

Zechariah

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I. Introduction.

A. God determined that men of tremendous character would return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. (2 Chronicles 2)

B. Men started speaking lies about the Jews who returned because they could not help them rebuild the temple, halting the progress of the temple. (Ezra 4)

C. At this time Haggai and Zechariah prophesied, and the people started to rebuild.

D. The book of Zechariah is God's treasure-house.

E. Divisions.

1. Visions.

2. Encouragement.

3. Prophecies of Christ.

4. The last days regarding Jerusalem.

II. The visions.

A. Zechariah was a young man who did not fit into the normal pattern.

B. We can get so busy doing even the things of God that we do not even look up to God. (Psalm 121)

III. Encouragements.

A. Much was done because Zechariah motivated and challenged the people.

B. Zechariah promised that children would again be playing in the streets of Jerusalem.

IV. Prophecies of Christ.

A. Zechariah promised that their king would come, but they had no king. He did not know that he was writing of Jesus. He would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. This predicted Jesus exactly. (Matthew 21:5, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:29-44, John 12:12-19)

B. Thirty pieces of silver being thrown at the temple floor having to do with the potter predicts the betrayal of Judas. (Matthew 26:14, 27:3)

C. Jesus' piercing and the scattering of the sheep. (Matthew 26:31)

D. The return of the Lord on the Mount of Olives and his kingship. (Acts 1:9)

Application questions:

1. Who was Zechariah?

2. Why are the prophecies of Christ in Zechariah so remarkable?

3. What expectations about Jesus does Zechariah give us that have not been fulfilled yet?
