

Sermon Notes – December 13, 2020

Good, Comforting Words (*Zechariah 1:7-2:13*)

- I. VISION 1: God is here, assuring us of His presence. (*Vss. 7-17*)
 - A. Through the presence of His messengers and message. (*Vss. 11-14*)
 - 1. The angel of the Lord. (*Genesis 16:7; 18; Joshua 5:13-15; Daniel 3:25; Revelation 1*)
 - 2. The Lord of hosts.
 - B. Through the significance of the myrtle trees. (Evergreens)
 - 1. Referring to the nation of Israel.
 - 2. Referencing the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles). (*Nehemiah 8:15*)
 - a. Used to make the booths.
 - b. Feast reminded them of God's blessing and protection.

- II. VISION 2: God is our security, protecting us from the enemy. (*Vss. 1:18-21*)
 - A. Through His sovereignty over history.
 - 1. Four horns.
 - B. Through His power over the nations.
 - 1. Craftsmen= "smiths."
 - 2. Hammers the enemies of God's people.

- III. VISION 3: God is at work, promising us that we have a glorious future.
 - A. His earthly work.
 - 1. Rebuilding the Temple in Zechariah's day.
 - 2. Expanding His kingdom in our day.
 - a. I will build my church. (*Matthew 16:16-17*)
 - b. Go and make disciples. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
 - c. You will be my witnesses, Jews and Gentiles. (*Acts*)
 - B. His heavenly work.
 - 1. My Father's house. (*John 14:1-6*)
 - 2. The New Jerusalem. (*Revelation 21/22*)