



# Logos Class

## Book of *Zechariah* *Ch 3*

Class for Feb 8, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

# *Before we begin...*

- *Randy to report on his Honduras Trip*
- *Pray for our class members recovering from sickness and surgeries*
  - *Long-term needs*
  - *Immediate Prayer concerns and hospitalizations*
  - *Struggles within our class families*
  - *Unspoken needs are also increasing and need focused prayer*
- *Pray for the class prayer lists each week, faithfully sent by Martha*
  - *You can be the encourager that God has called you to be, both personally and in your prayer life*
- *Pray for the Redeemer Bible Institute sessions that are now going on*
  - *Very encouraging enrollment and excitement after the first 3 sessions*
  - *Pray for Scott Downing and me as we begin our teaching on **Feb 10th***
  - *Pray that the RBI will make a real difference in the lives of the students and our community.*

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# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Jan 4, 2026 – Carroll Springer*
- ✓ *Jan 11, 2026 – Book of Zechariah – Intro & Ch 1A*
- ✓ *Jan 18, 2026 – Book of Zechariah – Ch 1B and 2A*
- X *Jan 25, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 3 Snow and Ice NO class*
- X *Feb 1, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 3 Snow and Ice NO class*
- ✓ *Feb 8, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 3*
- *Feb 15, 2026 - Book of Zechariah - Ch 4*
- *Feb 22, 2026 - Book of Zechariah - Ch 5*
- *Mar 1, 2026 - Scott Downing to Teach*

# Quick Update ...ICYMI

## *Middle East*

- *The last hostage's body was returned*
- *Slowly eliminating Hamas holdouts and tunnels*
- *Trump's **Board of Peace** is forming (10 leaders)*
- *Lawlessness in the Arab parts of Israel is a growing problem*
- *IRAN – situation is grim. Tens of Thousands killed by the regime*

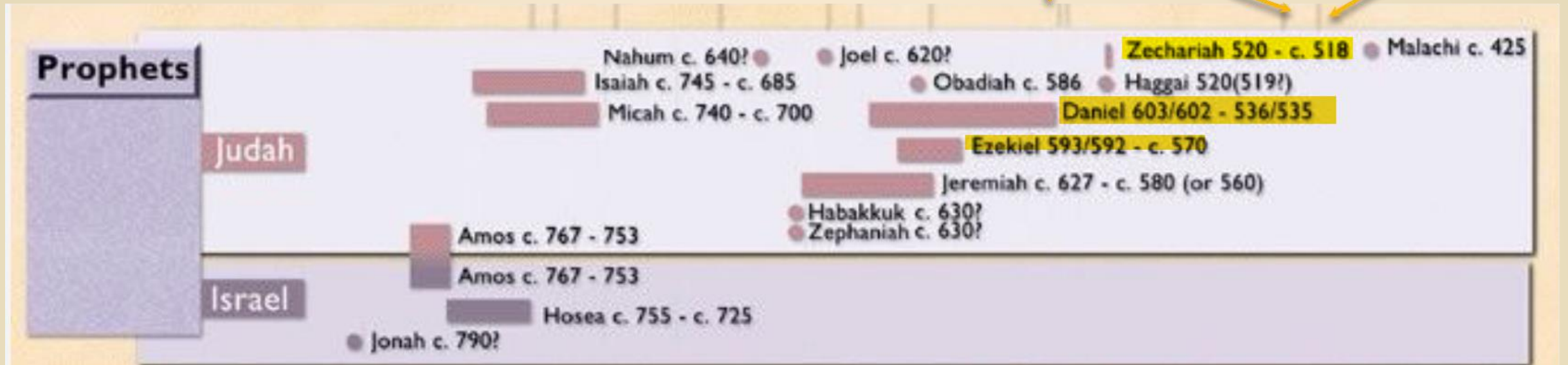
## *US/World*

- *The situation in Venezuela has stirred positive and negative reactions. Seems to be calming down.*
- *Domestic Terrorism and Lawlessness are escalating – Many large cities have experienced violent protests, and ICE / BP obstruction*
- *The **Greenland** situation is causing some anxiety among our Allies, but it seems to be OK now.*

*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 will study the book of Ezekiel in a future study to complete the Prophetic picture.

# Zechariah Chapter 2 – Summary

*God has shown Zechariah several glimpses into the future.*

- *A future where Jerusalem and Judah will be rebuilt without walls because of the expected people and flocks*
- *A protection by God Himself as the wall of fire that will protect Israel and Jerusalem from her enemies.*
- *A revealing of a long-term desire for God's people to return to Zion from wherever they are scattered.*
- *A future where many Nations and Peoples will join the Jews as God's people and will worship the Lord*
- *A future where God will restore and dwell again among His People, **all of them***

*We also recognize that many of these promises are being fulfilled in our time and before our eyes.*

*This is another reason why this book and its message is timely for us today.*

# ESV Global Study Bible

## Zechariah's Visions

Vision	Passage	Content Summary	Zechariah's Question(s) to the Messenger	Promise/Outcome
1	1:7-17	Vision of horsemen who "patrol the earth" and report the condition of the earth; the Lord promises to build his house in Jerusalem	What are these, my lord? (v. 9)	The Lord is jealous for Jerusalem and promises that his house will be built there and that the Lord's cities will overflow with prosperity
2	1:18-21	Vision of four horns and four craftsmen: the horns have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen come to terrify and cast down the horns	What are these? (v. 19) What are these coming to do? (v. 21)	The craftsmen will cast down those who have oppressed Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem
3	2:1-13	Vision of a man with a measuring line in his hand who comes to measure Jerusalem	Where are you going? (v. 2)	Jerusalem will be inhabited, and the Lord will be in the midst of his people
4	3:1-10	Vision of Joshua the high priest		Joshua the priest will rule the

# Zechariah Ch 3:1-5    A Vision of the High Priest

**3** Then he showed me **Joshua** the high priest standing before **the angel of the Lord**, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to accuse him.

**2** And the Lord said to Satan, **“The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?”**

**3** Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.

**4** And the angel said to those who were standing before him, **“Remove the filthy garments from him.”** And to him he said, **“Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”**

**5** And I said, **“Let them put a clean turban on his head.”** So, they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

# Image of High Priest

Israel , 605BC – 70 AD

- *Highly Symbolic Raiment*
- *Ritually Purified Priest*
- *Note each part*
  
- *But this was not the vision that Zechariah saw*



## THE Anatomy of

### JEWISH HIGH PRIEST

ISRAEL, 605 BCE – 70 CE

#### THE GOLDEN CROWN

Placed over the high priest's fine linen mitre and extending towards both ears, the priestly crown was a pure golden head plate engraved with the words "Holiness to the Lord", held in place by two tied blue straps. By wearing it, the high priest would atone for the sin of arrogance on behalf of the children of Israel and show his intellectual devotion to God.

#### PRIESTLY BREASTPLATE

A rectangular breastplate containing 12 precious stones across four rows was worn across the heart. The fabric itself was made from gold, fine twisted linen and yarns dyed tekhelet, purple and scarlet. There was a fold within which the Urim and Thummim (literally translated as "lights and perfections") were placed. It's not known exactly what these two objects were but they were a way of receiving revelation from God.

#### IMPORTANT GEMSTONES

The stones on the breastplate were a ruby, emerald and topaz on the top row; a carbuncle, sapphire and quartz crystal on the second; a jacinth, agate and amethyst on the third; and a chrysolite, onyx and opal on the bottom. Each represented one of the 12 tribes of Israel, with their names engraved on the stones.

#### THE EPHOD

The breastplate would sit upon an equally elaborate apron-like garment called an ephod. There is an ongoing debate about what exactly it was but *The Bible* describes it as being made of the same material as the breastplate. It had two shoulder pieces containing golden rings that would affix to the breastplate, with the ephod held together by a girdle fastened at the front.

#### ROBE OF THE EPHOD

The high priest would wear a robe underneath the ephod - it was sky-blue in colour in reference to heaven. As well as a woven collar, the bottom of the garment had tiny bells made of pure gold and pomegranate-shaped tassels in blue, purple and scarlet. The bells would be heard when the high priest was ministering.

#### BARE FEET

The entire ensemble symbolises atonement for the sin of bloodshed on the part of the children of Israel, except for the underwear, which was purely for modesty and contained no openings. A high priest's feet would be bare, however, allowing them to touch the ground of God. Claims that a rope would be tied to the high priest's ankle so that his body could be pulled out should he be killed by God in the Holy of Holies are not thought to be true.

#### FINE LINEN TUNIC

The garment that would touch the high-priest's body was known as the priestly tunic and was made of pure linen. The white material would reach the neck and it would be visible under the robe of the ephod as sleeves and a section at the feet. Priests would also wear the tunic but only the high priest's version would be embroidered - except on the Day of Atonement, when it would be plain.

# Zechariah 3:1-5 A Deeper Look

*3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.*


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- *Now, Zechariah sees another vision. This one includes **Joshua**, the current High Priest, **Satan, the Lord, and the angel of the Lord**. This is a scene in Heaven. Let's talk about Joshua. Joshua is the first High Priest after the return of the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple. The office of the High Priest has been in a shambles since the diaspora because of the captivity, the destruction of the Temple, and the killing of many of the Priestly class by the Babylonians.*
- *This appears to be a court of judgment. Joshua is the defendant, Satan is the accuser, and the Angel of the Lord is the judge. This brings up a topic to discuss, for which there is no clear answer. **Q: Is this Angel of the Lord, a pre-incarnate representative of Christ Himself**, or an Angel with authority to hear complaints and render judgment?*
- *Since the Lord pronounces the court findings, you could argue that the Lord is also present. I think the Angel of the Lord here is probably the pre-incarnate Christ, and the references to the Lord may acknowledge that...but that is opinion and not really knowable.*

# Zechariah 3:2

***<sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand (stick) plucked from the fire?”***

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- *The Lord says to Satan that “the Lord” is rebuking him, and his charges against Joshua are not accepted, and Satan is rebuked for bringing them. Then the judgment adds that “**the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you**” and apparently points to Joshua and says, “**Is this not a hot ember (brand) pulled from the fire?**” **Q: What does that mean??***
  - *It means that the Lord has rescued Joshua and the remnant who came back to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple from Destruction. Pulled them from the fire...still a smoking ember*
-  *The Lord is saying that when He rescues and saves someone, all Satan’s charges are dismissed, and the person is made clean before the Lord.*

# Zechariah 3:3-5    So, what were the charges?

<sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was standing before the angel, **clothed with *filthy* garments.**

<sup>4</sup> And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “***Remove the filthy garments from him.***” And **to him** he said, “***Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.***”

<sup>5</sup> **And I said**, “***Let them put a clean turban on his head.***” So, they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

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Apparently, the charges related to ritual uncleanness. Remember, Joshua was trying to rebuild the priestly function and the role of the High Priest.

In **Leviticus 22:3** ESV

***“Things that the people of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.***

# Zechariah 3:4-5 What do we learn here?

- Here we see that the Angel tells others (presumably other angels) to take away the filthy garments, **and with them the iniquity they represented**. And the Angel says to Joshua, **“Behold, I have taken your iniquity (guilt) away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”**
- **For Zechariah**, this tells him that Worship will be restored because the Lord has intervened to do away with the **ritual uncleanness**, and their efforts are blessed by the Lord.

 **For us**, it is a reminder that God reaches down to us in our sin, plucks us out of the fire, and removes our sin so we can stand before Him clean and ready to work. He also gives us clean garments to wear, a restorative act.

**<sup>5</sup> And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.”** So, they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. **And the angel of the Lord was standing by.**

Zechariah adds this comment to let the angels put a different, clean turban or headdress on Joshua. Interestingly, Zechariah has no filter that keeps him from interjecting into this Holy Scene.

# Zechariah 3:6-7

<sup>6</sup> And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua,

<sup>7</sup> **“Thus says the Lord of hosts: *If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.***

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Now the Angel of the Lord addresses Joshua directly and solemnly. He speaks for the **Lord of Hosts**.

In programming, this is an **If-then** clause. **If** you will walk in my ways (common Hebrew phrase for obedience)---**then** you shall **rule my house and courts**, and **you will have access to me, like those who are also here**.

This gives the High Priest the **authority and right** to represent the **People to the Lord** and the **Lord to the People** through the just rulings of the courts and the rituals of the priesthood.

 **For Believers today, we do not need a High Priest to intercede for us since we have direct access to the Lord via His Word, His Spirit, our prayers, and our internal Holy Spirit**

# Zechariah 3:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, **you and your friends who sit before you**, for they are **men who are a sign**: behold, I will bring my servant **the Branch**.

<sup>9</sup> For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a **single stone** with seven eyes (attributes), I will **engrave its inscription**, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

<sup>10</sup> **In that day**, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”

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- This gets a little detailed in how we understand it. The Angel of the Lord is still speaking to Joshua **on behalf of the Lord of Hosts**.

**“you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign”**

- This tells Joshua and Zechariah that the High Priest and his cohorts (priests) are men who are a “sign”. A Sign is a pointer to something else. **But What??**

# Zechariah 3:8-9 What does it mean?

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- This speaks to a time when a person called “the Branch” will come, also a servant of the Lord. At that time, a stone with 7 eyes will be placed before Joshua. Most interpreters believe this refers to the **foundation stone on the Temple Mount**.
  - The seven eyes (or attributes) are thought of in this way. **Seven is the number of completeness in Jewish thought, and eyes can see everything.** So together they mean that **the foundation stone will have complete ability to see all things.** Most likely, it also means complete omniscience...to see, hear, and perceive all things.
  - Foundation stones were often engraved with their purpose, and in this case, it will be engraved with the phrase “**I will remove the iniquity of the land in a single day.**”

**Jer 23:5** “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a **righteous Branch**, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

- **Hold on to that thought...**

# Zechariah 3:10

## In that Day

*<sup>10</sup> In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”*

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- *What this says to Zechariah is that not only will the temple, the priesthood, and the city will be restored by the Lord, but the **Branch** (growing) will come and a foundation stone telling everyone that God will remove their sin in a single day will be placed before Joshua with God’s promise.*
- *“In that day,” means on the day that the sins are removed, something else will happen. **every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”***
- *This sounds like hospitality will break out, but the metaphor about the vine and fig tree also has OT roots. In **1 Kings 4:25***

*<sup>25</sup> And Judah and Israel lived in safety, from Dan even to Beersheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon.*

# Zechariah 3:10

# How to think about it

- *A better way to look at this verse is that **in that future day**, all of them would live in safety, and they would invite their neighbors to join them in their houses for a peaceful time together. Of course, remember that Jews in this day, were exclusive and had no use for their neighbor if they were different from them.*

***For Zechariah**, this tells him also that his people can look forward to a time when God will bless them all and make them all righteous before him.*

***For us**, we recognize this as a prophecy of the Lord coming, and His sacrifice and death on the cross that allows us to stand righteous before Him. It also speaks again to that time when all nations will partner with the Jews to be children of God. This was part of the earlier vision in Zechariah that predicts a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural coming to the Lord.*

# My Prayer for each of us...

*That God and His Spirit will comfort and guide us through the period to come, whatever happens*

- *He will increase a hunger in us to study and reflect on the Word of God, and that*
- *the Spirit will embolden us not to fly alone, but in a group to lessen the load, and increase our effectiveness*
- *He will increase our wisdom, power, and provision in a new way that moves us to where He wants us to be.*
- *Finally, that God would open our eyes and hearts to the wonders of His Word and transform our lives so we can be used in a wonderful, powerful, miraculous way for the sake of the Kingdom.*

*We are part of God's intentional Story, and we need to get involved to make His Word and Will ...come to pass as long as we are here on the Earth.*