

Key Texts

Zechariah 1:1-3,7-8,14,16-17

1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet

Zechariah:

2 The Lord was very angry with your ancestors.

3 But this is what the Lord Almighty says: Return to me and I will return to you.

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah again.

8 During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine.

14 Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal.

16 “Therefore this is what the Lord says: ‘I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,’ declares the Lord Almighty.

17 “Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.’”

Key Ideas

1

The parable of the four soils reveals that those with a heart inclined towards the followership of Jesus will receive things in the spirit they are given, while woundedness, pride, and prejudice can impact one's ability to receive.

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Jerusalem, despite its tumultuous history, holds great significance as a symbol of covenantal inheritance, and the enemy targets it because of its value.

3

God is zealous for Jerusalem and has not forgotten His covenantal people. He desires to rebuild the city, bring prosperity to its towns, and comfort Zion.

4

The vision of a Man among the myrtle trees represents a turning point for the nation, as God's Spirit is present to rebirth and revive them.

Takeaways & Questions

Key Takeaway: Despite the challenges and hardships faced by the nation of Israel, God's message through the prophet Zechariah is one of hope and restoration. He calls them to return to Him, assuring them that if they do, He will return to them. God's zeal for Jerusalem and His covenantal people remains unchanged, and He promises to rebuild and comfort them.

Question: How can we apply the concept of returning to God and experiencing His restoration in our own lives and circumstances?

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