

CHARACTER BUILDER

MESSAGE NOTES

Zechariah – God is Strategic

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FACTS ABOUT ZECHARIAH:

- Zechariah was both a _____ and a _____, giving him greater understanding of temple worship and God's holiness.
- His ministry began about _____, in the _____ period, prophesying alongside Haggai, during the reign of the Persian King Darius (after the Jews returned from 70 years of exile).
- He received eight _____, revealing God's hand at work behind earthly events.
- Like Haggai, a major purpose of Zechariah is to encourage the Lord's people to finish rebuilding _____.
- Contains several references to the _____, over 500 years before His birth (see 9:9, 11:12-13, 12:10, 13:7, 14).
- The overall theme of Zechariah is our hope in God's _____ to accomplish His purposes and promises in the world.

GOD'S STRATEGY:

HIS SOVEREIGN NATURE TO CHART A _____ COURSE TOWARD
HIS _____ : TO _____ HIMSELF, _____ A PEOPLE
FOR HIMSELF, AND ESTABLISH _____.

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ZECHARIAH TEACHES ME THAT...

1) GOD SEES _____ MY PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

"Then the angel said to me, 'Shout this message for all to hear: "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: My love for Jerusalem and Mount Zion is passionate and strong. But I am very angry with the other nations that are now enjoying peace and security. I was only a little angry with my people, but the nations inflicted harm on them far beyond my intentions. Therefore, this is what the Lord says: I have returned to show mercy to Jerusalem. My Temple will be rebuilt," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "and measurements will be taken for the reconstruction of Jerusalem."' "Say this also: "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: The towns of Israel will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem as his own."'" – Zechariah 1:14-17

Memory Verse:

“The Lord frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the Lord’s plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken.” – Psalm 33:10-11

2) GOD USES _____ FOR HIS _____.

“Then he said to me, ‘This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel’s way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: “May God bless it! May God bless it!”’ Then another message came to me from the Lord: ‘Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has sent me. Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand...’ – Zechariah 4:6-10

*“Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.”
– 1 Corinthians 1:26-29*

*“But Moses protested to God, ‘Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?’ God answered, ‘I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.’”
– Exodus 3:11-12*

3) GOD _____ FOR WHAT HE WILL _____.

“Jeshua’s clothing was filthy as he stood there before the angel. So the angel said to the others standing there, ‘Take off his filthy clothes.’ And turning to Jeshua he said, ‘See, I have taken away your sins, and now I am giving you these fine new clothes.’ Then I said, ‘They should also place a clean turban on his head.’ So they put a clean priestly turban on his head and dressed him in new clothes while the angel of the Lord stood by.” – Zechariah 3:2-5

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.” – Psalm 51:10

“In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 2:20-21

4) GOD KEEPS _____ AT EXACTLY _____.

*“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – riding on a donkey’s colt.”
– Zechariah 9:9*

“But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.”
– Galatians 4:4-5

5) GOD IS ALREADY _____ THE _____.

“Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. ... Then the Lord my God will come, and all his holy ones with him. On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, yet there will be continuous day! Only the Lord knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light. On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter. And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one Lord – his name alone will be worshiped.” – Zechariah 14:3-9

“During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered. It will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever.” – Daniel 2:44

“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” – Philippians 2:9-11

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Psalm 33:10-11.
- ☐ Choose to trust God even though I can't see the full picture.
- ☐ Ask God to prepare my heart so He can enlarge my ministry.
- ☐ Learn more about letting God use me for His extraordinary plans, specifically in the following ministry areas:
 - ___ 1st Impressions ___ Audio/Video Team ___ Property/Space
 - ___ Kitchen Committee ___ GC Students ___ GC Kids

* Join us next Sunday, July 26, at 11:00am, as we wrap up our *Character Builder* teaching series looking at, “Malachi: God is Unchanging.” Invite a friend or family member to attend with us!



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