

## Zechariah 1:7-2:13 Temple Rebuilt

Share a time when something you were hoping for turned out to be not as good as expected.

Zechariah was ministering among the Israelites who returned to the Promised Land at the end of the Babylonian captivity. However Jerusalem and the temple were in ruins which was very disheartening for Israel. But God was going to act!

*Read Zechariah 1:7-2:13.*

**1.** What does this show us regarding God’s assessment of His people’s spiritual state in relation to Himself? (2:6-7)

**2.** What is the Lord’s attitude to his people, even though they are in the condition described in question 1 (v8-10)?

**3.** Is the Lord’s attitude limited to the Jerusalem Jews (vv. 11-13)?

### **4. Zechariah’s 3 Visions**

Zechariah’s 3 visions are in this form: Zechariah first sees the vision, then he hears its meaning explained by the angel. He is also commanded to proclaim a message after the first and third visions. Identify the similarities and differences between the visions

Vision	What Zechariah <i>sees</i>	What he <i>hears</i>	Who is/who will be at ease/disturbed?
1	1:8  1:11	1:9-10  1:12-13	1:14-17
2	1:18  1:20	1:19  1:21	

3	2:1	2:2-5	[2:6-13]
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**5.** Looking at the 3 Visions – What will be the outcome for :

a) God’s Enemies?

b) God’s people?

### Implications:

**6.** How do we see the beginnings of the promised glorious future worked out in the following New Testament passages?

○ John 1:10-14

○ Matthew 28:18-20

○ Hebrews 11:8-10, 39

○ 1 Peter 2:4-10

**7.** Zechariah’s visions and explanations were for God’s people living in embattled Judah after the exile. How can these visions and explanations help Christians today who live in a world seemingly at rest in its godlessness?

Give thanks and pray

Praise God for his commitment to bring all of his people—whether Jew or Gentile—into a state of ultimate peace and rest. Pray that we will keep this vision before us as we engage in a world that seems to offer peace without God.