

ZECHARIAH

“Yahweh
Remembers”

MINOR PROPHETS...

- Jonah To Nineveh
- Nahum
- Obadiah To Edom
- Hosea To Israel
- Amos

MINOR PROPHETS...

✓ Joel

To Judah

✓ Micah

Before the
Babylonian
Captivity

✓ Habakkuk

✓ Zephaniah

MINOR PROPHETS...

- ✓ Haggai To Judah
- ✓ Zechariah After the
Babylonian
Captivity

Background Of The Captivity

- Judah was taken into captivity by Babylon in 605 B.C.
- Judah was allowed to return, to rebuild the temple, under Cyrus, in about 538 B.C.

After of the Captivity, the returnees

- Rebuilt the altar in about **536 B.C.**,
Ezra 3:1-3
- Laid the foundation for the temple,
Ezra 3:7-10, 11-13
- Work on the temple stopped! Ezra 4!
- Work remained stopped...until
Haggai and Zechariah, about 520 BC

After of the Captivity

Haggai and Zechariah
were contemporaries!

Their prophetic ministries
to Judah overlapped

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Introduction: Call to Return, 1:1-6.

Eight Visions of Encouragement,
1:7-6:15.

Questions Concerning Fasts, 7:1-
8:23.

Two “Burdens” Concerning the
Future, 9:1-14:21

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The 4 Fasts, 8:19 (II Kings 25)

- 10th month, 10th day,
Jerusalem beseiged!
- 4th month, 9th Day,
Jerusalem penetrated!
- 5th month, 7th day,
city & temple burned!
- 7th month, Governor Gedaliah killed

THE QUESTIONS ABOUT FASTS...

Zechariah 7:4-14

“Then the word of Yahweh of hosts
came to me, saying,
"Say to all the people of the land
and to the priests,
'When you fasted and mourned
in the fifth and seventh months
these seventy years,
was it actually for Me
that you fasted?"

'When you eat and drink,
do you not eat for yourselves and
do you not drink for yourselves?

'Are not *these* the words
which Yahweh proclaimed
by the former prophets,
when Jerusalem was inhabited
and prosperous along with its cities
around it, and the Negev and the
foothills were inhabited?'"

Then the word of Yahweh
came to Zechariah saying,
"Thus has Yahweh of hosts said,
'Dispense true justice
and practice kindness
and compassion
each to his brother;

and do not oppress
the widow or the orphan,
the stranger or the poor;
and do not devise evil in your hearts
against one another.'

"But they refused to pay attention
and turned a stubborn shoulder
and stopped their ears
from hearing.

"They made their hearts *like* flint
so that they could not hear
the law and the words
which Yahweh of hosts had sent
by His Spirit
through the former prophets;
therefore great wrath came
from Yahweh of hosts.

"And just as He called
and they would not listen,
so they called
and I would not listen,"
says Yahweh of hosts;

"but I scattered them
with a storm wind
among all the nations
whom they have not known.
Thus the land is desolated
behind them
so that no one went back and forth,
for they made the pleasant land
desolate."

ZECHARIAH 7-8

God Corrects False Worship!

TRUE WORSHIP IS...

Negatively:

- NOT just following tradition, 7:2-3.
- NOT “Compartmentalized,” 7:5-6
- NOT just observing rituals, 7:8-10.

TRUE WORSHIP...

Positively:

- Focuses on God, not on man, 7:5-6; 8:20-23.
- Comes from the heart, and not just the lips, 7:12
- IS based on accurate knowledge of God, 8:6, 7-8.

TRUE WORSHIP...

Positively:

- Includes obedience, 8:14-17; 7:9-10.
- Results in rejoicing, 8:18-19.

TRUE WORSHIP...

- Focuses on God.
- Comes from the heart
- IS based on accurate knowledge of God.
- Includes obedience
- Results in Rejoicing!

God is seeking people
to be His worshipers,
who will worship Him
in spirit and in truth.

(John 4:23-24)



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