

Understanding the Message of Zechariah: Rejoice, the Lord has Come!
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II. To make _____ by the _____ of His covenant.

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