



## “God Calls His People to Repent”

Zechariah 1:1-6

### Introduction:

### I. THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH (1:1)

#### A. When did he prophesy? (vs. 1a) - “in the eighth month of the second year of Darius”

Zechariah’s place in world history:

Zechariah’s place in Israel’s history:

Ezra 5:1-2

Zechariah's recorded messages are best correlated with those of Haggai and other historical events as follows:

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| Aug. 29, 520 BC  | 1. Haggai's first message (Hag. 1:1-11; Ezra 5:1)                               |
| Sept. 21, 520    | 2. Resumption of the building of the Temple (Hag. 1:1-12; Ezra 5:2)             |
| Oct. 17, 520     | 3. Haggai's second message (Hag. 2: 1-9)  |
| Oct./Nov., 520   | 4. Beginning of Zechariah's preaching (Zech. 1:1-6)                             |
| Dec. 18, 520     | 5. Haggai's third message (Hag. 2:10-19)  |
| Dec. 18, 520     | 6. Haggai's fourth message (Hag. 2:20-23)                                       |
| 519-518          | 7. Tattenai's letter to Darius against rebuilding the Temple (Ezra 5:3 - 6: 14) |
| Feb. 15, 519     | 8. Zechariah's eight night visions (Zech. 1:7 - 6:8)                            |
| Feb. 16 (?), 519 | 9. Joshua crowned (Zech. 6:9-15)  |
| Dec. 7, 518      | 10. Repentance urged, blessings promised (Zech. 7-8)                            |
| Mar. 12, 516     | 11. Dedication of the temple (Ezra 6: 15-18)                                    |
| After 480 (?)    | 12. Zechariah's final prophecy (Zech. 9-14)                                     |

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#### B. What did he have to say? (vs. 1b) - “the word of the LORD came to Zechariah” = *zabar* + *Yah* = “the LORD remembers”

#### OUTLINE OF ZECHARIAH

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C. Who was he? (vs. 1c) - "Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo"

Matthew 23:34-36

prophet (Ezra 5:1) and priest (Neh. 12:16)

## II. THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH (1:2-6)

A. God's Word to Your Fathers (vs. 2-4a)

"The LORD was very angry with your fathers."

"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Return to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts."

"Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Return now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds."'

B. God's Word to You (vs. 4b-6)

"But they did not listen or give heed to Me," declares the LORD."

"Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?"

"But did not My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, overtake your fathers?"

"Then they repented and said, 'As the LORD of hosts purposed to do to us in accordance with our ways and our deeds, so He has dealt with us.'"

C. God's Word to Us

- 1) God judges sin.
- 2) Sin brings judgment.
- 3) Obedience brings blessing.

### Food for Thought:

- 1) How does Zechariah and his ministry fit into his time period?
- 2) What does it mean to return to the Lord?
- 3) What is the significance of the repeated name "LORD of Hosts" here (and throughout the book)?
- 4) What lessons can we learn from Zechariah's admonitions to Israel?