



Minor Prophets

Lesson 21

Zechariah Chapters 1-6

Shortly after Haggai began his prophetic ministry, the prophet Zechariah began delivering his message. Zechariah was a priest, and his prophecy was fitting in that it related to the significance of the Temple, the priesthood, and the purification of the people. He exhorted the people to not continue in the sins of their forefathers. Though their zeal for God's house had waned, he urged them to be obedient and rededicate themselves to the purposes of God for them and all nations. Justice,

righteousness, mercy, compassion, and truth must become their highest priority. As Haggai focused on rebuilding the Temple and the reinstitution of the sacrificial system, Zechariah gave the call for the spiritual recommitment of the people. He also stressed the hope of a future final Day of the Lord judgment and the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

READ ZECHARIAH 1-6

1. *How much time passed between the beginnings of Haggai (Haggai 1:1) and Zechariah's ministries?*

2. *What was God's message to these people through Zechariah? 1:1-4*

3. *What point do you think God was making by the rhetorical questions He asked in verses 5-6?*

4. *Zechariah records a series of eight visions he had during his ministry to those rebuilding the Temple. Describe each vision below.*

<i>Vision 1 Zech. 1:7-17</i>
<i>Vision 2 Zech. 1:18-21</i>
<i>Vision 3 Zech. 2:1-13</i>
<i>Vision 4 Zech. 3:1-10</i>
<i>Vision 5 Zech. 4:1-14</i>
<i>Vision 6 Zech. 5:1-4</i>
<i>Vision 7 Zech. 5:5-11</i>
<i>Vision 8 Zech. 6:1-8</i>

5. *From 6:8-14, describe what Zechariah is told to do and to whom he is to do it?*

6. Compare Zechariah's description of the "Branch" to how Jeremiah describes it.

Zechariah 6:12-13

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Jeremiah 33:14-18

7. What promise is given in Zechariah 3:17, and what "if" clause is attached to it? From what we know of Jewish history, was the "if" clause kept?

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
