

RETURN TO GOD AND HE WILL RETURN TO YOU

Zechariah 1:1-2:13

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Introduction

- Context: 520 BC, in the land of Judah.
- The theme: “God remembers and He blesses in His time”.

Overview of the book of Zechariah

- 8 visions (chaps 1-6); 4 messages (chaps. 7-8); and 2 announcements (chaps 9-14).

God’s Call to Return to Him (1:1-6)

- The emphasis is on returning to God Himself.
- He is calling us to return to Him, to prioritise being with Him.

God’s Commitment: Vision 1 (the horseman among the myrtle trees) (1:7-17)

- God’s divine jealousy for His people makes Him fully committed to their welfare.
- “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Cor. 2:9).

God’s Craftsmen: Vision 2 (the four horns and four craftsmen) (1:18-21)

- The horns that scattered God’s people will themselves be thrown down by craftsmen.
- “No weapon will be able to hurt you; you will have an answer for all who accuse you. I will defend my servants and give them victory.” (Isa. 54:17).

God’s Chosen: Vision 3 (the man with a measuring line) (2:1-13)

- Like Jerusalem, we are God’s chosen.
- God will surely protect us (2:8b) and His presence will be with us (2:10).

Conclusion

- God’s call to return is a summon, not a suggestion.
- Repent, return and receive God’s blessings.