

INTRODUCTION

- * Two weeks ago, we finished our year-long study of Matthew's account of the life and ministry of Jesus the promised Messiah.
- * Today, we take a step back into history to look at some of the prophecies that YHWH spoke to His people Israel through the prophet Zechariah.
- * Before we "jump" into our study of the details of the writings of Zechariah we need to consider some background information.

I. THE TELESCOPIC NATURE OF PROPHECY**II. THE OVERVIEW OF ZECHARIAH****A. The Authorship (1:1)****1. The References**

- * cf. Ezra 5:1; 6:14; Nehemiah 12:16
- * cf. 2 Chronicles 9:29; 12:15; 13:22

2. The Dating (cf. 1:1, 7; 7:1)**3. The Linage (cf. Ezekiel 1:3; Haggai 1:1)****B. The Theme (1:14; 8:2)**

... "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal' " (1:14)

... "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her' " (8:2)

C. The Overview**I. THE 1st WORD OF YHWH (1:1-6) ... The Repentance of Israel****II. THE 2nd WORD OF YHWH (1:7-6:15) ... The Restoration of Israel****A. Act 1 (1:7-3:9) – The Zeal of YHWH****B. Act 2 (4:1-6:15) – The Visions of YHWH****III. THE 3rd WORD OF YHWH (7:1 – 8:23)****IV. THE 4th WORD OF YHWH (9:1 – 11:17)****V. THE 5th WORD OF YHWH (12:1 - 14:21)****INSTRUCTION****I. YHWH'S CALL TO REPENTANCE****A. The R_____ for the Call****1. THE F_____ OF YHWH'S ANGER (v. 2)****2. THE F_____ OF YHWH'S WORD (v. 5-6; Jeremiah 18:11-17)****B. The R_____ of the Call (v. 3; Malachi 3:6-12; James 4:6-8)****C. The R_____ to the Call (v. 6; Lamentations 2:17)****II. YHWH'S PROMISE OF MERCY****A. His Z_____ for J_____ (v. 13-14)****B. His A_____ with the N_____ (v. 15; Psalm 123; Amos 6:1-8)****INTROSPECTION**

- * Are you living a life "of ease" seeking to please yourself or are you truly seeking to please God?
- * Do you truly believe that God will deal with our sin?
- * What are you doing to build your relationship with God?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * What, or where, is the balance between a full self-denying commitment to the Lord and enjoying His blessing in the land?
- * Considering the promise of YHWH to return to Jerusalem, how should we live in light of Biblical prophecy?