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PROPHECY

MEMORY. Memorize the dates and leaders of the three waves of the return: (1) 538 BC (Zerubbabel and Joshua), (2) 458 BC (Ezra), and (3) 445 BC (Nehemiah). (Haggai and Zechariah were a part of the first wave, and Malachi was seemingly a part of the second or third wave.)

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READING. Read Zechariah. After doing your reading, in the space below write down something that you found to be interesting or important. It can be something that you have never noticed before or something that you want to remember and apply.

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DISCUSSION.

1. *Rebuke.* When did Zechariah deliver his first message? (Zech 1:1; cf. Hag 2:1, 10) What was the main point of this first message? (Zech 1:2-6)

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2. *Visions.* When did Zechariah deliver his second message? (Zech 1:7) What did Zechariah see in each of his eight visions? (1:8–6:15) (You do not need to go into detail. You only need to list the key component of the vision.) How would these visions have encouraged the Jews who were building the second temple?

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3. *Exhortation.* When did Zechariah deliver his third message? (Zech 7:1; cf. Ezra 6:15) For decades the people had mourned the loss of the first temple. Now, at the midpoint in their work on the new, how were the people to observe the fasts going forward, and what would God do for them if they did? (7:2-8:23; cf. Isa 58:1-12)

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4. *Oracles.* Against whom was the first oracle of Zech 9-14? (9:1) As God punished his enemies, what would cause his people to rejoice, and when would this prophecy see its Messianic fulfillment? (v. 9; cf. Matt 21:5) With whom was God angry? (Zech 10:3) ...

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4. *Oracles.* Zechariah, seemingly foreshadowing Christ, shepherded the flock of God only to be rejected (11:4-14). Read Zech 11:12-13. When did this prophetic symbol find its Messianic fulfillment? (Cf. Matt 27:9-10.)

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4. *Oracles.* Concerning whom was the second oracle of Zech 9-14? (12:1) How can we know that the language of Zech 12-14 is symbolic and ultimately pointing to Jesus? (Cf. 12:10; John 19:37.) What would be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem? (Zech 13:1) How did Jesus accomplish this? (12:10; 13:7; 14:8-9)

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CONNECTION. How do Zech 3:1-10 and 6:9-15 find their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ?

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APPLICATION. Thank God today that he has opened a fountain for your sin.