

## THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH: RE-BUILDING THE TEMPLE

A little over a month after the people through Haggai's ministry had resumed the work of rebuilding the temple, just as they were becoming discouraged by its insignificance, Zechariah the priest, began his ministry as prophet among them> Notice the unusual way in which God encouraged the people through his ministry:

### A. Zechariah's Opening Message: Read Zechariah 1:1-6

1. In this opening message, what did God call on the people to do? Zechariah 1:3

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2. Against what did He warn them? Zechariah 1:2, 4

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### B. Zechariah's Visions of Encouragement: Zechariah 1:7 - 6:15

1. In Zechariah's first vision, he saw a man on a red horse, standing among the myrtle trees. Who was He? Zechariah 1:11a

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2. What did the lowly myrtle trees represent? (THINK!)

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3. What was the encouraging message in connection with this vision? Zechariah 1:16-17

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4. In Zechariah's second vision, what did he see? What did each stand for?

a. Zechariah 1:18, 19

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b. Zechariah 1:20, 21

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5. In Zechariah's third vision, he saw a man with a measuring line, going out to measure the city of Jerusalem. What was God's encouraging message this time? Zechariah 2:4b-5

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6. In Zechariah's fourth vision, Joshua the high priest (probably representing the whole nation) was given clean clothes to replace his filthy ones. What did this represent? Zechariah 3:4b, 9b

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7. In connection with the fifth vision, what did God promise that Zerubbabel would do? Zechariah 4:9, 7

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8. How would this be accomplished? Zechariah 4:6b

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9. Against what people did the flying scroll of Zechariah's sixth vision go forth? Zechariah 5:3-4

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10. Where was "wickedness" carried in Zechariah's seventh vision? Zechariah 5:11

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11. The eight vision encouraged the people with God's presence among them.

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**C. Zechariah's Messages of Instruction: Zechariah 7 and 8**

1. When the people asked if they should continue to mourn in the fifth month (when the temple was destroyed), what did Zechariah say God would rather the exiles had done than mourn? Zechariah 7:7

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2. What did God say the people of Zechariah's time should do? Zechariah 8:9

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3. What did God promise to do for them if they would do this? Zechariah 8:15, 11-13

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4. What did God say their fasts should now be? Zechariah 8:19

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5. What did God promise about Jerusalem in the future? Zechariah 8:20-23

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**D. Zechariah's Burdens and Prophecies: Zechariah 9 - 14**

1. Whose punishment did Zechariah predict? Zechariah 9:1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 11:1

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2. Whose coming did he predict? Zechariah 9:9, 11:12-13, 12:10b, 13::6

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Am I ever tempted to give up before I complete my God-given tasks?

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2. To Whom should I turn for encouragement at such times? See Jeremiah 32:27

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