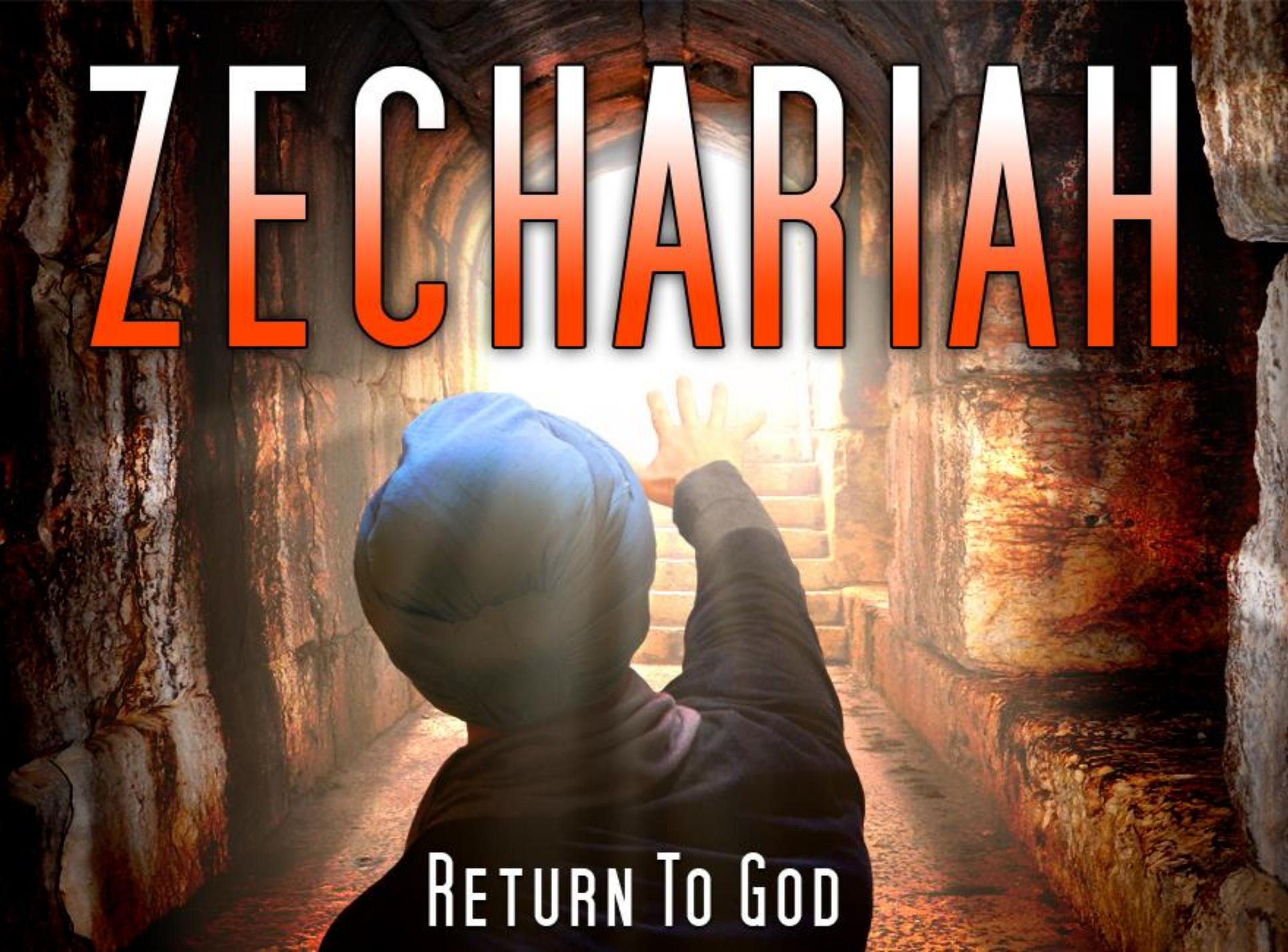


Z E C H A R I A H

A person wearing a blue hooded garment is seen from behind, reaching out with their right hand towards a bright light at the end of a stone tunnel. The tunnel walls are made of rough, textured stone blocks. The light at the end of the tunnel creates a strong glow, illuminating the person's hand and the surrounding stone.

RETURN TO GOD

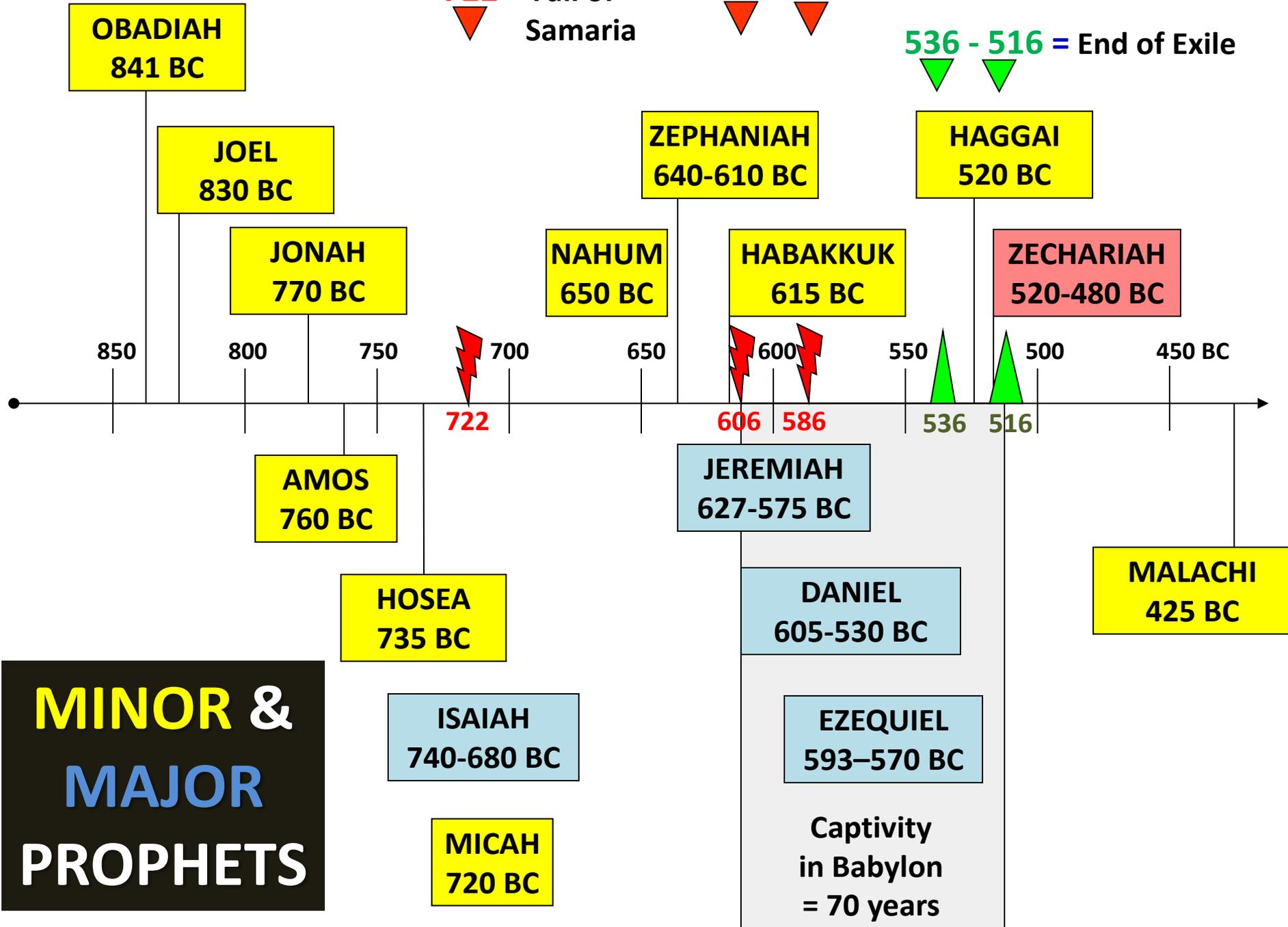
Zechariah – Message #2



722 = Fall of Samaria
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606 - 586 = Fall of Jerusalem
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536 - 516 = End of Exile
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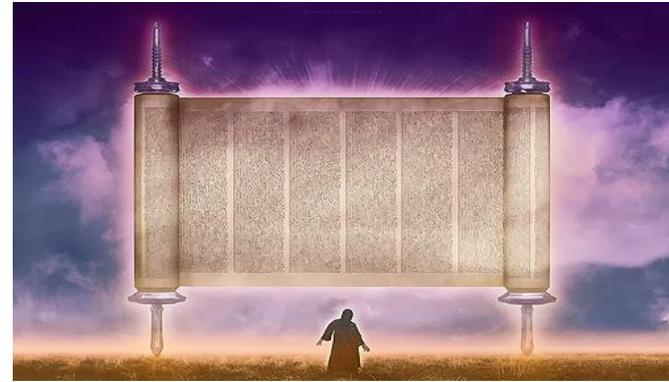
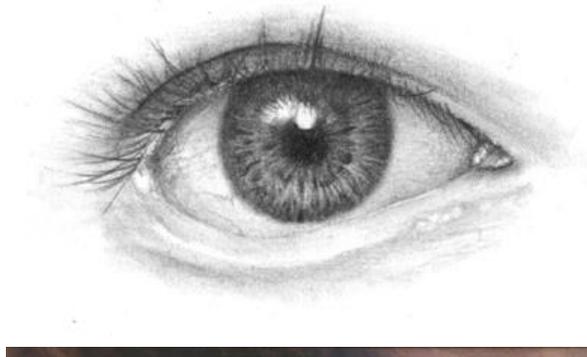
MINOR & MAJOR PROPHETS

Captivity in Babylon = 70 years

OUTLINE OF ZECHARIAH'S BOOK

- **Chs.1-6** The 8 Night Visions: prophecies, exhortations, encouragements, calls to repent and serve God...
- **Chs.7-8** God's Moral Message to the Jews: Live like God's people: justly, showing mercy and compassion, serving the Lord, speaking the truth, and loving peace!
- **Chs.9-14** Two Prophetic Oracles regarding the Future blessing of Judah & Jerusalem, the coming Messiah and King of Zion and Shepherd of God's people; and the Lord's ultimate Triumph over all His enemies and the lasting Universal Kingdom He will bring about.

Zechariah's 8 Night Visions



Zechariah's 8 Visions → Conclusions

- (1) & (8) God's Horses roaming over the whole Earth**
→ God is Sovereign over the nations... and **MY** life too!?
- (2) Four Horns are overthrown by Four Craftsmen**
→ God wants to turn **MY** pain into constructive growth.
- (3) The Man with a Measuring Line over Jerusalem**
→ God plans to prosper **His People**... come & join them!
- (4) High Priest in Rags - cleansed & dressed in Rich Robes**
→ God wants to cleanse and commission **ME** to serve!
- (5) The Golden Lampstand & two Olive Trees**
→ By God's Spirit **WE** can be a **Light & Witness** for Him.
- (6) The Giant Flying Scroll with two Curses**
→ Get rid of **Dishonesty** and **Deceit** in **OUR** lives too...
- (7) The Evil Woman in a Basket flown to Babylon**
→ In **MY** life, be **separate** from the World's Wickedness.

Zechariah's 8 Visions → Conclusions

→ SO LISTEN TO GOD'S PROPHETS, DREAMS & VISIONS!

- “Long ago in many ways and at many times God’s prophets spoke His message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring His message to us...”

Hebrews 1:1-2

- So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion...”

Hebrews 3:7-8

- As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion...”

Hebrews 3:15

- God again set a certain day, calling it “Today” ... Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...”

Hebrews 4:7

Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(1) REPENT AND BE SAVED!

→ Chapter 1:1-6

(2) LIVE OUT THE GODLY LIFE!

→ Chapter 7:1-14

(3) BUILD GOD'S TEMPLE & PEOPLE!

→ Ch. 8:9,16-19



Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(1) REPENT AND BE SAVED! 1:1-6 The Lord says:

- Return to Me and I will return to you...
- Don't be like your Fathers, learn from their mistakes...
- My Words and Decrees will be fulfilled and will stand forever, even though my prophets die and pass away...
- ➔ The people repented and acknowledged that God's punishment was deserved...
- ➔ Do I listen to God's warnings and turn to Him in true repentance? Or do I stubbornly go my own way?

Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(1) REPENT AND BE SAVED! Acts 2:38-39 & 3:19-20

- Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.”
- “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you, even Jesus.”

Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(2) LIVE OUT THE GODLY LIFE! 7:1-14 God desires:

- Justice, mercy and compassion instead of fasting...
 - That we do not oppress the widow, orphan, alien or poor, and do not think evil of each other...
 - When people refused to listen to God and hardened their hearts, God was angered and stopped listening to them & scattered them and the land became desolate.
- ➔ How am I living out my Christian life?
- ➔ Is my life a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God?
- ➔ Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in my daily life?

Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(2) LIVE OUT THE GODLY LIFE! Rom. 12:1-2, Gal. 5:22-23

- “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
- “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(3) BUILD GOD'S TEMPLE & PEOPLE! 8:9, 16-19 How?

- Let your hands be strong and build the Temple of God.
- Speak the truth and judge justly, don't plot evil against your neighbour, nor lie to each other...
- Therefore love truth and peace...
- ➔ Am I helping to build up the living stones that make up God's Temple, speaking the truth in love?
- ➔ Or am I slacking and discouraged, or distracted with doing many other things? Even good things?

Zechariah's Moral Exhortations

(3) BUILD GOD'S TEMPLE & PEOPLE! 1Cor. 15:58, Gal. 6:9

- “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”
- “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Zechariah → Conclusions

(1) REPENT FROM YOUR SIN AND BE SAVED!

→ Don't put off coming to Jesus for forgiveness and eternal salvation. Tomorrow may be too late...

(2) DON'T BE A FAKE, LIVE OUT THE GODLY LIFE!

→ If you are a believer, live out your faith in practical ways, showing love, grace and compassion to others.

(3) BUILD UP GOD'S TEMPLE AND HIS PEOPLE!

→ Give your best energy, time and resources to building up God's people and His Church on earth.

(4) LISTEN TO GOD'S PROPHETS, DREAMS & VISIONS!

→ When God speaks to you using people, thoughts, pictures or circumstances of life: Listen and Obey Him!

Zechariah

