

“VOICES – THE MINOR PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT”

ZECHARIAH: VISION ONE

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ZECHARIAH’S SUMMONS TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD (1:1-6)

1. Zechariah confronts God’s people to remember their ancestor’s past mistakes → To _____ to Him
 - a. Stop their evil _____ = direction or tendency
 - b. Stop their evil _____ = practices or activities
2. Zechariah calls God’s people to be responsive to the lessons of history → To _____ of their sin
 - a. To turn _____ sin = make a lifestyle “U-Turn”
 - b. We turn _____ God = receive His grace

ZECHARIAH’S VISION #1 FROM GOD (1:7-17)

“Three months later, on February 15, the Lord sent another message to the prophet Zechariah son of Berehiah and grandson of Iddo.” (1:7)

- Zechariah = “Yahweh [God] _____”
→ Hebrew “zakar” = God’s movement toward a particular person; acting toward someone because of a previous commitment
- Berehiah = “the Lord _____”
- Iddo = “at the _____”

Who the Lord REMEMBERS
The Lord BLESSES
At the APPOINTED TIME

ZECHARIAH’S 8 VISIONS

1. Zechariah describes what he sees
2. Zechariah asks the heavenly messenger what it means
3. Zechariah receives an interpretation from the heavenly messenger

VISION #1 = THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

“Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I am about to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overthrow royal thrones and destroy the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overturn their chariots and riders. The horses will fall, and their riders will kill each other.” Haggai 2:21-22

1. The first vision encourages us to _____ to God, especially in the midst of our _____

“The angel of the Lord prayed this prayer: ‘O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, for seventy years now you have been angry with Jerusalem and the towns of Judah. How long until you again show mercy to them?’” (1:12)

2. The first vision reminds us of God’s _____ for His people
“My love for Jerusalem and Mount Zion is passionate and strong... Therefore, I have returned to show mercy to Jerusalem. My Temple will be rebuilt...” (1:14-16)

3. The first vision assures us of God’s _____
“Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.” (1:3)

“This is what the Lord says, ‘I have returned to show mercy to Jerusalem. My Temple will be rebuilt... The towns of Israel will gain overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem as his own.’” (1:16-17)

- a. With His _____ presence
- b. With His _____ presence