Zechariah

During the Reign of Darius 522-486 -- Third of the PERSIAN rulers after CYRUS.

The issue is the rebuilding of the community after the disaster. Begins with a "Deuteronomic Review"

Zechariah 1:1-6
1:1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berechiah son of Iddo, saying: 2 The LORD was very angry with your ancestors. 3 Therefore say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. 4 Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds." But they did not hear or heed me, says the LORD. 5 Your ancestors, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your ancestors? So they repented and said, "The LORD of hosts has dealt with us according to our ways and deeds, just as he planned to do."

Reminds us of Isaiah 40, which begins with a review of the punishment of Israel as well.

The SEVEN NIGHT VISIONS:
(1) 1:7-17 -- The Four Horsemen
(2) 1: 18-21 -- The Horns and the Blacksmiths
(3) 2:1-5 -- The Measure of Jerusalem
(4) 3:1-7 -- Purifying Joshua for Priesthood
(5) 4:1-14 -- The Golden Lamps
(6) 5:1-4 -- The Flying Scroll
(7) 5:5-11 -- The Wickedness Flies Away
(8) 6:1-8 -- The Four Chariots