

Overview of Zechariah - Lesson 1

WHO?	WHAT?	WHEN? & WHERE?
Zechariah = Yahweh remembers Son of Berechiah Son of Iddo Neh 12:1-16 - he is a prophet and a priest (Ezra 5:1) OT says nothing about his death NT - Jesus referred to his death (Mt 23:35) - murdered between the temple and the altar II Chron 24:20-21 - Joash murdering Zechariah son of Jehoiada	Hope in God's unfailing purpose Series of visions (1-6) Message (7-8) Future events (9-14) No matter what the circumstances - there is hope in the Lord Encourages God's people to be diligent in their service for His kingdom - the certain coming and work of the Messiah Zech 4:6 - not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord	- 1:1 - 8th month - 2nd year of Darius - 1:7 - 24th day of 11th month - 2nd (520 BC) - 7:1 - 4th year of Darius (518 BC) - 1st (visions) message (520 BC) - 2nd message (7-8) (518 BC) - 9-14 - has no specific date - reference to Greece (480-470 BC) - 50 year ministry? - Post-exilic - after the 70 year captivity - During the time they were rebuilding the temple Babylon <u>Medo/Persia!</u> <u>Greece?</u> Rome WHERE? They are in Jerusalem - which was in rubbles

WHY?	HOW?
- he is there to encourage the returning Jews after a 70 year captivity - Ezra 5:1; 6:14-15 - the finished work of the temple - Ezra 1:1-4 - Cyrus decreed that they go and build and he funded the project - The building project was part of God's purpose in the redemption process in preparing the way for the Messiah - External problems come - we turn inward - Internal problems - withdrawn, bitterness and anger, apathy, carelessness - 520 BC God raises up 2 prophets - Haggai and Zechariah - inspire the people, renew their dedication, accomplish God's work for His kingdom - Reminded them of God redemptive purpose - Reminded them of the covenant promises - Reminded them of God's power to accomplish His will	- Backs up his message by referring to the Lord of hosts about 50 times - Title goes along with the Commander-in-Chief - He has all power and authority to guarantee every promise He has made - Confident hope in certain blessing and the coming of the Messiah - As you read keep your eyes open for signs of Christ