

Zechariah 8:1-23 **Yahweh's desire for Righteousness like the Kingdom Age**

Jerusalem, Holy City of the Future

1 Again the word of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts) came, saying,

2 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.'

3 "Thus says Yahweh (the Lord):

'I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, The Mountain of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), The Holy Mountain.'

4 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age.

5 The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.'

6 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

7 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east And from the land of the west;

8 I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their Elohiym (God), In truth and righteousness.'

9 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'Let your hands be strong, You who have been hearing in these days These words by the mouth of the prophets, Who spoke in the day the foundation was laid For the house of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), That the temple might be built.

10 For before these days There were no wages for man nor any hire for beast; There was no peace from the enemy for whoever went out or came in; For I set all men, everyone, against his neighbor.

11 But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

12 'For the seed shall be prosperous, The vine shall give its fruit, The ground shall give her increase, And the heavens shall give their dew — I will cause the remnant of this people To possess all these.

13 And it shall come to pass That just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be strong.'

14 "For thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'Just as I determined to punish you When your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), 'And I would not relent,

15 So again in these days I am determined to do good To Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.

16 These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in

your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' Says Yahweh (the Lord)."

18 Then the word of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts) came to me, saying,

19 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'The fast of the fourth month, The fast of the fifth, The fast of the seventh, And the fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts For the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.'

20 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):

'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities;

21 The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before Yahweh (the Lord), And seek Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts). I myself will go also."

22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts) in Jerusalem, And to pray before Yahweh (the Lord).'

23 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts): 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohiym (God) is with you.'"

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ The greatest zealous desire of Yahweh is the Kingdom Age when He will personally dwell in Jerusalem and reign over the earth from Zion. [[Zechariah 8:1-2](#)]
- ✧ At that time pure righteousness will rule in truth and the city will be famous and known as the city of Truth, the Mountain of Yahweh, the Holy Mountain. [[Zechariah 8:3](#)]
- ✧ Perfect Righteousness will bring perfect Peace and Security. With the Life expectancy greater than a thousand years, it is expected that people of great age will reside there and children will safely play in the streets. [[Zechariah 8:4-5](#)]
- ✧ Looking at the Temple being built in the days of Zerubbabel and considering the Temple that will stand in the Kingdom Age, Yahweh acknowledged that the present Temple is marvelous in the eyes of the returning remnant of the people, but asked, "Will it be marvelous in My eyes? [[Zechariah 8:6](#)]
- ✧ For the Kingdom Age Yahweh will bring His people back to the land of Israel from all the places around the earth where they had been scattered.
Then they will truly be Yahweh's people and He will be their God. [[Zechariah 8:7-8](#)] This has been Yahweh's desire from the very first. [[Exodus 6:7](#), [Leviticus 26:12](#), [Jeremiah 7:23](#), [11:4](#), [24:7](#), [30:22](#), [31:1](#), [31:33](#), [32:38](#), [Ezekiel 11:20](#), [14:11](#), [36:28](#), [37:23](#), [37:27](#), [2 Corinthians 6:16](#), [Hebrews 8:10](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh returned to the present building of the Temple in the days of Zerubbabel and encouraged them to be strong and finish the work promising to prosper them and bless the fruit of their labors abundantly. [[Zechariah 8:9-15](#)]
- ✧ These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;
Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' Says Yahweh (the Lord)." [[Zechariah 8:16-17](#)]

- ✧ Still to continue to enjoy the blessings of Yahweh the people are required to be righteous in their dealings with others and obedience to the heart of His commandments.
- ✧ Then the word of Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts) came to me, saying,
 - "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):
 - 'The fast of the fourth month, The fast of the fifth, The fast of the seventh, And the fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts For the house of Judah. Therefore love truth and peace.' [\[Zechariah 8:18-19\]](#)
 - ✧ In answer to their question of fasting, Yahweh clearly desires them to display righteousness so the fasting will be feasting, joy and gladness, cheerful feasts. So choose love, truth, and peace, the choice is yours.
- ✧ "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts):
 - 'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities;
 - The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before Yahweh (the Lord), And seek Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts). I myself will go also."
 - Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts) in Jerusalem, And to pray before Yahweh (the Lord).' [\[Zechariah 8:20-22\]](#)
 - ✧ People of the Kingdom Age will fully turn to Yahweh from around the world, seeking Him and praying before Him.
- ✧ "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts): 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohiym (God) is with you.'" [\[Zechariah 8:23\]](#)
 - ✧ During the Kingdom Age, the Jewish people will be held in respect and have the influence on the nations Yahweh desired from the first.
 - ✧ The Gentile nations will know that Yahweh is in Jerusalem among the Jewish people as a light to the nations.