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Post-Exile Literature—12 Zechariah—3

THE MINISTRY OF ZECHARIAH: HIS EARLY MESSAGES, PART 2 (Zechariah 3:10 – 6:15)

- I. The Call to REPENT (Zech. 1:1-6)
 - A. A warning against following the EXAMPLE of their FATHERS
 - B. A declaration of the divine AUTHORITY of the PROPHETS
 - C. A reminder that former generations have DIED, but God's Word ENDURES
 - D. A reiteration of God's call, "RETURN to ME"
- II. The Visions to ENCOURAGE (Zech. 1:7 6:15)
 - A. The HORSES and the MYRTLE Trees (1:8-17)
 - 1. They had patrolled the EARTH and found it at PEACE
 - 2. God remains JEALOUS for Jerusalem and ANGRY with the nations
 - 3. He will RETURN to Jerusalem and bring PROSPERITY
 - B. The Four HORNS and the CRAFTSMEN (1:18-21)
 - 1. The horns were the NATIONS that had SCATTERED Israel
 - 2. The craftsmen would DESTROY the nations who scattered the Jews
 - C. The Man with the MEASURING Line (2:1-13)
 - 1. It would EXPAND greatly
 - 2. The Lord would be a WALL of fire around her and GLORY within
 - 3. Messiah would AVENGE them and DWELL with them
 - 4. GENTILES will be converted and there will be PEACE
 - D. Joshua and the BRANCH (3:1-10)
 - 1. Satan ACCUSES Joshua and is REBUKED by the LORD
 - 2. Their defense is based solely on GRACE
 - 3. God promised to bring MESSIAH to remove iniquity in ONE DAY

- E. The LAMPSTAND and the OLIVE Trees (4:1-14)
 - 1. The Spirit of God would make ISRAEL a light to the WORLD
 - 2. Zerubbabel would COMPLETE the TEMPLE
 - 3. Ultimate fulfillment would be in the MESSIAH
- F. The Flying SCROLL (5:1-4)
 - 1. Violation of God's law is SIN and will be PUNISHED
 - 2. Judgment must BEGIN with GOD'S people
- G. The WOMAN in the Ephah (5:5-11)
 - The SIN of the people would be SEALED in a vessel and taken AWAY for judgment
 - 2. The culmination of human EVIL is associated with BABYLON
- H. The Four CHARIOTS (6:1-8)
 - 1. Four AGENTS will proceed from HEAVEN
 - 2. All carry the JUDGMENT of the LORD against evil
- I. The Symbolic CROWNING of Joshua (6:9-15)
 - 1. Zechariah made a CROWN and placed it on JOSHUA'S head
 - 2. Joshua represented Messiah as both PRIEST and KING
 - 3. The CROWN was to be preserved in the TEMPLE