



# Logos Class

## Book of *Zechariah* *Ch 8*

Class for Mar 15, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

# Before we get started

- *Welcome, new class members, **Larry and Alice Hogg***
  - *We look forward to their involvement in the class*
  - *Many of you know them from other classes in FRC*
  - *Make them feel welcome*
  - *Introduce yourselves if you have not met them*
- *I sent out the audio of **Ricardo's AI talk** and the video of **Scott's teaching** on March 1. I highly recommend listening to both if you have not done so.*
- *I also sent a video that **Randy Harrison** wanted you to see about the mission activities in **Honduras**. See Randy for any questions or if you are interested in helping.*

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# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

✓ *Mar 8, 2026* - *Book of Zechariah Ch 7 & 8A (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME)*

✓ *Mar 10, 2026* - *RBI Class 4*

✓ *Mar 15, 2026.* - *Book of Zechariah Ch 8B*

• *Mar 17, 2026* - *RBI Class 5*

• *Mar 19, 2026.* – *Manor Lake – Gospel of John 5B & 6A*

• *Mar 22, 2026* - *Book of Zechariah Ch 9*

• *Mar 24, 2026* - *RBI Class 6*

• *Mar 29, 2026* - *Palm Sunday*

• *Holy Week notes each day*

• *Mar 31, 2026* - *RBI Class 7*

• *Apr 2, 2026* - *Manor Lake – Gospel of John Ch 7*

• *Apr 5, 2026.* - *Resurrection Sunday*



# Quick Update ...ICYMI

## *Middle East*

- *The Iran War dominates the discussion. Unparalleled cooperation and success with Israel. Misinformation and deceptive media portrayals*
- *Posturing by Turkey, Russia, Iran, and China to become more aligned*

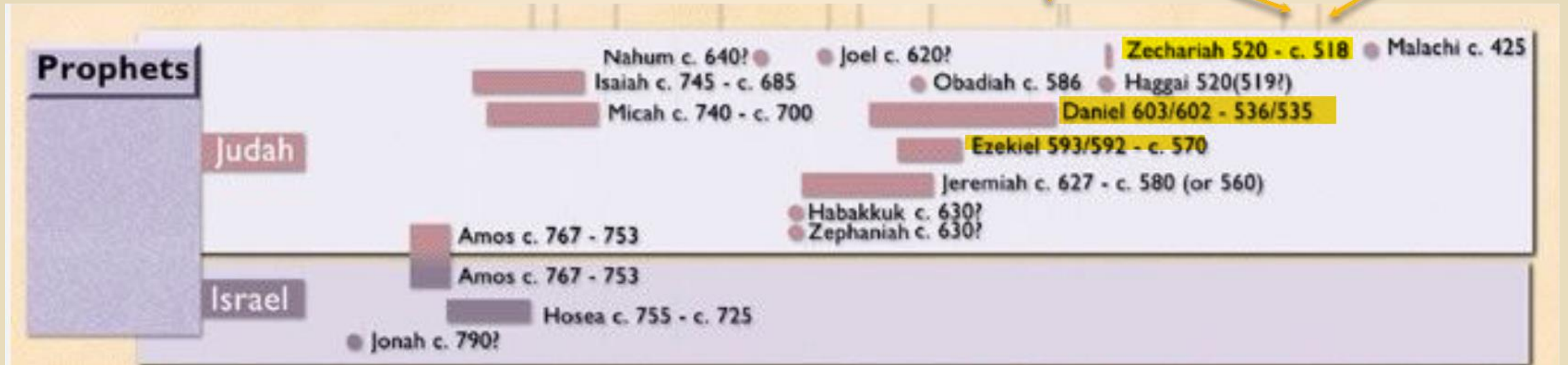
## *US/World*

- *Domestic issues with the Iran War, some isolated (3) terror attacks on US/Jewish interests*
- *Gov. Shutdown continues, with TSA, Homeland Security, and the Coast Guard affected*
- *Key races for House and Senate in 2026 primaries*

*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.

# Visions of Zechariah

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)<br>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 and the removal of his iniquity as the representative of the people  |  | Joshua the priest will rule the Lord's house and courts, and the coming of "my servant the Branch" is promised                             |
| 5      | 4:1-14  | Vision of a lampstand and two olive trees   | What are these, my lord? (v. 4) What are these two olive trees...? (v. 11) | The rebuilding of the temple is charged to Zerubbabel and Joshua and will occur by the power of the Lord                                   |
| 6      | 5:1-4   | Vision of a flying scroll   |  | Covenant curses will come upon the covenant breaker, e.g., the one who steals and the one who swears falsely                               |
| 7      | 5:5-11  | Vision of a woman in the basket (ephah), later carried away by two women  | What is it? (v. 6) Where are they taking the basket? (v. 10)               | "Wickedness"—symbolized by the presence of the woman—will be removed to Babylon (Shinar)   |
| 8      | 6:1-8   | Vision of four chariots pulled by strong horses: red, black, white, dappled   | What are these, my lord? (v. 4)  | The chariots and horses go north (black and white) and south (dappled) to "patrol the earth"   |

- ✓ **Vision 1 (1:8–17): Men and horses among myrtle trees** — Israel's subjection under Gentile nations, with assurance that God will end Gentile domination
- ✓ **Vision 2 (1:18–21): Four horns and four craftsmen** communicating information concerning the basic course of Gentile world powers
- ✓ **Vision 3 (2:1–13): Man with a Measuring line** -A time when Messiah will be present, Jerusalem rebuilt, and Israel becomes a channel of blessing. Unwalled city
- ✓ **Vision 4 (3:1–10): Joshua the high priest in filthy garments; God will give His people clean robes (righteousness) and reestablish them as a priestly nation.** Speaks to our redemption and restoration
- ✓ **Vision 5 (4:2–6): A candlestick and olive trees** symbolizing divine enablement for Israel's service
- ✓ **Vision 6 (5:1–4): A flying scroll** representing judgment and removal of sinners in the kingdom of the Messiah
- ✓ **Vision 7 (5:5–11): A woman in a basket/ephah** speaking of the removal of corrupt religion
- ✓ **Vision 8 (6:1–8): Gentile invasions of Israel that will wake the nation**

From Everyman's Bible Commentary

# Zechariah 7- 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 7:1-3 Questions about Weeping/Fasting

## A Call for Justice and Mercy

*7 In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev.*

*2 Now the **people of Bethel** had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and their men to **entreat the favor of the Lord,***

*3 saying to the priests of the house of the Lord of hosts and the prophets, “Should I weep and abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?” ( 70 yrs)*

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*In times of contrition, or appeal for mercy, the Jews fasted, wore sackcloth and ashes, and wept*

- *Joel 2:12–13 “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and **rend your hearts and not your garments.**”*
- *Jonah 3:8 <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone **turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.***



***But... they needed to do it for real and not performance***

# Zechariah 7:4-7 Condition of the Heart

*<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me:*

*<sup>5</sup> “Say to all the people of the land and the priests, ‘**When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted?**’”*

*<sup>6</sup> And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?*

*<sup>7</sup> Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the **former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?’”***

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*Zechariah answers about who the fasting and mourning was really for. Themselves or God? Then he adds, these were also proclamations in the good times, but you only came when times got tough.*

*So many people view God as an ATM card – Use only when broke*

# Zechariah 7:8-11 What is the cure? Listening?

<sup>8</sup> *And the **word of the Lord** came to Zechariah, saying,*

<sup>9</sup> *“Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another,*

<sup>10</sup> *do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”*

<sup>11</sup> ***But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. ( Idiom – ears too heavy to hear)***

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*If Zechariah was not clear before, he makes it plain the Jews were acting wickedly even through their false contrition, and he is specific about what they must change. Sadly, they refused to listen. This was a common response to God’s prophets by the Jewish leaders.*

# Zechariah 7:12-14 Anger and Judgment

12 They made their hearts **diamond-hard** (like flint) lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. **Therefore, great anger(wrath) came from the Lord of hosts.**

13 *“As I (the Lord) called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,”* says the **Lord of hosts**,

14 *“and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus, the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate.”*

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**Deut 28:36-37**

<sup>36</sup> “The Lord will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. <sup>37</sup> And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the Lord will lead you away.”

# Zechariah 8:1-8. The **Coming** of Peace/Prosperity

*8 And the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying,*

*2 **“Thus says the Lord of hosts:** I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath.*

*3 Thus says the Lord: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts, the holy mountain.*

*4 Thus says the Lord of hosts: **Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of great age.***

*5 **And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.***

*6 Thus says the Lord of hosts: If it is marvelous in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my sight, declares the Lord of hosts?*

*7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: **Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country,***

*8 **and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.”***

# Zechariah 8:1-8 Summary

- ❖ *God will restore Peace and Prosperity to the Jews and Jerusalem*
- ❖ *He is a zealous God for Zion, and will exert wrath as needed*
- ❖ *He will return to Zion and shall dwell in Jerusalem, in the Holy Mountain, and the city will be called Faithful*
- ❖ *People will live to old age and sit in the streets and watch children play in peace and safety*
- ❖ *If the Remnant in that day think it is marvelous, so will the Lord of Hosts*
- ❖ *He will bring His people from where He scattered them, and they will be His people, and He will be their God*

 *This is a coming time, and has only partially been fulfilled in modern Israel*

# Zechariah 8:9-13 *A New Day and Blessing*

<sup>9</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts: “**Let your hands be strong**, you who in these days have been hearing these words from the mouth of the prophets who were present on the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

<sup>10</sup> For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for beast, neither was there any safety from the foe for him who went out or came in, for I set every man against his neighbor.

<sup>11</sup> **But now** I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, declares the Lord of hosts.

<sup>12</sup> **For there shall be a sowing of peace.** The vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew. **And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.**

<sup>13</sup> And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing.

**Fear not, but let your hands be strong.”**

# Zechariah 8:9-13 Summary

*After Promising Peace and Prosperity in Zech 8:1-8, Zechariah strikes a new tone with his "Thus says the Lord of Hosts." He uses a contrast to promise this.*

*He tells them to "Let your hands be strong," which tells them they are in control of how hard they work, and to fully release their strength into their hands to do His Work. This work is the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. For 20 years they have been "working on it", but with difficulty, opposition, and infighting.*

***Now Zechariah presents the contrast for them to see that a new day is coming.***

- In the past, the building effort was in scarcity... no wages...little food...poor animal nourishment and In-fighting, and every man was against his neighbor*
- BUT NOW...I will deal with this remnant (who is called to do this work) differently*
- Instead of sowing scarcity, God will sow peace. Peace between neighbors
  - The Land will be fertile, with vineyards, rain, ample food, and water**
- Instead of being seen as "cursed", they will be seen as "blessed," and God promises to save them*
- Finally, He tells them not to fear, but to let their hands be strong (to finish the work)*

# Zechariah 8:14-17 Blessing with a few conditions

*<sup>14</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts: “As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the Lord of hosts,*

*<sup>15</sup> so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not.*

*<sup>16</sup> **These are the things that you shall do:** Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace;*

*<sup>17</sup> do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the Lord.”*

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*God has set his mind and purpose on blessing them rather than judgment... both the city of Jerusalem and the people of Judah*

*God lays out what they must do: Work for Peace, speak truth, be honest, and do not plot evil for one another. **Why? Because God hates these things***

# Zechariah 8:18-19 The Question about Fasting

*<sup>18</sup> And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying,*

*<sup>19</sup> **“Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts.***

*Therefore, love truth and peace.*

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*Finally, the question asked in Zechariah Ch 7 is answered by God.*

*Remember?*

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# Zechariah 8:19 Why is this important?

- *God responds to the initial question about whether fasting and mourning should continue by **announcing a reversal.***
  - **Fasts become Feasts...that extra “e” makes all the difference. Lamentations become rejoicing**
  - *The four appointed fasts—observed in the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months—will change into seasons of joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts for Judah. **We studied them as God’s Appointed Times***
- *This transformation carries profound significance. These fasts originated from Judah’s seventy-year exile and represented the people’s sorrow over their ancestors’ covenant failures and self-pity.*
- **But God’s (future ) plan** promises that these days of fasting will end, and the people will joyfully feast and rejoice in everything God accomplishes for them. **The shift from fasting to feasting symbolizes the restoration of their relationship with God.**
- *However, the passage attaches an important condition to this promise. **God commands the people to “love truth and peace.”***

*Fasting must not be separated from a life devoted to truth and peace; **performing religious duties while ignoring kingdom principles amounts to empty ritual rather than a genuine relationship with God.***

- ***This** restored relationship depends on the people’s deep love for truth and peace—they must reject lies and deceptive teaching, choosing instead to embrace God’s true teachings.*
- *The passage reframes religious observance entirely: authentic worship flows from ethical and sincere commitment and covenant faithfulness, not from external practices performed in isolation from right living.*



***This is a lesson for us too. Religious practices are not a substitute for genuine worship and belief***

# Zechariah 8:22-23 A Gathering of Nations

***<sup>20</sup> “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, **even the inhabitants of many cities.*****

***<sup>21</sup> The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts;***

***I myself am going.’***

***<sup>22</sup> Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts **in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.*****

***<sup>23</sup> Thus says the Lord of hosts: **In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”*****

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*This is a very interesting development: This is a future time. Today, with the antisemitism and hatred of all things and people of God, this seems far away. We know this time comes in the Tribulation/Millennial Kingdom as the remnant of the Jews are pointed back to God.*

*The passage depicts a future era of spiritual awakening and international pilgrimage centered on worship in Jerusalem. The actual timing is not definite.*

# Next week

*Chapter 9 – We see a time shift in the prophetic words as we shift to the Return of the Messiah, and prophecies of both His first and second coming.*

*Read ahead, and let's see what this prophet saw 2500 years ago about today*

*Pray for*

- Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*
- Pray for our nation, 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*