

Don't See Blurry Like Your Fathers

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Major Posts from Minor Prophets: Be an Influencer / Zechariah 1:1–6

Return to the Lord from wherever you are. Learn from the mistakes of the past. Don't wait until it is too late.

Notes

09/03 Zechariah 1:1-6, "Don't Be Like Your Fathers," Subtitle: The Heart of Repentance, Scripture: 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.

Zechariah, whose name declares that the Lord remembers, is a prophet of hope. A contemporary with Haggai, he ministered to a people who from every human perspective had every reason for despair and disappointment.

Douglas Mangum, ed., *Lexham Context Commentary: Old Testament*, Lexham Context Commentary (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020), Zec.

Obscure though it is in places, chapters 9–14 are the most quoted section of the prophets in the passion narratives of the Gospels and, next to Ezekiel, Zechariah has influenced the author of Revelation more than any other Old Testament writer.

Joyce G. Baldwin, *Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 28, *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1972), 61–62.

Through divinely revealed visions and apocalyptic predictions, Zechariah directs the people to look away from the discouraging circumstances to the certain blessing the Lord has purposed. The foundation of this hope is the Lord and his word.

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The transcendent God is working out his eternal purpose for Judah and Jerusalem, equipping his covenant people to fulfill the spiritual role for which he chose them (Zech. 1:7–6:15).

There is no room in Zechariah's thinking for glib optimism, but when evil has done its worst the Lord remains King, and will be seen to be King by all the nations.

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The Heart of Repentance:

1. ++Return ... (Zech. 1:1-3)
2. ++Learn ... (Zech. 1:4-6a)
3. ++Hurry ... (Zech. 1:6b)

Zechariah I. Introduction (1:1-6)

Ezra 9:1-10:17 and Dan 9:1-19 describe the people's remorse for their sins after it was too late to avert the Babylonian exile.

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