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**GATHERING OF THE NOBLES**

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DIOCESAN THEME: "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH" - ROMANS 1:17

**ZECHARIAH 2**

**BE ENCOURAGED**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

Continuing from our last study, we need a reminder on the purposes of the book of Prophet Zechariah more so given the proximity of time between then and now.

There are two fold purposes for the writing of Zechariah.

1. To encourage the Jewish remnant in Judah to resume building the temple and to stick with it until the task was completed. This is contained in the first 8 chapters.
2. To encourage the same people who having completed were disheartened when the Messiah did not appear immediately and to reveal what it will mean when the Messiah does come.

NB: From the above two purposes, one can infer that ***ZECHARIAH IS A BOOK OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO ARE PRONE TO DISCOURAGEMENT.***

**CHAPTER 1 IN RETROSPECT: An Highlight**

1. An awakening call to a sinful people to repent of their sins and return to God - 2-6
2. Great encouragement given to hope for mercy
  - A. By the vision of the horses - 7-11
  - B. By the prayer of the angel for Jerusalem and the answer to that prayer -12-17
  - C. By the vision of the four carpenters that were employed to cut off the four horns  
with which Judah and Jerusalem were scattered -18-21.
3. People doubted the glorification of Jerusalem again. There was lethargy as touching the responsibility to rebuild. Had difficulty as touching timing. The task of the writer just like Haggai was to encourage the people into action to rebuild as they were close to the end of the predicted 70years of captivity.

**B. NOW CHAPTER TWO**

**This chapter has**

1. Another vision seen by the Prophet sent to him for his satisfaction and not entertainment and also for the ***EDIFICATION*** of the recipients - 1-2. First vision in

Chapter 1 was a promise to rebuild. The second was the measurement of extent of rebuilding thinking of the former state when in actual fact God intended a much more better state. No boundaries, to have unwallled city with God as protector likened to the future new Messianic Jerusalem - Gal. 4:26.

2. The vision is explicated as a prediction of the replenishing of Jerusalem and of its safety and honour 3-5
3. An exhortation to the Jews yet in captivity in Babylon promising them to hasten their return to their own land 6-9
4. A consolation to those who had returned with regards to the many difficulties they had to struggle with 10-12
5. A caution to all not to **PRESCRIBE** to God or **LIMIT HIM** but to wait patiently for Him vs. 13

### C. LESSONS / WHAT IS IN THIS CHAPTER FOR US

1. To look down when faced with discouraging situation is to be **DOWNCASTED**. But each time we look up to the Lord we are bound to experience heavenly vision and revelations unto comfort and consolations vs 1, Ps. 121:1
2. Our God has a way of **MEASURING** things in His own special ways. He is ever accurate in His measurement. He measures nations, family, Churches and individual. **WHAT IS YOUR MEASUREMENT BEFORE GOD: COLD, HOT, DEEP, SHALLOW** God has a scale for measurement Dan. 5:24-end, Rev. 2 & 3 etc. V 2.
3. The ministry of Angels have not ceased. Angelic visitations are realistic. We must covet it. v 3, Ex. 14:19, Ps. 91:11, Gen. 32:1, Num. 22:31.
4. Our God is a God that is **TIME CONSCIOUS**. We must not slow Him down or tie His hands in the ordering of His agenda for our lives. **(HASTE/RUN)** 2 Chro. 24:5
5. Our God is a God of restoration. He is able to restore every lost glory if we believe. V 4, Mal. 3:4, Ezek. 20:40, Isa.1:26
6. Our God is committed to our safety, provided our righteousness is in Him v. 4 We need this as Nigerians in the face of security challenges. Ps 91:10, Isa. 32:18, Jer. 23:6.
7. Our God derives joy in the growth of His kingdom v 4, Isa. 9:7, Isa. 54:3, Isa. 60:22.
8. Divine protection is part of the will of God for us v 5, 2 Chro. 16:9, Ps. 34:7, Ps. 91:4, Ps. 125:2, Luke 21:18
9. God's Shekinah glory is the birthright of every true child of God v 5, Ex. 40:35, Lev. 16:2, Ps. 80:1, Isa. 37:16, Ezek. 9:3
10. God will not cast us off perpetually. He is interested in the restoration of those in dispersion Lev. 26:33, Neh. 1:8, Ps. 44:11, Jh. 7:35
11. Self deliverance is one of the greatest and lasting deliverance. We get to that point by living a separate life from the world Ex. 33:16, Josh. 23:7, Ex. 33:16, Num. 23:9, Deut. 7:2, Jer. 15:19
12. God is able to enable us overcome all forms of captivity lawful or unlawful Isa. 49:24-25, 2 Kings 15:29, 2 Chro. 28:5
13. Zion is our portion not captivity 2 sam 5:7, 1 Kings 8:1, Ps. 87:2, Rom. 11:26
14. The Church of God today is **THE APPLE OF HIS EYES**. We are precious. We must not allow **SIN, DEVIL, WORLD** and **FLESH** deprived us of this wonderful package (Deut. 32:10, Is. 62:3, Mal. 3:17)

### D. WHO ARE WE IN CHRIST

- A. A peculiar treasure Ex. 19:5

- B. Chosen by Jehovah Deut. 14:2
  - C. Exalted above nations Deut. 26:19, 1 Sam. 12:22, Ps. 29:11
  - D. Guided like a flock Ps. 78:52, 100:3
  - E. Prepared for service Luke 1:17, Acts 15:14
  - F. Characterized by zeal Titus 2:14
  - G. The Law written upon their hearts Heb. 8:10, 1 Pet. 2:9, Rev. 21:3
15. We must understand the power in the hand of God in every situation Zechariah 2:9
    - A. Upon men for chastisement and punishment Ex. 7:5, Deut. 2:15
    - B. For men to receive Ex. 6:7, Josh. 3:10, 1 Kings 18:37
  16. Singing and rejoicing are not expected to cease in the presence of God. Ps. 81:1, Ps. 95:1, Isa. 30:29, Deut. 12:7, Ps. 5:11, Phil. 4:4. Divine presence as comfort and courage in the journey of life Gen. 28:15, Deut. 20:1, Isa. 43:2
  17. Our lives and testimonies should attract and encourage outsiders and more people to serve the Lord v 11, Acts 11:1, Acts 13:48
  18. Christians are God's inheritance, we are the chosen generation and this must reflect in our attitude to life and issues Deut. 7:6, Ps. 4:3, 1 Pet. 2:10
  19. The awe of God should make us honour Him in silence Josh. 6:10, Hab. 2:20, Zeph. 1:7
  20. We must reverence our God for He is able to raise us up whatever the situation Ex. 3:5, Josh. 5:15, Ps. 33:8

## E. QUESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

## F. CONCLUSION

We must always take solace and find encouragement in the word of God. We must know our identity in and with God and explore it.

## HYMN: CH 770 'COURAGE BROTHERS'

1. Courage, brother, do not stumble,  
Though thy path be dark as night;  
There's a star to guide the humble:  
Trust in God and do the right.
2. Let the road be rough and dreary,  
And its end far out of sight,  
Foot it bravely; strong or weary,  
Trust in God and do the right.
3. Perish policy and cunning,  
Perish all that fears the light!  
Whether losing, whether winning,  
Trust in God and do the right,
4. Trust no party, sect or faction;  
Trust no leaders in the fight;  
But in every word or action,  
Trust in God and do the right.

7. Simple rule, and safest guiding,  
Inward peace and inward might,  
Star upon our path abiding,  
Trust in God and do the right