



Logos Class

Book of *Zechariah* *Ch 11B & 12A*

Class for Apr 19, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Apr 5, 2026. - Resurrection Sunday*
- ✓ *Apr 12, 2026. - Zechariah Ch 10 & 11 A*
- ✓ *Apr 19, 2026. - Zechariah Ch 11B & 12 A*
- *Apr 26, 2026 - Zechariah Ch 12B & 13 A*
- *May 3, 2026. - Zechariah Ch 13B & 14 A*
- *May 10, 2026. - Zechariah Ch 14B /Review*
- *May 17, 2026 - What Baptists Believe*

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *Cease-fire off and on with Iran*
- *The Strait of Hormuz is still a flash point*
- *Posturing by Turkey, Russia, Iran, and China to become more aligned*

US/World

- *Gov. Shutdown continues, with Homeland Security and the Coast Guard affected*
- *Key races for House and Senate in 2026 primaries*
- *Anti-Israel sentiment growing in US population (Pew research poll)*
- *Russia and Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end*

Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars and rumors of wars.

- ***Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency***
 - *Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, **Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist**, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies. Continuation of the Aliyah to Israel*
 - *Substantial European acts to move away from Western values and embrace one-world ideas.*
 - *Remember, Israel is God's timepiece for the End of Time. Israel is the hour hand, Jerusalem is the minute hand, and the Temple Mount is the second hand*

Zechariah – A timeline- more detail



- You can see the cluster of God’s Prophets that came after the return to Jerusalem and before. Many of the messages were targeted to Judah (SK), and earlier to Israel (NK)
- You can also see where Malachi, the last prophet to speak before the 400+ years of silence, was in the timeline
- God always sent one or more prophets in advance of judgment to warn the Jews and call them to return to Him.
- Ezra and Nehemiah are placed in their proper time slot
- ❖ We are coming to Zechariah’s future prophecies of Christs Second Coming.

Zechariah - The Outline

1. A Call to Repentance (1:1-6)

2. The Eight Visions (1:7-6:15)

- a. Vision of the Horses (1:7-17)
- b. Vision of the Horns (1:18-21)
- c. Vision of the Measuring Line (2:1-13)
- d. Vision of Joshua the High Priest (3:1-10)
- e. Vision of the Lampstand and Olive Trees (4:1-14)
- f. Vision of the Flying Scroll (5:1-4)
- g. Vision of the Woman in a Basket (5:5-11)
- h. Vision of the Four Chariots (6:1-8)
- i. The Crown and the Temple (6:9-15)

3. Fasting and Restoration (7:1-8:23)

- a. Question about Weeping and Fasting (7:1-3)
- b. Four Answers (7:4-8:23)
 - i. Incorrect Motives (7:4-7)
 - ii. True Justice (7:8-14)
 - iii. Restoration of Jerusalem (8:1-17)
 - iv. Future Feasts for All Nations (8:18-23)

4. Prophecies of the Messiah (9:1-14:21)

a. The Messiah's First Coming (9:1-11:17)

- i. Judgment against Israel's Enemies (9:1-8)
- ii. Zion's Coming King (9:9-10:12)
- iii. The Rejected Shepherd (11:1-9)
- iv. Thirty Pieces of Silver (11:10-17)



b. The Messiah's Second Coming (12:1-14:21)

- i. Jerusalem Will Be Attacked (12:1-9)
- ii. Mourning the One They Pierced (12:10-14)
- iii. An End to Idolatry (13:1-9)
- iv. The Destroyers of Jerusalem Destroyed (14:1-15)



5. All Nations Will Worship the King (14:16-21)

Zechariah Ch 11:1-3

Taunting Song

- 1 Open your doors, O Lebanon,***
that the fire may devour your cedars!
- 2 Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has***
fallen,
for the glorious trees are ruined!
- Wail, oaks of Bashan,***
for the thick forest has been felled!
- 3 The sound of the wail of the***
shepherds,
for their glory is ruined!
- The sound of the roar of the lions,***
for the thicket of the Jordan is ruined!

Zechariah 11:1–3 functions as a **taunt song** depicting foreign rulers as cedars, junipers, and oaks, being consumed by fire and cut down to enable God's people to return to the land.

The passage shifts metaphors to describe these foreign rulers as lions who feed on God's people, yet they will wail and roar when God saves his people and removes their food source.

Zechariah Ch 11:4-6

⁴ Thus said the Lord my God: *“Become shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter.*

⁵ Those who buy them slaughter them and go unpunished, and those who sell them say, *‘Blessed be the Lord, I have become rich,’ and their own shepherds have no pity on them.*

⁶ For I will no longer have pity on the inhabitants of this land, declares the Lord. *Behold, I will cause each of them to fall into the hand of his neighbor, and each into the hand of his king, and they shall crush the land, and I will deliver none from their hand.”*

How do we understand Zech 11:4-6

Beginning in verse 4, God calls the prophet to perform symbolic actions explaining why the people currently suffer under foreign oppression.

Zechariah represents God as a shepherd, and Israel is the flock marked for exile **because their own leaders exploited the flock for personal gain rather than feeding and protecting them.**

God's patience is exhausted, and he announced judgment on his people—*a judgment fulfilled when the Babylonians invaded and captured Jerusalem in 586 BC*

Zechariah Ch11:7-11 Reaping what you sow

⁷ So, I became the shepherd of the flock doomed to be slaughtered by the sheep traders. And I took two staffs, one I named Favor, the other I named Union. And I tended the sheep.

⁸ In one month I destroyed the three shepherds*. But I became impatient with them, and they also detested me.

⁹ So I said, "I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die. What is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed. And let those who are left devour the flesh of one another."

¹⁰ And I took my staff Favor, and I broke it, annulling the covenant that I had made with all the peoples.

¹¹ So it was annulled on that day, and the sheep traders, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the Lord.

Zechariah Ch 11:12-14 Thirty pieces of Silver

¹² Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.

¹³ Then the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So, I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord, to the potter.

¹⁴ Then I broke my second staff **Union, annulling the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.**

- Zechariah requests his wages from those he has served, and they respond by weighing out thirty pieces of silver. The Lord then instructs him to throw this payment to the potter, describing it as a contemptible price at which he has been valued, and Zechariah obeys by casting the silver into the house of the Lord to the potter. He then breaks his second staff called Union, **symbolically severing the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.**
- This passage functions as a prophetic **sign-act**—a form of communication in which a prophet engages in theater or non-verbal displays to communicate the outcome of a prophecy. Rather than a verbal prophecy, Zechariah 11 comes as a prophetic **sign-act** picturing the rejection of the Messiah by Israel, with Zechariah representing Israel’s devaluing of the Messiah through his own rejection and the payment of thirty pieces of silver. Zechariah is not the only one to do this. **The prophet Ezekiel is called the Action Prophet because he acts out his judgements to make them clear.**
- The New Testament interprets this passage messianically. The connection between Zechariah 11:12–13 and Matthew 27:9–10 represents literal direct prophetic fulfillment, with Judas’s betrayal of Jesus for thirty pieces of silver fulfilling what Zechariah role-played centuries earlier. **While Zechariah stated only that the money went to the potter without specifying its purpose, later revelation shows it was given as the purchase price for a field to bury foreigners—a detail that transforms the prophet’s symbolic action into a precise prediction of events surrounding Christ’s betrayal and death.**

Zechariah Ch 11:15-17

15 Then the Lord said to me, "Take once more the equipment of a foolish shepherd.


16 For behold, I am raising up in the land a shepherd who does not care for those being destroyed, or seek the young, or heal the maimed, or nourish the healthy, but devours the flesh of the fat ones, tearing off even their hoofs.

***17 "Woe to my worthless shepherd,
who deserts the flock!***

***May the sword strike his arm
and his right eye!***

***Let his arm be wholly withered,
his right eye utterly blinded!"***

This is Hebrew Poetry with 3 couplets of verses that add additional information to each of the first verses in the couplet

 The Lord pronounces judgment on the worthless shepherd, and allows the sword of violence to wither his arm, and blind his right (dominant) eye

Zechariah Ch 11 A Summary

Zechariah 11 presents one of the darkest chapters in Israel's history, encompassing terrible judgment, the rejection of Jesus Christ, and elements of Antichrist rule.

The chapter divides into three major sections.

- 1. **The First Section** addresses **Israel's retribution**, depicting judgment that precedes the nation's future restoration. Beginning with fire consuming Lebanon's cedars and spreading through Bashan and the Jordan valley, **this destruction materialized within forty years after Israel rejected the Messiah, when Roman forces marched through these regions toward Jerusalem itself. The symbolic reference to Lebanon's gates likely points to the temple and its gates, suggesting the judgment targets religious authorities. The shepherds cared only about profiting from the sheep with no compassion for the people, prompting the Lord to declare He would no longer show compassion on the land's inhabitants.***
- 2. **In the Second Section -God called Zechariah to serve as the good shepherd, and the prophet shepherded the flock using two staffs named Favor and Union. The three shepherds—probably representing prophets, priests, and kings—rejected the good shepherd, foreshadowing the Messiah's rejection at His first coming. When Zechariah requested his wages, Israel valued him at thirty pieces of silver—the price of a slave—which he threw into the temple to demonstrate the insult of this contemptible amount. This prophecy found fulfillment when Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and the chief priests subsequently used the returned money to purchase the potter's field.***
- 3. **Finally, the Third Section** and it concludes with God appointing a foolish shepherd, satirically suggesting that if the people rejected a good shepherd, they deserved a bad one.*

Zechariah Ch 12-14

Next week we will begin the final chapters of Zechariah, and the focus will shift from the **First Coming** of the Messiah, to the **Second Coming**

The Messiah's Second Coming ([12:1–14:21](#))

- i. Jerusalem Will Be Attacked ([12:1–9](#))
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All Nations Will Worship the King ([14:16–21](#))

I hope you are seeing the important ties between these OT prophecies, and the fulfillment that played out in the New Testament.



God's prophetic Word is history revealed in advance of the actual fulfillment

Zechariah Ch 12:1-5. The Lord Will Give Salvation

12 *The oracle of the word of the Lord concerning Israel: Thus declares the Lord, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him:*

2 *“Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.*

3 *On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.*

4 *On that day, declares the Lord, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But for the sake of the house of Judah, I will keep my eyes open, when I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.*

5 *Then the clans of Judah shall say to themselves, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem have strength through the Lord of hosts, their God.’*

Zechariah Ch 12:6-9...*On that Day*

⁶ *“On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a blazing pot in the midst of wood, like a flaming torch among sheaves. And they shall devour to the right and to the left all the surrounding peoples, while Jerusalem shall again be inhabited in its place, in Jerusalem.*

⁷ *“And the Lord will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah.*

⁸ *On that day, the Lord will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord, going before them.*

⁹ *And on that day, I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*

Next week

Pray for the Iran War to resolve the remaining issues (not a reliable partner)

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel

Pray for our nation and its leaders

- *Our State and its Leaders, and the elections to come, for God to give us Godly leaders*
- *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders*
- *All of the prayers needed for our class and families*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with all the issues and problems we are facing