



Logos Class

Book of *Zechariah* *Introduction & Ch 1B & 2*

Class for Jan 18, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we begin

- *Remember to pray for Randy in Honduras this week*
 - *Pray for all the people he encounters in God's name*
 - *Pray for safe travels and God's will to be done*
- *Pray for our class members recovering from sickness and surgeries*
 - *Long-term needs*
 - *Immediate Prayer concerns*
 - *Struggles within our class families*
- *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*

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*
- *Jan 25, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 3*
- *Feb 1, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 4*
- *Feb 8, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 5*
- *Feb 15, 2026 - Book of Zechariah - Ch 6*
- *Feb 22, 2026 - Book of Zechariah - Ch 7*

In Case You Missed It (ICYMI)

Many things are happening in the world, some of which are very visible, and some are hidden beneath the surface. I will talk about a few of them as they appear important from a Biblical standpoint

***Middle East** – Israel is facing lawlessness in its Arab areas, **Iran is being rocked by the people against the regime**, Hamas/Hezbollah are still around and being dealt with. Turkey is trying to become a player*

*I believe Israel will attack Iran in the not-too-distant future because of their war capability and belligerence. The US may join in because of the murder of freedom-seekers and government protestors. **Too soon to know***

***US** – Domestic violence in Minneapolis, Oregon, Washington State, and Illinois is increasing against ICE and CBP. A time of chaos is coming, all planned to change the mid-term election cycle. Don't be surprised at it.*

Antisemitism** and hate for Israel and the Jews are dramatically increasing and infiltrating some conservative organizations and thought leaders. The wall of support for Israel is fracturing in the US and EUROPE. **Aliyah...

***Venezuela situation**- Not sure where this is going ultimately, but it seems like a very strategic move to blunt the drug issues, and the threat of China, Iran, Russia, and terrorists to gain a foothold in the Americas. Some celebrate; others decry it.*

***World** – There seems to be a divide happening between freedom movements and more authoritarian movements, and the abandonment of basic Western beliefs and the acceptance of Sharia Law and policies.*

***Prophetic Implications** – Chaos is becoming normal across the Globe. There is a backing away from support of Israel, even in the US. Israel has recognized this trend and is addressing it by creating industries in Israel for their basic needs. They understand they will be on their own in the future. All of this is discussed in the Bible, before the Tribulation period.*

It is even more important for Christians to stand firm, resist the decay of society, and speak up for Biblical values and the Biblical World View

Times are evolving and relationships will matter – How do we navigate them?

I was watching a Gaither Presentation and heard this song

I Then Shall Live by Bill and Gloria Gaither

Keys:

- Build your hopes on things eternal
- Hold to God's unchanging word

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid

I know my name is clear before my father

I am His child, and I am not afraid

So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother

The law of love, I gladly will obey

I then shall live as one who's learned
compassion

*I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges
I'll dare to see another's point of view*

And when relationships demand commitment

Then I'll be there to care and follow through

*Your kingdom come, around and through and in
me*

***Your kingdom come, around and through and in
me***

***Your power and glory, let them shine through
me***

Your hallowed name, o may I bear with honor

And may your living kingdom come in me

The bread of life, o may I share with honor

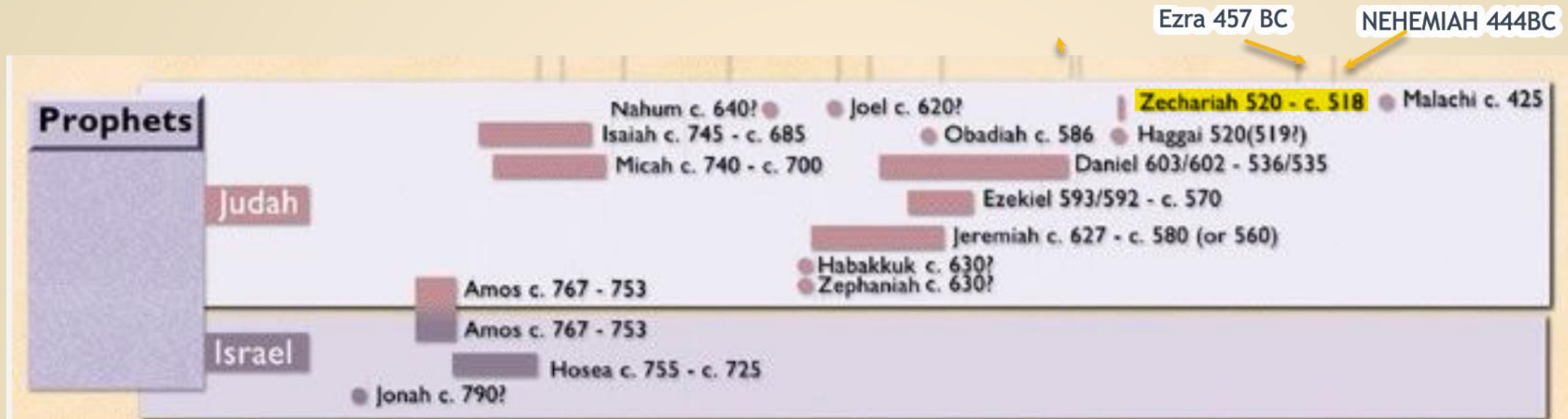
And may you feed a hungry world through me

Amen, amen, amen

Gaither Vocal Group and Signature Sound (E Haase)



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

Let's take a quick look at Last weeks lesson

- *We talked about the reasons for choosing this book*
- *We talked about the things to know about the symbols and scenes depicted in the visions*
- *We talked about the timing, placement, and purpose of the book*
- *We talked about the meaning behind the visual symbols and visions for Vision 1*
- *With these visions, the details are interesting, and we can discuss them all, but the key to understanding them is to step back and see the broader picture of what the symbols mean and what they were communicating to the people Zechariah was prophesying to.*

Summary of the First Vision

While sleeping, Zechariah was transported in his vision to a valley or ravine outside of Jerusalem. There, an angel guide shows him a stand of Myrtle trees with a man on a red horse, and other horses behind them.

We discussed symbology so we could understand the big picture of what this vision meant.

Myrtle Trees -Old Testament Usage and Symbolism

- 1. Restoration and blessing: “**Instead of the brier the myrtle will grow**” (Isaiah 55:13).*
- 2. Divine planting: “**I will plant ... the myrtle in the wasteland**” (Isaiah 41:19).*
- 3. Bridal fragrance and joy: Song of Songs rabbinic highlighting link myrtle scent with covenantal love.*
- 4. Because it is evergreen, aromatic, and used in festive worship, myrtle became a picture of settled peace and covenant prosperity.*

Who are the people seen? (more than was earlier identified):

- men on horses, one standing, and the angel guide.*

What does it mean then in the big picture?

*Zechariah does not understand what he is seeing, and the angel guide lets the man standing among the myrtle trees explain. God sends these men to **patrol** the whole earth and bring back to God the status of the Nations. He says they are **at rest and peace**, but in God's eyes, this is not good. Then, the Lord says he was angry with the nations at first "a little" but now is furious with them because they do not care about Him, His city in ruins, or the land of Israel and the people who have just returned. The Nations are perfectly comfortable and unconcerned...and God is exceedingly angry with them.*

Because of this...

*So, the Lord will return to His people and His Holy City with mercy and declare that **HIS House SHALL be built in it, and that its size will "stretch out" over Jerusalem** (City of David), extending beyond the present city limits.*

*He also declares that **they SHALL AGAIN overflow with prosperity, comfort Israel, and "choose Jerusalem" as His Holy City.***

There are many details about this vision that we can discuss, along with their possible meanings, but the big picture is clear. God is showing Zechariah a picture of renewal and blessings with the assurance that God will be with them as they rebuild the city, and that He is still angry with the nations that he had to judge them, since they have no remorse and care for God's House, His City, or His people

This brings us to where we left the discussion.

Zech Ch 1:18-21 A Vision of Horns and Craftsmen

*18 And I lifted my eyes and saw, **and behold, four horns!***

*19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, **“What are these?”** And he said to me, **“These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”***

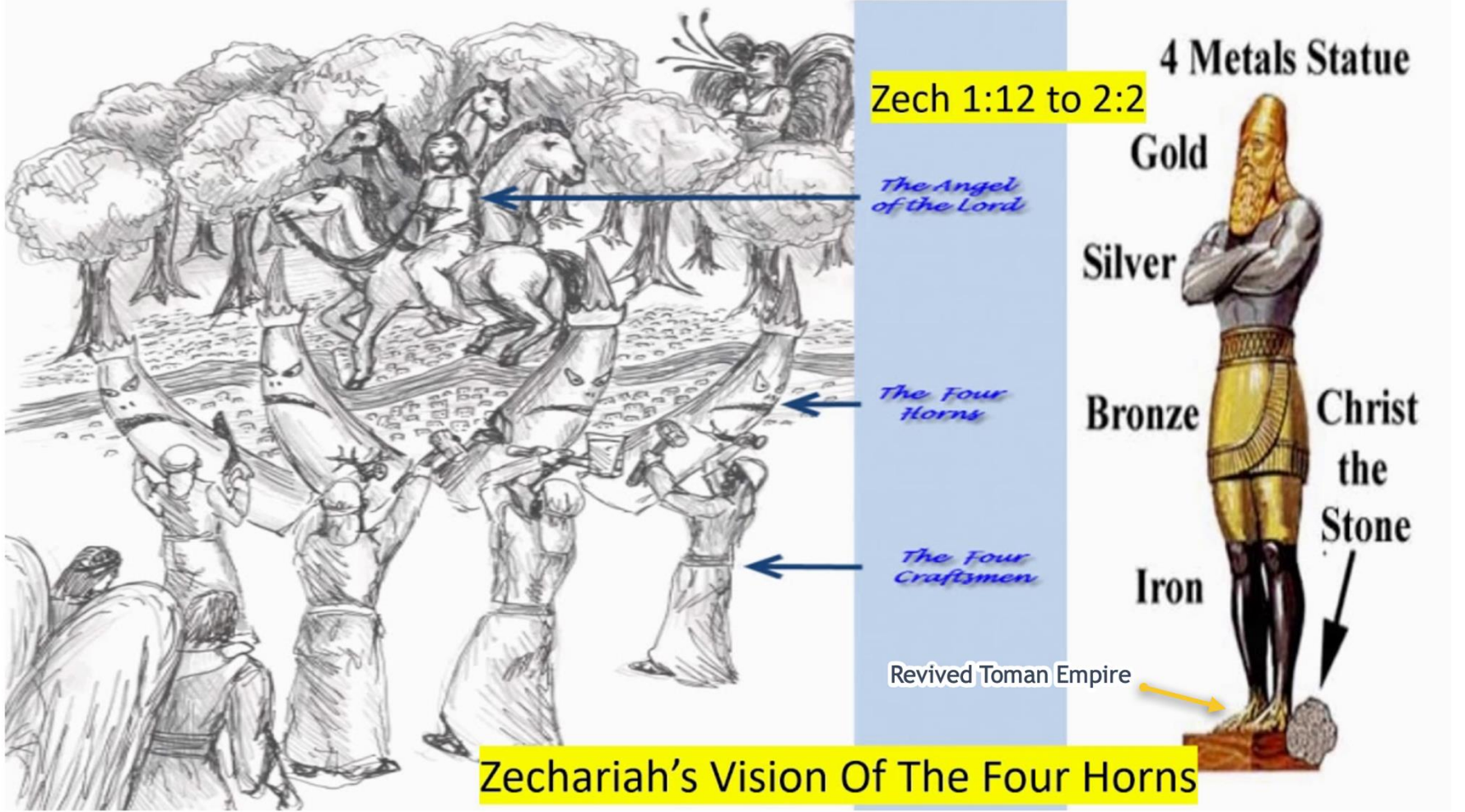
*20 Then the Lord showed me **four craftsmen.***

*21 And I said, **“What are these coming to do?”** He said, **“These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one raised his head. And these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter it.”***

Zechariah 1:18-21 Explained (in Ch 2 of the Hebrew Bible)

- *This is another vision, or a small addition to Vision 1. So, after the vision in the Myrtle trees, Zechariah looks up again and sees a **new scene**. He sees 4 horns, and he does not understand, so he asks the angel guide what they are.*
- *Symbols again...**Animal Horns** are always symbols of **earthly power, leadership, kings, and rulers**. So, Zechariah sees 4 of them.*
 - **Q:** *Could they be Assyria, Babylon, Greece, and Persia? It does fit and also ties with the prophecy in Daniel of the Gentile Kingdoms to come. The angel tells him that these are the Horns (kings) that **scattered** both Israel (NK) and Judah (SK) and Jerusalem.*
- *Next, Zechariah sees four craftsmen and asks what they are coming to do. Craftsmen are understood to be referring to **skilled laborers, including carpenters, blacksmiths, jewelers, and stonemasons**.*
- *These craftsmen have come to both terrify the 4 kings and to cause them to fall, all because they used their power (horns) to plunder Judah and Jerusalem and scatter the people, which was their intent.*

A Specific Interpretation



- This is another representation of Daniel's vision of the Gentile Kingdoms
- Plus, the final Kingdom of the Lord
- I added the Revived Roman Empire (clay/iron toes and feet)

This seems complicated but let's break it down

- *A big question is about who they are. There are several thoughts here, from **general allegory to specific identifications**. I go with the specifics.*
- ***The four craftsmen may represent four specific nations**—probably Persia, Greece, Rome, and the Messianic Kingdom (compare Zech 1:19 and note). **Alternatively**, the number may symbolize the promised restoration of Israel. During the time of Zechariah, God used Persia to destroy the Babylonian Empire, thus allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple (see Isa 44:28–45:7).*
- *In the case of the specific nations, each successive conqueror both terrorized the earlier empire, conquered it, and brought the Jews to a place of restoration. Each rebuilt the conquered nation to its own culture.*
- *The final kingdom, the Messianic Kingdom, **will be a future event as it destroys the remaining “revived Roman empire,”** and this is where we exist today.*
- *We see 4 horns and think they act together, but the Bible does not say that, so it makes more sense to pair the Kingdoms and a Craftsman, each separately acting on the next kingdom.*

***Separate thought** – we see today how the existing culture changes and strongly resists changing it back to a simpler time, where God is in our lives*

What does it mean?

- *Without getting bogged down in details, the bigger picture here is that God orchestrated both the punishment of the Jews and the Restoration of them and the Temple, plus destroyed those who exploited them and scattered them.*
- *I do think the specific naming of the Craftsman according to the Gentile Nations that conquered and scattered God's people adds clarity.*
- *It is a worthwhile summary thought that God does not take well to those nations that divide and scatter His people, or destroy His Land, and Chosen People.*

Timely understanding for today. More than 35 verses tell of God protecting Israel and punishing those who come against them

***“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” –
Isaiah 40:31***

This verse promises strength and renewal, reminding us that God provides ongoing support. For Israel, this means they can trust in Him to rise above their difficulties, catching their breath despite adversity.

Zechariah Chapter 2:1-5

¹ *And I lifted my eyes and saw, and **behold**, a man with a measuring line in his hand!*

² *Then I said, “**Where are you going?**” And he said to me, “**To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length.**”*

Measuring lines were used in both construction and demolition to ensure correct lines for the action. Here, the man is determining the length and width of the city.

³ *And **behold**, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him*

⁴ *and said to him, “**Run, say to that young man, ‘Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it.***

⁵ *And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst.’”*

Zechariah 2:1-5 A Closer Look

*Use of the word ‘Behold’ in these verses indicates a deeper look and understanding of what is happening. As the man finishes his response to Zechariah, a second angel approaches the angel guide **with urgent instructions**. “Run”. **Zechariah is presented as a young man, which may be a sign of his youth or his lack of experience.***

The message is that no walls are going to be built because Jerusalem will be large with people, and herds of livestock.

*The angel conveys a message from the Lord that HE will be (to her) the wall of fire that surrounds Jerusalem. **This means the inhabitants will view God as their protector, both as a shield and defender.***

And He will be her glory that lives in her midst.

Interesting side note: Just now, the Israelites and Jerusalem dwellers are coming to see the Lord’s hand in protecting them. They have a mighty army, powerful warriors, and war implements, but God has been with them in all their wars and attacks.

Zechariah 2:6-10

⁶ **Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north, declares the Lord. For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, declares the Lord.**

⁷ **Up! Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.**

⁸ For thus said the **Lord of hosts, after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple of his eye:**

⁹ **“Behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall become plunder for those who served them. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me.**

¹⁰ **Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come, and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord.**

Zechariah 2:6-10 Deeper Look

These statements in the vision are so relevant to both the Jews today and to us. Here God is telling Zechariah that wherever the Jews have been dispersed (Diaspora), they need to come back from the North (Europe, Russia, Mediterranean area) and return to Israel.

We have seen this migration since 1948 and the aftermath of World War II and the Holocaust. We see it again today with the rising antisemitism and Jew hate all over the world.

Rise up, and escape to Zion, those of you in the areas conquered by the empires, Persia, Greece, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, and even the areas of Spain, and the Mediterranean.

This is a general call to all Jews worldwide to return home to Zion.

Increasingly every year, the number of Jews completing Aliyah keeps growing, and the world population of Jews outside of Israel and the US decreases. The US is the last bastion of large numbers of Jews outside of Israel.

Diaspora and Aliyah

46% of all Jews lived in Israel in 2020

Countries with the most Jews in 2020

	2025	Jewish count	Jewish share of country pop.	Share of world Jews
Israel	7.4M	6,780,000	77.0%	45.9%
United States	6.3M	5,730,000	1.7	38.8
France		460,000	0.7	3.1
Canada		350,000	0.9	2.4
United Kingdom		300,000	0.4	2.0
Argentina		170,000	0.4	1.2
Russia		120,000	0.1	0.8
Germany		120,000	0.1	0.8
Australia		110,000	0.4	0.7
Brazil		90,000	0.0	0.6
Subtotal for 10 countries		14,240,000	1.4	96.3
Subtotal for rest of world		540,000	0.0	3.7
World	15.8M	14,780,000	0.2	100.0

- *This is data from 2020, but I have added some 2025 data.*
- *The loss in Europe and Russia is smaller numerically because so many have already come home but still decreasing rapidly.*
- *In 2025, there were approximately 15.8 million Jews worldwide*
 - *7.4M in Israel (77% of population)*
 - *6.3M in the US (<2% of population)*
 - *Approximately 0.2% of world population*
 - *Yet, the focus of the World*

Zechariah Ch 2:11-12

In THAT DAY

*¹¹ And many nations shall join themselves to the **Lord in that day** and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the **Lord of hosts** has sent me to you.*

¹² And the Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.”

- *“In that day “ means that day in the future when the Jews will have returned to the Land, and God has protected them throughout.*
- *Many nations shall “join themselves” to the Lord. **What beautiful picture of the People of God today...Jews...Christians from many nations. We are grafted into the Olive tree of Faith and are now children of God.***
- *The **Lord of Hosts** (the Mighty leader of Angel Armies, and the total creator, sustainer God) will send the **LORD** to us, and we will recognize it all. **Do we??***
- *Finally, the Lord will inherit Judah and Jerusalem, and His Portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem as His Holy Place.*

Zechariah 2:13 *A Time for Silence*

¹³ Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

- *There is a contemporary saying that makes this point.*

“When the Elephants are stampeding, the monkeys stay in the Trees.”

- *Likewise, when God is moving and doing His will, all people (flesh) should be silent before the Lord and patiently wait for His plan to unfold.*

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.

Zechariah – Let me ask a Q again

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We need to understand that God's promises to all His Children are not new, but as old as the Bible itself, and we are seeing all of it play out in our lifetimes, right before our own eyes.

Do we actually see it and believe it is happening? And do we see this as the mighty hand of God?

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.