

## Zechariah 1:1-6 **Call to Repentance – Yahweh does What He Says**

### A Call to Repentance

<sup>1</sup> In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "Yahweh (the Lord) has been very angry with your fathers.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh Tsebaot (the Lord of hosts): "Return to Me," says Yahweh Tsebaot (the Lord of hosts), "and I will return to you," says Yahweh Tsebaot (the Lord of hosts).

<sup>4</sup> "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh Tsebaot (the Lord of hosts): "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds."' But they did not hear nor heed Me," says Yahweh (the Lord).

<sup>5</sup> "Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

<sup>6</sup> Yet surely My words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers?

"So they returned and said:

'Just as Yahweh Tsebaot (the Lord of hosts) determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.'""

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#### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Like Haggai the prophet, Yahweh also spoke to Zechariah in the second year of Darius.
- ✧ To Haggai Yahweh spoke in the sixth, seventh, and ninth month of the second year of Darius. To Zechariah Yahweh spoke in the eighth month of the second year of Darius.
- ✧ Yahweh is calling the people to consider their history and see that Yahweh is a God of His Word.
- ✧ He called the people to repent and they ignored His call.
- ✧ Now He calls the people to consider and realize that Yahweh has done exactly as He had said in punishing them according to their own ways and doings.
- ✧ Your fathers and their prophets, all died, but the Word of Yahweh stands the test of time.
- ✧ The call is still to repent, turn from your evil ways and turn back to Yahweh with a promise that He will return to you.