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B A P T I S T C H U R C H

**“Misplaced Fasting, Misplaced Sorrow”**

Zechariah 7

- b. When the time came that Israel called on the Lord for help, God \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, ordaining the destruction of His chosen nation due to their rebellion (7:13-14).

- I. With temple construction just two years away from \_\_\_\_\_, the citizens of Bethel ask whether they should continue fasting in the fifth month, the anniversary of the temple’s \_\_\_\_\_ (7:1-3).
- a. God questions the \_\_\_\_\_ behind their fasting: What was the real tragedy that happened in the fifth month many years earlier, the loss of the temple or their breached \_\_\_\_\_ with God? (7:4-6).
- b. God \_\_\_\_\_ his expanded description of the problem with Israel by digging into her past (7:7).
- II. In lieu of religious fasting, God asserts \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ identify His children (7:8-10).
- a. Israel refused to listen to the Lord through the \_\_\_\_\_ prophets and made their hearts diamond-\_\_\_\_\_ (7:11-12).