

“VOICES – THE MINOR PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT”

ZECHARIAH: VISION TWO

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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 → _____
“This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Return to me, and I will return to you...” Zechariah 1:3
2. Zechariah calls God's people to be **RESPONSIVE** to the lessons of history → _____
“Don't be like your ancestors who would not listen or pay attention when the earlier prophets said to them, ‘This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Turn from your evil ways, and stop all your evil practices.’” Zechariah 1:4
 - a. Turn _____ sin = make a lifestyle “U-Turn”
 - b. Turn _____ God = receive His grace

VISION #1: THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM (1:7-17)

Zechariah's First Vision...

1. **ENCOURAGES** us to **SPEAK** to God, especially in the midst of our **SUFFERING**
2. **REMINDS** us of God's **LOVE** for all people
3. **ASSURES** us of God's **FAITHFULNESS**

VISION #2: JUDGEMENT & VENGEANCE (1:18-21)

- **Four Horns** = symbolized the nations that had scattered God's people and destroyed their dignity
- **Four Craftsmen** = represented God's forces against those nations; He would scatter them as they had scattered His people

[All Scripture references from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted]

Zechariah's Second Vision...

“Then I looked up and saw four animal horns. “What are these?” I asked the angel who was talking with me. He replied, ‘These horns represent the nations that scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.’ Then the Lord showed me four blacksmiths. ‘What are these men coming to do?’ I asked. The angel replied, ‘These four horns—these nations—scattered and humbled Judah. Now these blacksmiths have come to terrify those nations and throw them down and destroy them.’” Zechariah 1:18-21

1. Describes the first stage in the _____ of the first vision
“How long until you again show mercy to them?” (1:12)
2. Ascribes _____ as God's job
“Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, ‘I will take revenge; I will pay them back,’ says the Lord.” Romans 12:19
3. Addresses the people's sense of _____
“I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!” Psalm 121:1-2

- Helplessness forces us to _____ to the only One who can rescue us from our predicaments
- Helplessness is often _____ for God's grace to unfold

When we feel helpless...

1. We have _____ to hold on to → _____
2. We have a _____ to turn to → _____
3. We have a _____ to lean in to → _____

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20