

## Purpose

To give hope to God's people by revealing God's future deliverance through the Messiah

## Meaning of Name

"God Remembers"

## Date Written

Chapters 1-8 were written approximately 520-518 BC. Chapters 9-14 were written around 480 BC.

## Setting

The exiles had returned from Babylon to rebuild the Temple, but the work had been stalled. Haggai and Zechariah encouraged the people to complete it.

## Key People

Zerubbabel and Jeshua

## Key Verses

"Shout in triumph, people of Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet He is humble, riding on a donkey, even on a donkey's colt... Your King will bring peace to the nations."

*Zechariah 9:9, 10*

## Special Feature

This book is the most apocalyptic and Messianic of all the minor prophets.

## An Overview (14 Chapters)

- While Rebuilding the Temple (1:1-8:23)
- After Completing the Temple (9:1-14:21)

## Major Themes

- *God's Jealousy:* God is jealous for our devotion. To avoid Israel's ruin, don't walk in their steps. Don't reject God, follow false teachers, or lead others astray. Turn to God, faithfully obey His commands and make sure you are leading others correctly.
- *Rebuild the Temple:* More than the rebuilding of the Temple was at stake; the people were rebuilding their faith in God and their commitment to obey their covenant.
- *The King Is Coming:* The Messiah will come both to rescue people from sin and reign as King. He will establish His Kingdom, conquer all of His enemies, and rule over all the earth. Everything will one day be under His loving and powerful control.
- *God's Protection:* There was opposition to God's plan in Zechariah's day, and he prophesied future times of trouble, but God's Word endures. God remembers the agreements He makes with His people. He cares for them and will deliver them from all the world powers that oppress them.