



### **Part 1—Jerusalem’s Bright Future**

Read Zechariah 8:1-6

- 1) According to Zechariah what is the cause of Jerusalem’s bright future?
- 2) Often God’s promises seem too good to be true. In verse 6 this sentiment is expressed. Why do you suppose we tend to doubt God’s promises?

### **Part 2—The Remnant Returns**

Read Zechariah 8:4-8; Jeremiah 31:10-11

- 1) For what ultimate purpose does God indicate here He will bring His people back from the East and West?
- 2) According to Jeremiah 31 the return of the Jews to the promised land is an act of redemption. How is this similar to the redemption of the Christian?

### **Part 3—A Motive to Work**

Read Zechariah 8:9-13; Philippians 2:12-13

- 1) What did God offer as a motivation to strengthen the people’s hands to work?
- 2) How and why does Paul in Philippians 2 encourage you to work out your salvation?

### **Part 4—A Curse Turned to Blessing**

Read Zechariah 8:13-15

- 1) What makes the difference between the Jews being a curse and a blessing in verse 13?
- 2) What enables you to be a blessing to others rather than a curse?

### **Part 4—A Different Focus**

Read Zechariah 8:16-19; John 4:21-24

- 1) How does this passage encourage a shift in the focus for these Jewish worshippers?
- 2) How do Jesus’ words in John 4 encourage the right focus in worship?

### **Part 4—A Gentile Pilgrimage**

Read Zechariah 8:20-23; Hebrews 11:8-10

- 1) What will be the primary motive to visit Jerusalem in the future?
- 2) For what city did Abraham seek? How is his pilgrimage similar to what we see promised in Zechariah 8?

