

Series: The Minor Prophets

Lesson: 46. Zechariah, pt. 2 - God's

Always Watching

Passage: Zech. 1:7-17

•	The	 (vv8-11)

- The main people involved
 - Zechariah –
 - The angel speaking with him –
 - The Angel of YHWH (cf. Gen. 16:7–13)
- He uses vivid imagery to describe the setting, but theologians can't agree on what it means (if anything).
- O What happens: Peaceful and quiet sounds like a good thing, right?

The	(vv12–15)				
0	The Angel of YHWH is so agitated because this is a				
	of how things should be.				
0	 He appeals to the LORD of Hosts (YHWH Tsabaoth) to show mercy a relent from His judgment. 				
0	Two views about the 70 years (cf. Jer. 25:11–12; 29:10; 2 Chron. 36:21; Dan. 9:2): 1.				
	2.				
0	YHWH's comforting words start with His for Jerusalem/Zion.				

- This is a foundational aspect of a covenant relationship.
- This is a source of both judgment *and* blessing for Israel.

Ex. 20:4–6 – "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, **am a jealous God**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."

Nah. 1:2 – A **jealous** and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.

- Other nations should expect _______.
 - Yes, they were God's instruments for judgment, but they went way beyond what was appropriate.

<u>Is. 47:6</u> – I was angry with My people, I profaned My heritage And gave them into your hand. You did not show mercy to them,

- The _____ (vv16–17)
 - God reassures Israel that their restoration and promised blessings are coming.
 - Proximity in ______ (cp. 1:3; contr. Ez.10:18–19; 11:23)
 - The _____
 - A rebuilt _____
 - o These are all partial fulfilments of ultimately Millennial blessings.

What Do We Do with This Text?

1.	No matter what season	of life we're in,	remember	that God is always
		and		

Blanks: Situation, Problem, reversal, jealousy, judgment, Solution, relationship, temple, city, watching, working