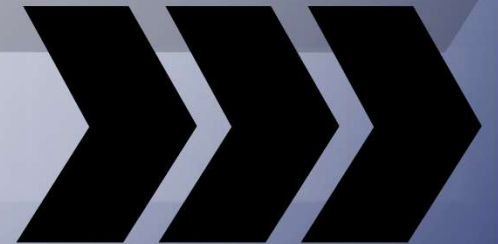


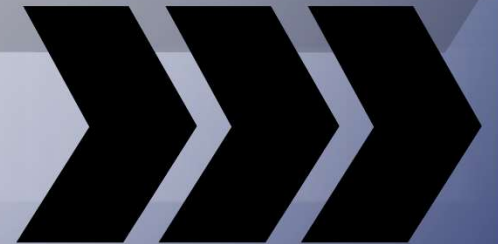
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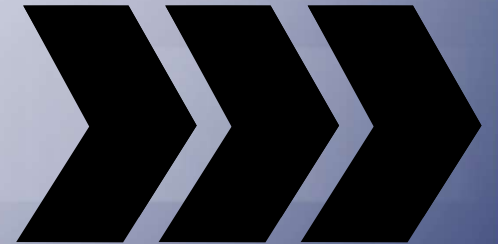
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Focus Thought

God gives us visions of the future to encourage us to be faithful in the present.

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Focus Verses

Zechariah 3:7–8

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

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Lesson Text

Zechariah 3:1–10

1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

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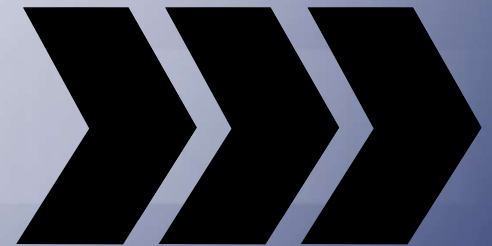
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Zechariah 3:1–10

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

6 And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying,



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Zechariah 3:1–10

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

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Lesson Text

Zechariah 3:1–10

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

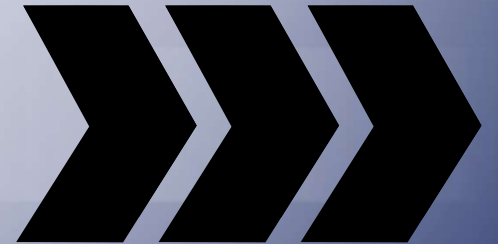
10 In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.



I. THE MINISTRY OF ZECHARIAH

A. Haggai's Contemporary

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Think of the leadership teams (at church or at work) that you have observed or been involved in. Did any of them include members who were “polar opposites” as far as temperament and approach? What benefits did their combined presence bring to the team?

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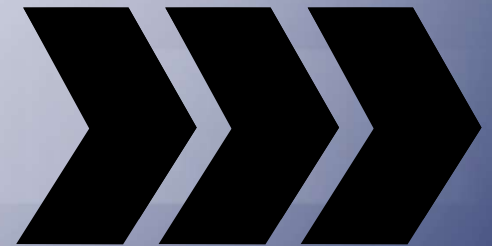
Why is it important for us to understand that these visions came from God and were not the product of a deranged prophet? Why is it important for us to share with the world what God has said and not simply try to share our own wisdom and ideas?

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In your personal Bible reading, do you find books like Zechariah (e.g., books with fantastic visions) puzzling or comforting? Or do you try to avoid them altogether? Why? What are some things you have done that have helped you glean something useful when reading difficult passages like prophetic visions?

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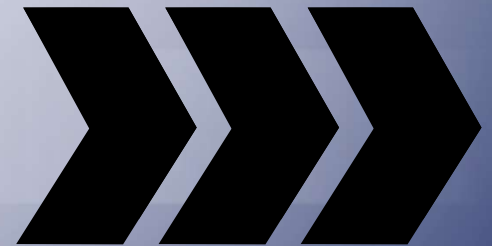
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Has God ever spoken to you through a dream or a vision? What convinced you this was God speaking to you?

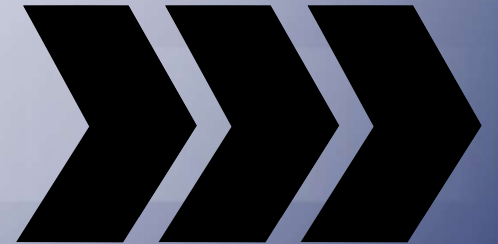
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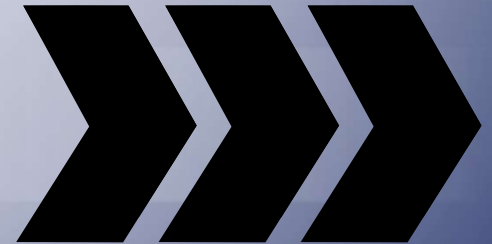
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Why is the New Testament so obviously focused on presenting Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies like Zechariah's? How should that influence the way we read the Old Testament?

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II. THE MESSAGE OF ZECHARIAH

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- C. The Return of Christ—Our Sustaining Hope

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