

not finished in effect. I am going to give you some more of it now. I am going to explain to you now what God's will is, said Zechariah, and then he moves into the visional section.

Now when we come to the first six chapters, we come to the visionary matter and there are two or three things that I will say in introduction to our consideration of vision because basically, when people come to visions, this may not be true of a single one of you, but basically when people come to visions they throw up their hands in horror and say, what is this? How do I make sense out of them? How do I understand it? I would like to say that God spoke in visions not to confuse people but to emphasize real meaning. And you speak in a figure of speech and people understand you more plainly than if you just speak in simple, everyday language. I say to you, I felt so mad I could have kicked him down a flight of stairs, and you understand in vigorous language just how angry I felt. If I say to you, Oh, I felt so mad, and just stop at that, you don't know whether I really felt mad or whether I was just joking about the situation. And so it is, you speak this way both evilly, sometimes, and rightfully sometimes, in visions of your own. The chap who said to me, I just felt like knocking him through the wall, was speaking in a vision, you see, not a God-given vision, something of much different category, but speaking in a vision. So the visions are in the first place to emphasize meanings, and to reassure, in the second place, that the prophet really speaks from God. He shows them a dream, shows them a wonder, he shows them a sign. Now in the interpretation of visions, we take these five steps. I will not take these with every vision in Zechariah 1 through 6, or you would have to be with me for a couple