

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 198--Zechariah 1:1-6:8

Introduction: Zechariah, a priest, began his prophetic ministry about two months after Haggai and continued about two years longer. His purpose was to give exhortation and consolation to the Israelites as they continued the work of rebuilding the temple. In this section Zechariah calls upon the people to avoid the rebelliousness of their fathers and comforts them with messages from God received in the form of symbolic visions.

Lesson aim: To discover some of the principles of God's rule among the nations.

The call to repentance--Zechariah 1:1-6

1. When did Zechariah begin to prophecy? (v. 1)
2. Who does Zechariah urge the people not to be like? (v. 2-4) What had they been forced to acknowledge? (v. 6)

Truth revealed in eight distinct visions-- Zechariah 1:7-6:8

1. What did Zechariah see in the vision of the horses? (1:7-11) What question did the angel of God ask? (1:12)
2. What was God's attitude toward the nations around Israel? (1:14-15) What promises did the angel reveal from God in this vision? (1:16-17)
3. What did Zechariah see in the second vision? (1:18-20) What did God reveal the craftsmen would do? (1:21)
4. What did Zechariah see in the third vision? (2:1-2) What did God say He would be to Jerusalem? (2:5)
5. What were the captive Israelites called upon to do? (2:6-7) Why? (2:8)

6. What did God promise to do in this vision? (2:9-13)
7. Who is pictured as standing before the angel of the Lord in the fourth vision (3:1-10)? What did the angel say to Satan? (v. 2) How did Joshua appear? (v. 3) What was given to him? (v. 4-5)
8. What promise did God make to Joshua? (v. 7) Of what were Joshua and those around him a symbol? (v. 8)
9. What did God declare He would do? (v. 9) What would be the results? (v. 10)
10. Describe what Zechariah saw in the fifth vision (4:1-5) What message was God making known by this symbolism? (v. 6-7). Who is represented by the two olive branches? (v. 11-14)
11. Did God reveal that Zechariah would be successful in completing the temple? (v. 9-10)
12. What did Zechariah see in the sixth vision (5:1-4) What message was it to bring into effect? (v. 3) Upon whom was it to have its effect? (v. 3-4)
13. Describe the unusual picture of the seventh vision (5:5-11). What does the woman represent? To where is she sent?
14. What did Zechariah see in the final vision? (6:1-4) What did these four represent? (v. 5-7) What had those chariots sent into the north accomplished? (v. 8)