



Logos Class

Book of *Zechariah* *Ch 7 & 8A*

Class for Mar 8, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we get started

- *Thanks to Scott for teaching for me last week. I know you enjoyed the preview of Ezekiel and the relevance of it to today's events*
- *Praises for the Pastor and Catherine getting home from Israel with the conflict raging. I am sure he will have lots to say*
- *A lot is happening all over the world now. Be in prayer for God to control all the outcomes and His will be done*
- *Busy month of March for all with Doctor visits, recovery, schedules, and renewed FRC Activities*

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Feb 8, 2026 - Book of Zechariah – Ch 3*
 - ✓ *Feb 10, 2026. - RBI class 1*
- ✓ *Feb 15, 2026 - Book of Zechariah - Ch 4 & 5A*
 - ✓ *Feb 19, 2026. Manor Lake Gospel of John Ch 4A*
- ✓ *Feb 22, 2026 - Book of Zechariah - Ch 5B and 6*
 - ✓ *Feb 24, 2026 - RBI Class 2*
- ✓ *Mar 1, 2026 - Scott Downing to teach*
 - ✓ *Mar 3, 2026 - RBI Class 3*
 - ✓ *Mar 5, 2026 - Manor Lake Gospel of John Ch 4B& 5A*
- ✓ *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 19, 2026. – Manor Lake – Gospel of John 5B & 6A*
- *Mar 22, 2026 - Book of Zechariah Ch 9*

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *Iran War dominates discussion. Unparalleled cooperation and success with Israel*
- *Posturing by Turkey, Russia, Iran, and China to become more aligned*

US/World

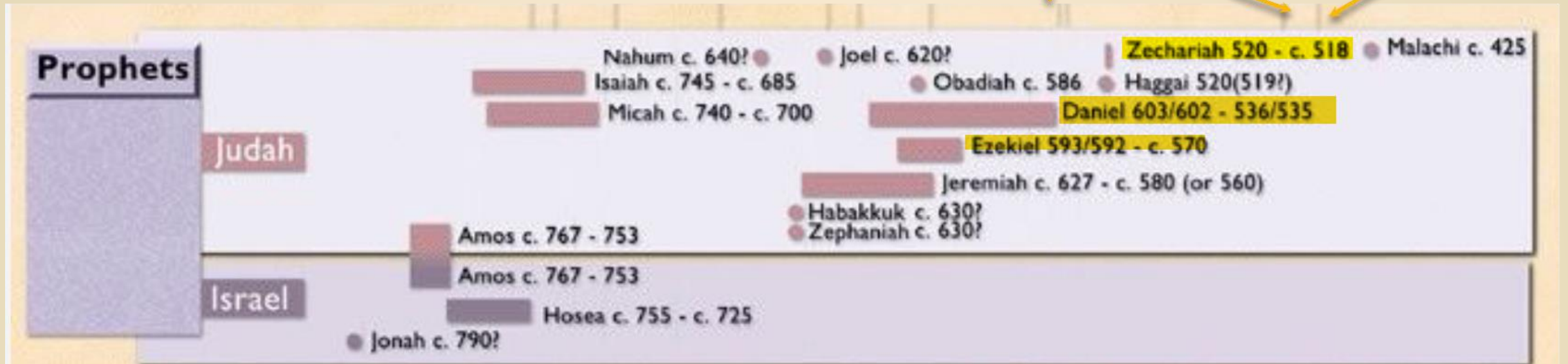
- *Domestic issues with Iran War*
- *Homeland Security Funding and the changout of Kristi Noem as Secretary of DHS*
- *Key races for House and Senate in 2026 primaries*

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) 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)*

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 ⁸ 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

⁴ Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me:

*⁵ “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?**’”*

⁶ And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?

*⁷ 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?’”***

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?

⁸ *And the **word of the Lord** came to Zechariah, saying,*

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

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

¹¹ ***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)***

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.”*

Deut 28:36-37

³⁶ “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. ³⁷ 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*

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Next week

Chapter 6 finishes the part of Zechariah that contains his 8 visions.

In Chapter 7, we see that the prophet changes from Vision interpretations to a more normal prophetic style of receiving and relaying the word of the Lord that comes to him spiritually.

These chapters of Zechariah will be more like Oracles or long narratives.

Read Chapter 7 and come back next week.

Let's close in prayer

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.