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God's Promises in Zechariah

The book of Zechariah contains several promises made by God to His people, including:

- 1. The promise of the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple (Zechariah 1:16-17; 8:3-5).
- 2. The promise of a future king who will bring peace and prosperity to the nation (Zechariah 9:9-10).
- 3. The promise of a new covenant and the forgiveness of sins (Zechariah 9:11-12).
- 4. The promise of the coming of the Messiah, who will be rejected and pierced but will ultimately bring salvation (Zechariah 12:10; 13:7).
- 5. The promise of the restoration of the land and the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:8-11).

These promises demonstrate God's faithfulness and commitment to His people, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. They also point to the coming of Jesus Christ, who fulfills many of these promises in His life, death, and resurrection.

Bible References:

- Zechariah 1:16-17: "Therefore, thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.'"
- Zechariah 8:3-5: "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.' Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age. And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.'"
- Zechariah 9:9-10: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the

nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth."

- Zechariah 9:11-12: "As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; this very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you."
- Zechariah 12:10: "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."
- Zechariah 13:7: "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man, My Associate,' Declares the LORD of hosts. 'Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; and I will turn My hand against the little ones.'"
- Zechariah 14:8-11: "And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one. All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security."