

# Zechariah

## (2) The First Message to the Remnant

### *The Word of the Lord to the prophet Zechariah...1:1-6*

What is the sobering message from the Lord in verse 2?

**The Lord was very angry (angry with anger) with their forefathers. This is not good...**

What was some of the history of this? Jer.1:13-16; 4:5-9; 6:22-26; 25:1-14 see IIChron.36:15-16

**Rebellion, warning, warning, refusal, rejection, until, "there was no remedy".**

After 70 years of unspeakable judgment and wrath, what was the remnant seeking? Ps.74:9-10

**They were seeking an end to all this. How long? When would Israel be again in His favor?**

What was the immediate command? vs.3

**The Lord Almighty says, 'return to Me so that I may return to you'. Translation: Repent.**

Is this command/principle only for the OT Jews? James 4:8-10

**Absolutely not. The same command is for believers today. Humble, drawing near to God.**

What is the warning in verse 4?

**Don't be like your forefathers (vs.2). Ears that would not hear. Hard hearts, like flint.**

What does the Lord question in verse 5?

**Where are your (rebellious) forefathers now? And the prophets? Still living?? NO.**

And what's the application?

**The rebels died in judgment and were gone. The prophets had a brief ministry, gone.**

But, what does the Lord point out in verse 6a?

**They're all gone, but My Words and Decrees, did they not overtake (catch up with) them?**

Then what was the conclusion of the Godly remnant? vs.6b

**They repented and confessed that the Lord's judgment was just. And exactly as He said...**

### *The incredible night (Feb.15, 519) of visions begins...1:7-17*

In this first vision Who is the rider on the red horse? vs.8, 11 See Ex.3:1-6

**It's the Angel of the Lord. A Theophany. Jesus, Very God, pre-incarnate.**

How is the army behind Him described? vs.8b, 9-10

**Apparently Holy Angels sent by the Lord to go throughout (patrol) the whole earth.**

After they had gone throughout the earth, what was their report (to the Lord)? vs.11

**They came back with the report that the whole world was peaceful and quiet.**

Why was this (seemingly good) report really not good news for Israel?

**The 70 years were done but Israel was still exiled, Jerusalem in ruins, temple destroyed...**

What were the Jews looking for? Jer.29:10-11; Hag.2:20-23 (written just a few months before)

**Looking for the Lord to destroy the nations and re-establish Israel, Jerusalem, Temple.**