

temple. The people stopped because they ran out, if you will pardon the phrase, of spiritual gasoline. They just got tired and a little bit of external opposition and little bit of internal opposition, a little bit of lackadaisical attitude, and they threw up their hands and they dropped the whole project, much like you would drop a hot potato. And it laid there for 13 years, or 12 years, and then the Holy Spirit tells us that the Spirit of God came to Zerrubbabel and to Zechariah and to Haggai, in particular, for those men/^{to}put a charge into it that the temple building program begin. And this is the burden of the book of Haggai in his two chapters and the burden of Zechariah in fourteen chapters, that the temple which God had ordained be built for His worship, be re-established at Jerusalem. And the whole message of Zechariah is - here's the Will of God, why don't you do it? Here's the Will of God, here's the provision God has made for us, what holds you back from doing this? Now I don't think I need to pause here to point out the relevancy of this to you, in our present day and age. It's simply an urgency saying Here is the will of God, God wants this done, what possible justifiable excuse do any of us have for not doing those things which the Scripture commands us to do? God provides the means, God provides the way, God provides the will. He lays everything before us, in His mercy and His grace, what holds us back? And yet you will see churches than languish, and you will see Christian homes that languish, and you will see Mission Boards that languish, and you will see every sort of Christian work deserted in part, at least, much on the same basis of reason why the temple of Jerusalem was not rebuilt. Now we want to look at the book of Zechariah and see what the prophet says through visions that combat this sort of thing and what he intended that ought to be done. So we'll go now