10. Zechariah - Turn to Me! And I Will Turn to You!

Opening Thoughts:

What is repentance? What is hope? (1:1-6)

520 B.C - Post Exile, (See ESV Study Bible) - Ezra/Nehemiah provide historical backdrop. After returning from exile, the leaders Zerubbabel (governor/king), and Joshua (high priest) are in charge of restoring the temple in Jerusalem. The people become discouraged because their people are still under oppression from other nations, and are not restored to former glory of King David.

Part 1 - Eight Visions (ch 1-8) - see ESV Chart Part 2 - Return of the King (ch 9-14)

Vision 1 - horses = angels sent to bring rest (Babylon>Persia) and restore Israel's peace and prosperity

Vision 2 - horns = nations (Babylon) that scattered Israel will be scattered (See 1:21)

Vision 3 - measuring = restoring Jerusalem (See 2:8)

Vision 4 - high priest = rebuking Satan with cleansing of worship (See 3:1-5)

Central - 3:6-10

Vision 5 - olive trees = priest and king to right and left of the menorah/the Lord (see 4:6-7)

Vision 6 - flying scroll = the wicked will be held accountable to the word

Vision 7 - basket = "wickedness" is carried away by two angels and given a new home in Shinar (Nimrod/Tower of Babel/Babylon)

Vision 8 - chariots = angels sent to bring rest to the north (Assyria)

Conclusion to Visions - 6:9-15

Transition Summary - ch7-8

7:4-14 - Fruits of Repentance (Return to Me)8:1-3 - Promise of Presence (I will return to You)8:20-23 - Gathering of "others"

Messianic Hope - ch9-14

NT Cross References 9:9-13 -

11:7-14 -

12:10-11 -

13:7-9 -

Future Kingdom - ch14