

I Am Exceedingly Jealous for Jerusalem

Zechariah chapters 1-3

Key Verse: 1:14

“So the angel who talked with me said to me,
‘Cry out, Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion.’”

1. When did Zechariah begin his prophetic ministry (1; Haggai 1:1, 2:1; Ezra 5:1-2,6:14)? What was the word of the Lord to the people through him (2-6a)? Why did they keep distant from God (Ezra 4:1-5; Haggai 1:6,10-11)? How did they respond to God’s word (6b)? What does God want from his people (James 4:8)?
2. What did Zechariah see in the first vision (7-8)? Who was the man riding on a red horse and what did the other men on the horses report to him (9-11)? Describe the dialogue between the angel of the LORD and the LORD of hosts (12-13). What was Zechariah told to proclaim (14-17)? What can we learn about the LORD (Exodus 20:5, 34:14)?
3. What was the second vision (18-21)? What was the third vision (2:1)? What would be the plan of the Lord for Jerusalem (3-5)? What would the ultimate plan of the Lord for Jerusalem be (6-13)? How should they respond (10,13)? Why would God do all this?
4. Who did Zechariah see in the fourth vision (3:1,3)? How did the Lord rebuke Satan (2a)? To what was Joshua compared(2b-3)? What does “a brand plucked from the fire” imply? How was Joshua restored (4-5)? What was Joshua assured (6-7)? What does God expect from spiritual leaders?
5. What promises did the Lord of hosts give to Joshua and his friends (8-10)? Who is “my servant the Branch” and “a stone ...with seven eyes”? What is God’s ultimate plan through the coming Messiah?