

for Christ is not done in vain. I'm not speaking of fleshly energy. I'm speaking of spiritual exertion and work for the exercise of His gospel and His truth. This work isn't in vain, ladies, now or never. And there will be those who say, what's the use of visiting, nobody comes to church anyway, no matter what they tell you at their home, but work expended for Jesus Christ is not expended in vain. This is the breath of the message of Zechariah back to those people and it is the message of Zechariah to you and me in our everyday association in life, right now. Now, this, however, introduces another problem. After all, how big a place is Jerusalem after the captivity? It's not a very big city. It had never been an enormous city, and it certainly wasn't a very big city after the captivity. So this question comes up in the mind of the Israelites and the question isn't expressed in Zechariah but we get it by implication in Chapter 2. Jerusalem is a small place and the faithful people of God are but few. Is it really worthwhile to expend all this effort and all this energy? Is it really worthwhile to pour out, as Churchill would say it, blood, sweat and tears on a big project like this, when Jerusalem is just a small town out in the country, and the people of God are just a few people in the heart of it? Is it really worthwhile building a cathedral in a town

of this particular book. In Chapter 2, you have the vision of the man with the measuring line. The personnel in this chapter are the man, who comes out of the measuring line, an angel and Zechariah, himself. And Zechariah sees this man in verse 1 and he says, where do you go? And the man says, I go to measure Jerusalem, to measure