. God will take care of protecting the expanding city
 8. There was concern for opposition at the time of building the temple according to Ezra 4:1-5
- 2:2 – “Then I said, “Where are you going?” And he said to me, “To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length.”

853 [e]	4058 [e]	413 [e]	559 [e]	1980 [e]	859 [e]	575 [e]	559 [e]
'et-	lā·mōd	'ê·lay,	way·yō·mer	hō·lêk;	'at·tāh	'ā·nāh	wā·'ō·mar
את-	לְמַד	אֵלַי	וַיֹּאמֶר	הֲלֹךְ ?	אתָ	אֵינָה	וַאֲמַר 2
-	to measure	to me	and he said	going	you	where [are]	So I said
DirObjM	Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3ms	V-Qal-Prtclp-ms	Pro-2ms	Interrog	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs

753 [e]	4100 [e]	7341 [e]	4100 [e]	7200 [e]	3389 [e]	
'ā·re·kāh.	we·kam·māh	rā·ḥe·bāh	kam·māh-	lir·'ō·wt	ye·rū·šā·lim,	
·	אָרְכָה:	וּכְמָה	רְחֹבָה	כְּמָה	לְרֹאוֹת	יְרוּשָׁלַיִם
its length	and what [is]	its width	what [is]	to see	Jerusalem	
N-msc 3fs	Conj-w, Prep-k Interrog	N-msc 3fs	Prep-k Interrog	Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	N-proper-fs	

2:3 – “And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him

3318 [e]	312 [e]	4397 [e]	3318 [e]		1696 [e]	4397 [e]	2009 [e]
yō-ṣê	'a-ḥêr,	ū-mal-'āk	yō-ṣê;	bî	had-dō-bêr	ham-mal-'āk	we-hin-nêh,
יָצָא	אֲחֵר	וּמְלָאָךְ	יָצָא	בִּי	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמְּלָאָךְ	וְהִנֵּה 3
was coming out	another	and angel	going out	with me	who talked	the angel	And there [was]
V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Adj-ms	Conj-w N-ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	Conj-w Interjection

7125 [e]
liq-rā-tōw.
לְקָרְאֵתוֹ
to meet him
Prep-I | V-Qal-Inf | 3ms

1. The angel interpret what was seen in 1:1-2 – the people are not to worry. The city will grow and the Lord will protect it.
2. When was this growth to happen? The answer has to refer to the days of Zechariah and the exiles. Options are:
 - a. Before Nehemiah returns to build the walls
 - b. When Nehemiah returns to build the walls and has a lottery to select people to move into the city – Nehemiah 11:1-2
 - c. New Testament Jerusalem
 - d. Figuratively the church
 - e. The millennial kingdom
3. Other prophets:
 - a. Isaiah 49:19 – “Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land—surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away.
 - b. Jeremiah 31:27 – “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast.
 - c. Ezekiel 36:11 – “And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

2:4 – **“and said to him, “Run, say to that young man, ‘Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it.**

559 [e]	1975 [e]	5288 [e]	413 [e]	1696 [e]	7323 [e]	413 [e]	559 [e]
lê·môr;	hal·lāz	han·na·'ar	'el-	dab·bêr	ruṣ,	'ê·lāw,	way·yō·mer
וַ	הַ	הַ	אֶל-	דַּבֵּר	רָץ	אֵלָיו	וַיֹּאמֶר 4
saying	this	young man	to	speak	Run	to him	And who said
Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	Pro-ms	Art N-ms	Prep	V-Piel-Imp-ms	V-Qal-Imp-ms	Prep 3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

8432 [e]	929 [e]	120 [e]	7230 [e]	3389 [e]	3427 [e]	6519 [e]
bə·tō·w·kāh.	ū·bə·hē·māh	'ā·dām	mê·rōb	yə·rū·šā·lim,	tê·šêb	pə·rā·zō·wṭ
בְּתוֹכָהּ:	וּבְהֵמָה	אָדָם	מְרֹב	יְרוּשָׁלַם	תֵּשֵׁב	פְּרָזוֹת
in it	and livestock	of men	because of the multitude	Jerusalem	shall be inhabited	[as] unwallèd towns
Prep-b N-msc 3fs	Conj-w N-fs	N-ms	Prep-m N-msc	N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	N-fp

2:5 – “And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the LORD, and I will be the glory in her midst.”

3519 [e]	5439 [e]	784 [e]	2346 [e]	3069 [e]	5002 [e]	1961 [e]	589 [e]	
ū·lə·kā·bō·wḏ	sā·bīb;	'êš	hō·w·mat	Yah·weh,	nə·'um-	lāh	'eh·yeh-	wa·'ā·nī
וּלְכָבוֹד	סְבִיב	אֵשׁ	חֹמַת	יְהוָה	נֹאֵם-	לָהּ	אֶהְיֶה-	וָאֲנִי 5
and the glory	all around	of fire	a wall	Yahweh	says	her	will be	for I
Conj-w, Prep-l N-ms	Adv	N-cs	N-fsc	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Prep 3fs	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Conj-w Pro-1cs

	8432 [e]	1961 [e]
	בְּתוֹכָהּ:	אֶהְיֶה
	-	in her midst
Punc	Prep-b N-msc 3fs	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs

1. Wall of fire is protection
2. Glory is the Lord’s presence

2:6 – “Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north, declares the LORD. For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, declares the LORD.

3588 [e]	3068 [e]	5002 [e]	6828 [e]	776 [e]	5127 [e]	1945 [e]	1945 [e]
kî	Yah·weh;	nə·'um-	šā·pō·wn	mê·'e·reš	wə·nu·sū	hō·w,	hō·w
כִּי	יְהוָה	נֹאֵם	צָפוֹן	מֵאֶרֶץ	וַנִּסּוּ	הוּי	הוּי 6
for	Yahweh	says	of the north	from the land	and Flee	up	Up
Conj	N-proper-ms	N-msc	N-fs	Prep-m N-fsc	Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-mp	Interjection	Interjection

3068 [e]	5002 [e]	853 [e]	6566 [e]	8064 [e]	7307 [e]	702 [e]
Yah·weh.	nə·'um-	'et·kem	pê·ras·tî	haš·šā·ma·yim	rū·ḥō·wṭ	kə·'ar·ba'
יְהוָה:	נֹאֵם	אֲתֶכֶם	פָּרַשְׁתִּי	הַשָּׁמַיִם	רוּחֹת	כְּאַרְבַּע
Yahweh	says	you	I have spread abroad	of the heaven	winds	like four
N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM 2mp	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	Art N-mp	N-cpc	Prep-k Number-fsc

1. Verse 6- begin a new oracle or message in this vision –
 - a. God’s people should be confident and build. Start working!
 - b. Those still in Babylon need to get with the program and return!
2. The first words in the Hebrew translated, “Up! Up!” or “Come” is hoy which means “ho” or “woe”.
 - a. This shows strong emotion
 - b. Usually introduces a warngin
 - c. It is addressing the exiles still in Babylon
3. Israel had gone into the land of the North, or Babylon, but also:
 - a. Moab (Jer. 40:11)
 - b. Ammon
 - c. Edom
 - d. Egypt (Jer. 43:4-7)

2:7 – “Up! Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.

	894 [e]	1323 [e]	3427 [e]	4422 [e]	6726 [e]	1945 [e]
s	bā·bel.	bat-	yō·wō·še·bet	him·mā·lə·tî;	šî·yō·wn	hō·w
ס .	בְּבֵל:	בַּת	יוֹשֶׁבֶת	הַמְּלָטִי	צִיּוֹן	הוּי 7
-	of Babylon	the daughter	you who dwell with	Escape	Zion	Up
Punc	N-proper-fs	N-fsc	V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	V-Nifal-Imp-fs	N-proper-fs	Interjection

2:8 – “For thus said the LORD of hosts, after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye:

1471 [e]	413 [e]	7971 [e]	3519 [e]	310 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	559 [e]	3541 [e]	3588 [e]	
hag-gō-w-yim	'el-	šə-lā-ḥa-nî	kā-bō-wd,	'a-ḥar	šə-bā'ō-wt	Yah-weh	'ā-mar	kōh	kî	
הַגּוֹיִם	אֶל-	שָׁלַחְנִי	כְּבוֹד	אַחַר	—	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	אָמַר	כֹּה	כִּי 8
the nations	to	He sent He	glory	after		of hosts	Yahweh	says	thus	For
Art N-mp	Prep	V-Qal-Perf-3ms 1cs	N-ms	Prep		N-cp	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv	Conj

5869 [e]	892 [e]	5060 [e]	5060 [e]	3588 [e]	853 [e]	7997 [e]		
'ê-nōw.	bə-bā-baṭ	nō-ḡê-a'	bā-ḵem,	han-nō-ḡê-a'	kî	'et-ḵem;		
·	עֵינָיו:	בְּבִטָּת	נֹגַעַ	בְּכֶם	הַנֹּגַעַ	כִּי	אֶתְכֶם	הַשְּׁלָלִים
	of His eye	the apple	touches	you	he who touches	for	you	which plunder
N-csc 3ms	Prep-b N-fsc	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Prep 2mp	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Conj	DirObjM 2mp	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-mp	

1. Question on “after glory” or ‘*ahar kabod*’
 - a. NIV wrongly adds “me” as in “after the Glorious One has sent me against he nations...”
 - b. Some say it refers to the Messiah coming “after the Messiah”
 - c. Or, “Afterwards honor will send me”
 - d. Zechariah’s mission would bring honro and glory to Israel as in “He has sent me for His glory”
 - e. Best interpretation is “after the glory (meaning this vision) the Lord sent Zechariah”

2. Apple of Eye is second part and refers to Judah

2:9 – “Behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall become plunder for those who served them. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me.

7998 [e]	1961 [e]	5921 [e]	3027 [e]	853 [e]	5130 [e]	2005 [e]	3588 [e]
šā-lāl	wə-hā-yū	'ā-lê-hem,	yā-dî	'et-	mê-nîp	hin-nî	kî
שָׁלַל	וְהָיוּ	עֲלֵיהֶם	יְדִי	אֶת-	מִנִּיף	הַנִּנִּי	כִּי 9
spoil	and they shall become	against them	My hand	-	I will shake	surely	For
N-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Prep 3mp	N-fsc 1cs	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Prtcpl-ms	Interjection 1cs	Conj

s	7971 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	3588 [e]	3045 [e]	5650 [e]
	šə-lā-ḥa-nî.	šə-bā'ō-wt	Yah-weh	kî-	wî-da'tem	lə'ab-dê-hem;
ס .	שָׁלַחְנִי:	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	כִּי-	וַיִּדְעַתֶּם	לְעַבְדֵיהֶם
-	has sent Me	of hosts	Yahweh	that	then you will know	for their servants
Punc	V-Qal-Perf-3ms 1cs	N-cp	N-proper-ms	Conj	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-2mp	Prep-l N-mpc 3mp

1. This describes how the Lord will guard the apple of his eye

2:10 – “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD.

3068 [e]	5002 [e]	8432 [e]	7931 [e]	935 [e]	2005 [e]	3588 [e]	6726 [e]	1323 [e]	8055 [e]	7442 [e]		
Yah-weh.	ne'um-	bə-tō-w-ḵék	wə-šā-ḵan-tî	bā	hin-nî-	kî	šî-yō-wn;	baṭ-	wə-šim-ḥî	rān-nî		
·	יְהוָה:	נְאֻם-	בְּתוֹכָךְ	וְשָׁכַנְתִּי	בָּא	הַנִּנִּי	כִּי	—	צִיּוֹן	בַּת	וְשִׂמְחִי	רְנִי 10
Yahweh	says	in your midst	and I will dwell	I am coming	behold	for	of Zion	daughter	and rejoice	Sing		
N-proper-ms	N-msc	Prep-b N-msc 2fs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Interjection 1cs	Conj	N-proper-fs	N-fsc	Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-fs	V-Qal-Imp-fs		

1. The Lord is returning to dwell with Israel

2:11 – “And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

5971 [e]		1961 [e]	1931 [e]	3117 [e]	3068 [e]	413 [e]	7227 [e]	1471 [e]	3867 [e]	
le·'ām;	lī	wə·hā·yū	ha·hū,	bay·yō·wm	Yah·weh	'el-	rab·bīm	gō·w·yim	wə·nil·wū	
·	לְעַם	לִי	וְהָיוּ	הַהוּא	בַּיּוֹם	יְהוָה	אֶל־	רַבִּים	גּוֹיִם	וְנִלְווּ 11
	people	My	and they shall become	that	in day	Yahweh	to	Many	nations	And shall be joined
Prep-l N-ms	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp	Art Pro-3ms	Prep-b, Art N-ms	N-proper-ms	Prep	Adj-mp	N-mp	Conj-w V-Nifal-ConjPerf-3cp	

413 [e]	7971 [e]	6635 [e]	3068 [e]	3588 [e]	3045 [e]	8432 [e]	7931 [e]	
'ō·lā·yik.	šə·lā·ḥa·nī	šə·bā·'ō·wī	Yah·weh	kī-	wə·yā·da·'at	bə·tō·w·kék,	wə·šā·kan·tī	
·	אֵלַיְכֶם:	שְׁלַחְנִי	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	כִּי־	וַיְדַעְתָּ	בְּתוֹכְךָ	וַשְׁכַּנְתִּי
	to you	has sent Me	of hosts	Yahweh	that	and you will know	in your midst	And I will dwell
Prep 2fs	V-Qal-Perf-3ms 1cs	N-cp	N-proper-ms	Conj	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-2fs	Prep-b N-msc 2fs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs	

1. This is an angelic speaker talking here to explain, but likely a second speaker responds with, “You shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.”
2. The result will be eschatological fulfillment of God’s purpose in the Abrahamic covenant of bringing in the Gentile Nations
3. This verse is eschatological

2:12 – “And the LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem.”

977 [e]	6944 [e]	127 [e]	5921 [e]	2506 [e]	3063 [e]	853 [e]	3068 [e]	5157 [e]	
ū·bā·ḥar	haq·qō·deš;	'aḏ·maṭ	'al	ḥel·qōw,	yə·hū·dāh	'et-	Yah·weh	wə·nā·ḥal	
·	וַיִּבְחַר	הַקֹּדֶשׁ	אֲדָמַת	עַל	חֵלְקוֹ	יְהוּדָה	אֶת־	יְהוָה	וְנָחַל 12
	and will choose	the Holy	Land	in	as His inheritance	Judah	-	of Yahweh	And will take possession
Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	Art N-ms	N-fsc	Prep	N-msc 3ms	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	

3389 [e]	5750 [e]	
bī·rū·šā·lim.	'ō·wḏ	
·	בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם:	עוֹד
	Jerusalem	again
Prep-b N-proper-fs	Adv	

1. This verse guarantees Judah’s special place in God’s plan even after the nations are brought into the kingdom

2:13 – “Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

6944 [e]	4583 [e]	5782 [e]	3588 [e]	3068 [e]	6440 [e]	1320 [e]	3605 [e]	2013 [e]	
s	qā·ḏə·šōw.	mim·mə·'ō·wn	nē·'ō·wr	kī	Yah·weh;	mip·pə·né	bā·sār	kāl-	has
·	קֹדְשׁוֹ:	מִמְעוֹן	נִעֹר	כִּי	יְהוָה	מִפְנֵי	בְּשָׂר	כָּל־	הָאָדָם 13
	His holy	from habitation	He is aroused	for	Yahweh	before	flesh	all	Be silent
Punc	N-msc 3ms	Prep-m N-msc	V-Nifal-Perf-3ms	Conj	N-proper-ms	Prep-m N-cpc	N-ms	N-msc	Interjection

1. When the Lord is too awesome to respond to there is silence.
2. The Lord is moving on the earth so stand in silence and awe.