

# **Zechariah 1:1-17**

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What would a “return to God” look like for the Jews (vs 3-4)? What might a return to God look like for us today?
2. How does the telling of the past validate the words of Zechariah and how does the past set him up to be believed as a prophet, particularly with the visions that he shares?
3. The word “peace” does not speak of the “shalom” that is described in other places in the prophetic books, this is more of a reference to military, forced peace. Is forced peace a good thing or is it simply better than the alternative (lesser of two evils)? (Pax Romana/ Pax Americana)
4. What does the angel’s prayer mentioning the 70 years have to do with Zechariah’s vision?
5. How should the comfort God gives about the restoration of Jerusalem and the temple give hope to the Jewish people in this time? How might the hope of restoration be affecting you currently?
6. How might the other nations have known the limit of pain that they were allowed to inflict on the Jewish people? (vs 15)
7. How does rebuilding what was destroyed affect your spirit when you think of all that has changed during this quarantine period?