

Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.

According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

This passage refers to the time of Haggai; and assures the post-captivity exiles that the Lord is with them in their task of rebuilding the temple, and that His Spirit is remaining among them. Literally, the affirmation states: "my Spirit is standing in your midst."

וְרוּחִי עִמָּדְתָּ בְּתוֹכְכֶם The form of עִמָּדְתָּ is Qal active participle (feminine singular to agree with רוּחִי), and denotes present action or state.

Zechariah 12:10

The context includes the following scriptures:

- 12:2 Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.
- 12:8 In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them.
- 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
- 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.
- 13:1 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

This passage predicts an invasion and an attempted destruction, on the part of her neighbors, of Judah and of Jerusalem. However, the Lord will defend Jerusalem, and will bring destruction upon her enemies.