

“Mercy and Jealousy for Zion” (Zechariah 1)

Big Idea: The Lord proclaims his mercy and jealousy for his downtrodden people.

- I. Opening Message: Return to Me... Unlike Your Stubborn Fathers (verses 1–6)
 - a. Explanation: The Lord’s past anger should warn his present people.

Exodus 20:4–6
 - b. Application: The Lord’s mercy awaits those who turn from evil to him.

Jeremiah 29:10–13
- II. First Night Vision: Horseback Patrol and Heavenly Intercession (verses 7–17)
 - a. Explanation: The plight of Zion and the prosperity of her oppressors matter to the Lord, and he will reverse them.

Exodus 2:23–3:8; Joshua 5:13–15
Psalm 123:3–4
 - b. Application: God’s elect find security in his jealousy and mercy.
- III. Second Night Vision: Mighty Horns Doomed by God’s Craftsmen (verses 18–21)
 - a. Explanation: The powers which have scattered Judah will be cast down.

Psalm 75
 - b. Application: The Lord’s retribution and deliverance are in progress.

Revelation 6:9–10; 11:15–18

Conclusion: God’s unworthy people have a perfect Advocate.

Psalm 35:5–6; Isaiah 63:8b–9; Hebrews 2:16–18; 1 John 2:1–2; Romans 8:33–39; 1 Timothy 3:5–6