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Key Passage:
Blessed is the man who
trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
Jeremiah 17:7

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 17 • Session 2

ZECHARIAH GAVE HOPE

Zechariah 13-14

**CAN GOD BE TRUSTED? YES, GOD CANNOT LIE OR EVER BE WRONG,
SO WE CAN TRUST WHATEVER HE HAS SAID.**

The exile was over. God's people were home! A group had returned to Jerusalem to rebuild God's temple. They started the work, but their neighbors didn't want them to rebuild the temple, so they stopped.

God sent prophets to encourage His people to finish the temple and give them a message. One of those prophets was named Zechariah. God told Zechariah what would happen in the future, and then Zechariah told the people what God said.

Zechariah gave a message of hope. Zechariah said: "A day is coming when the Lord will remove every idol from this land. No one will remember them or worship them." God was going to set up a new kingdom over the nations.

Zechariah said God would give His people a new king—like a shepherd caring for a flock of sheep. There will be troubles, but God will be doing something good," Zechariah explained.

In this new kingdom, God will judge and punish all evil. Zechariah said, "The people will call out to God, and He will answer them. He will say, 'You are My people,' and they will answer, 'The LORD is our God.'"

The new kingdom will have a new city—a New Jerusalem—that brings all the nations together and heals all of creation.

Christ Connection: Zechariah spoke a message of hope to God's people. God would one day set up a new and better kingdom with a new and better King. God kept His promise by sending Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can have hope and forgiveness of sins by trusting in Him.

My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:

Parent Signature: _____