

Zechariah 1-6:8

They returned from Babylon to rebuild their lives by establishing their hearts and lives on the worship of God. But, despite their fervent start, opposition came, and the work on the temple was stopped for 16 years. At the end of these sixteen years, God sends two prophets to rescue His people from their situation. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah call them to repentance and to resume the work. They explain that God is with them.

I. The Word of the Lord comes, v1

II. A call to repentance for a half hearted community, v2-6

III. The eight night visions – My house will be built, 1:7-6:8

Vision 1. The horse rider and horses among the myrtles, 1:7-17 - Comfort for Jerusalem

Key words: zeal, mercy, comfort, prosperity, “my house will be rebuilt.”

Vision 2. The four horns and the four craftsmen, 1:18-21 God will counteract His enemies

Key words: the horns have shattered the people, the craftsmen will terrify and cast them out.

Vision 3. The surveyor with the measuring line, 2:1-13 – God’s city will be measureless

Key words: a city without walls, wall of fire, apple of my eye, sing and rejoice

Vision 4. Satan accusing Joshua and the Lord defending, cleansing and crowning him, 3:1-10 – God will defend against the Devil’s accusations and cleanse you

Key words: the lord rebuke you, clean garments and turban, plucked out of the fire, walk in my ways, the branch, one day, inviting neighbors to sit under a fig tree

Vision 5. The gold lampstand and the two olive trees, 4:1-14 - God’s everlasting oil of His presence empowers the church, no matter how small it seems to be.

Key words: seven lamps with seven pipes with two olive trees, not by might nor by power... O great mountain, day of small things

Vision 6. The flying scroll, 5:1-4 - The word of God exposes thieves and liars

Key words: flying scroll, thief and perjurer

Vision 7. The woman in the basket, 5:5-11 – Returning to the sins of Babylon

Key words: This is wickedness, two women, Babylon

Vision 8. The four chariots, 6:1-8 – God’s protection and victory throughout the whole earth

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