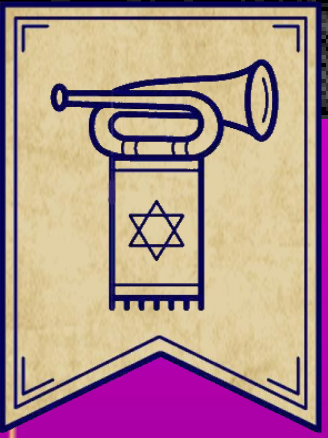




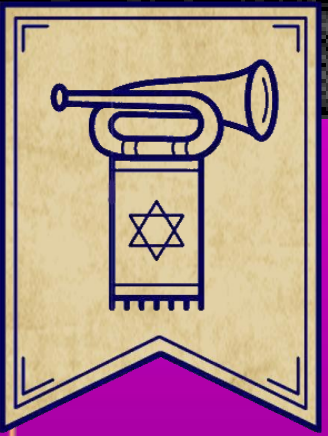
Messengers: Zechariah





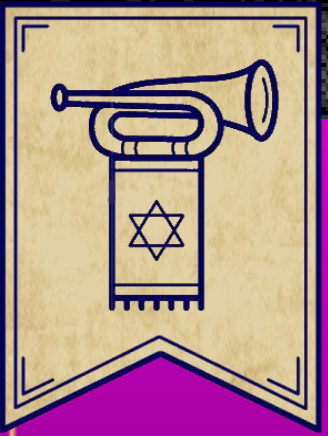
Just because a war is over
doesn't mean everything
returns to normal instantly
(sometimes scars linger)





The returning remnant
is back in Jerusalem
(captivity is finally over)
But what they are facing upon
their return is utter devastation





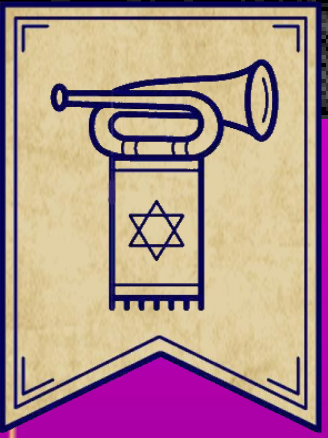
God's message was clear-
Don't focus on the rubble
Look ahead to God's glorious
restoration which is in Christ





Zechariah: From Fasting To Feasting

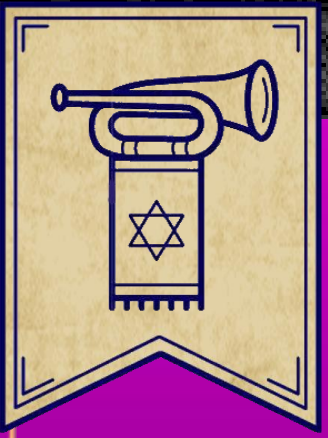




Zechariah 8:1-2

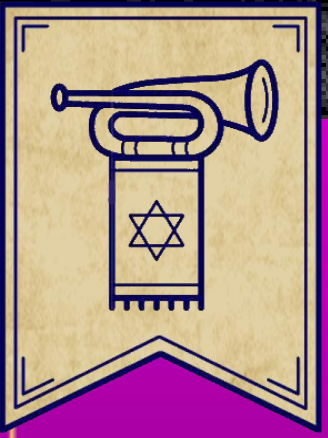
“Jealous” = an intense passion
(This is a passionate zeal over what
rightfully belongs to one’s own self)





Despite God's people being
released physically from Babylon
they still had Babylon residing
in their hearts

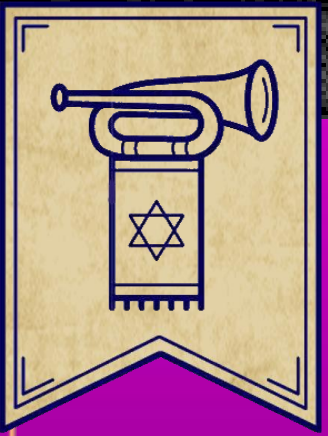




Our Savior is zealously determined
to redeem what belongs to Him
(This is the fiery passion that drove
Jesus to the cross)

Zechariah 8:3-6

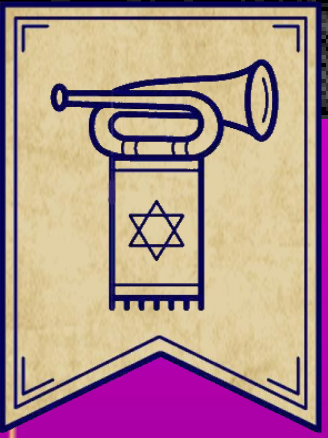




“Return” = carries the idea of
turning back; restoring; renewing

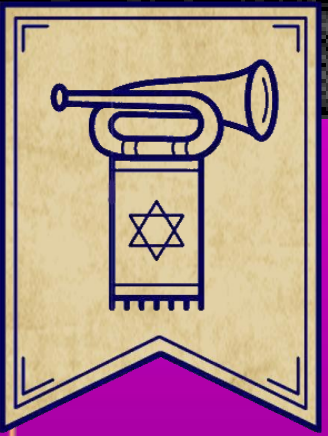
What the people were unable to rebuild
by their own effort, God promises to
restore by His own presence





God's promise is more than buildings
and walls, it's about a personal and
intimate relationship, a restored
fellowship with the Lord

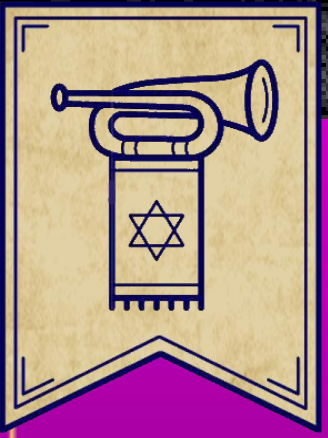




Where the people only saw
a pile of rubble, God saw the
foundation of future renewal
(it was part of His plan)

Zechariah 8:7-8

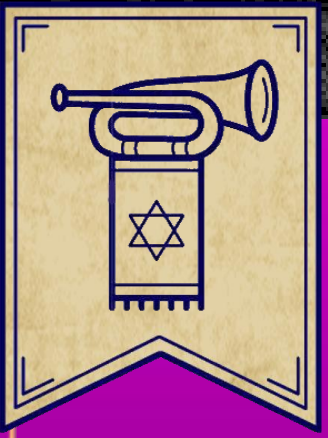




Their present hope was directly
connected back to God's faithfulness
(God always keeps His promises)

Zechariah 8:9-13

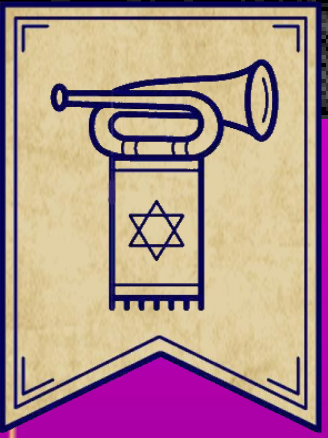




God doesn't just deliver His people,
He delights in using them

Zechariah 8:14-17

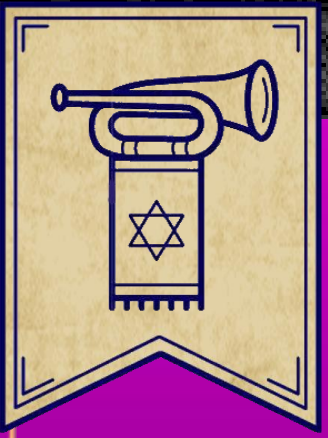




God is calling His people
to live differently
(to take hold of opportunities to reflect
His holiness to a watching world)

Zechariah 8:18-19





Zechariah 8:20-23

What began with Israel culminates in every tribe, tongue and nation, all praising the Lamb Who was slain!

