

RETURN TO THE LORD

ZECHARIAH 1:1–6

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I. Introduction to Zechariah (1:1)

A. Author, Date, and Setting (1:1; Neh 12:4, 16; Ezra 5:1; 6:14; Matt 23:35)

B. Key Themes

C. Outline of the Book

1. Chapters 1-8 – The Eight Night Visions
 - a. 1:1-6 Introduction – Return to the Lord
 - b. 1:7-6:15 – The Night Visions
 - c. Chapters 7-8 From Fasting to Feasting
2. Chapters 9-14 – Two Oracles
 - a. Chapters 9-11 – First Oracle
 - b. Chapters 12-14 – Second Oracle

II. Return to the Lord (1:1-6)

A. Return to Me and I Will Return to You (1:2-3)

B. Do Not Be Like Your Fathers (1:4-6b; Jer 25:4-5)

C. Repentance (1:6b; 2:10; 9:9)

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. Why is it worthwhile for us to study the book of Zechariah today?
2. What was the context in which Zechariah prophesied?
3. What is the Lord calling you to repent of in your life today?