

- 1 The Book of Zechariah
Men of Grace
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- 2 Zechariah—Overview
 - Mid-Point of Scripture

 - Mid-Point of Israel's History

 - Prophecy: Past—Present—Future

- 3 The Covenants – Key to the Structure of the Bible
 1. **Abrahamic Covenant** (2000 B.C.)
 - LSD: Land, Spiritual Blessings, Descendants
 2. **Mosaic Covenant** (1400 B.C.)
 - LLC: Law, Levitical System, Consequences
 3. **Davidic Covenant** (ca 1000 B.C.)
 - FFC: Forever King, Forever Kingdom, Children
 4. **New Covenant** (ca 600 B.C.)
 - FGH: Forgiveness, Gentiles, Heart/Holy Spirit

- 4 New Covenant—History Summary 1000–600 B.C.
 - King, Law failed to bring Israel peace**
 - Kingdom divided (922 BC)**
 - Israel: 19 Kings, all bad
 - Judah: 19 Kings, half bad
 - Assyria destroyed Northern Kingdom**
 - 722 BC
 - Babylon destroyed Southern Kingdom**
 - About 600 BC
 - Jewish leaders exiled to Babylon**

- 5 Return & Rebuild—ca 536–516 BC
 - 70 years of Captivity in Babylon**
 - Ezekiel and Daniel written in Captivity
 - 3 Groups Return, 536-516 BC**
 - Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah
 - Post-Exilic Bible Books**
 - History: Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther
 - Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
 - 400 Silent Years Until Christ

- 6 Zechariah 1:1—What's in a Name?
 “In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo.” (Zech. 1:1)
- Zechariah: “God remembers”
 - Father—Berekiah: “God blesses”
 - Grandfather—Iddo: “At the appointed time”
 - Theme: God will remember to bless his people at the appointed time.
- 7 The LORD Almighty in Zechariah (1:2-3)
- God's name repeated three times: “Jehovah of Hosts”
 - Meaning: “Lord of all powers or armies”
 - Translated: “The LORD Almighty”
 - Emphasis: God's sovereign power
 - Used over 50 times in Zechariah
 - Lesson: Trust God's Sovereign Plan
- 8 Zechariah 1:2-3—An Outline of the Book
1. “The LORD was very angry with your forefathers.” (1:2)
 THE PAST—1:1-6: Call to Repent
 2. “Return to me.” (1:3a)
 THE PRESENT—Chapters 1-6: Call to Persevere
 3. “And I will return to you.” (1:3b)
 THE FUTURE—Chapters 7-14: Call to Hope
- 9 Zechariah—Part One
A CALL TO REPENTANCE
- 10 Zechariah Chapter 1: The Way of Repentance
- “Return to me, and I will return to you”
 - Repentance is fundamental to our relationship with God
- 11 Zechariah—Part Two
A Call to Perseverance
- 12 Zechariah 1-6—Summary of the Eight Visions
- 4 Horsemen: Persevere—God Almighty is on your side
 - 4 Horns & 4 Craftsmen: God will build his temple despite worldly challenges
 - Measuring Line: Messiah will bless and protect Jerusalem
 - High Priest Accused & Cleansed: Messiah will cleanse sin and bring righteousness
- 13 Zechariah 1-6—Summary of the Eight Visions
- Lampstand and Olive Trees: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit”
 - The Flying Scroll: Despite sin, God's truth prevails—and there will be judgment day
 - Woman in Measuring Basket: God will punish and banish sin

- Four Chariots: God is “Lord of the whole earth”--Trust in God to show mercy and build his Kingdom

14 Zechariah—Part Three

A Call to Obedience

15 Zechariah—Outline

1:2 “The LORD was very angry with your forefathers”
The Past—A Call to Repentance (Ch. 1:1-6)

1:3a “Return to me”
The Present—A Call to Perseverance (Ch. 1-6)

1:3b “and I will return to you.”
The Future—A Call to Hope (Ch. 9-14)

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The Present—A Call to Obedience (Ch. 7-8)

1:3b “and I will return to you.”
The Future—A Call to Hope (Ch. 9-14)

17 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Chapters 7-8

- New Prophecy, about 2 years later
- Given in 518 BC (first one in 520 BC)
- Question from the people:
 - “Should I mourn and fast in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?” (7:3)
 - Refers to new fasts created in Babylon to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem
 - If I am building a new temple, do I still have to mourn the old one?
 - “Tell me what I have to do...”

18 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Chapters 7-8

“Then the word of the LORD Almighty came to me:
‘Ask all the people of the land and the priests, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for these past 70 years, was it really for me that you fasted?
And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves?’”

Zechariah 7:4-6

19 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Chapters 7-8

“And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of one another.’
But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and stopped their ears...and would not listen to the law or to the words that the LORD Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets...”

- 20 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Chapters 7-8
- “...So the LORD Almighty was very angry. When I called they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen, says the LORD Almighty. I scattered them with a whirlwind among the nations, where they were strangers. The land was left so desolate behind them that no one could come or go. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.”
- Zechariah 7:8-14
- 21 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Lessons
- Obedience is not about what you ‘must’ do
 - “Should I mourn and fast...?” (7:3)
 - “Was it really for me that you fasted...were you not just feasting for yourselves?” (7:5-6)
 - Legalism is about self, not God
 - Focus should be on the spirit of the law and a heart of faith and love
 - “Administer true justice...” (7:9)
 - “Show mercy and compassion...” (7:9)
 - “Do not oppress...” (7:10)
 - “In your hearts do not think evil...” (7:10)
- 22 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Lessons
- Listen to God...
 - “When I called, they did not listen” (7:13a)
 - ...or God will not listen to you
 - “...so when they called, I would not listen” (7:13b)
 - You reap what you sow (see Hosea 8:7)
 - “They refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs...” (7:11)
 - “I scattered them with a whirlwind among the nations...the land was left desolate” (7:14)
- 23 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience
- If it depends on us, where is the hope?
- “I am very jealous for Zion” (8:2)
 - “I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem.” (8:3)
 - “I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God.” (8:7-8)
- 24 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience
- Where is the hope?
- “The LORD Almighty”
 - Yahweh of Hosts=Lord of All Powers
 - Emphasis: God's sovereign power
 - Chapters 7 and 8: 24 times!
- “This is what the LORD Almighty says: “You who now hear these words spoken by the prophets who were there when the foundation was laid for the house of the LORD Almighty...”
- 25 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Lessons
- “...let your hands be strong, so that the temple may be built.” (8:9)
 - “...so I will save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.” (8:13)
 - “...so now I have determined to do good again to Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid” (8:15)

- 26 Zechariah—A Call to Obedience: Lessons
1. **Do not be afraid** (8:13, 15)
 2. **Be strong** (8:9, 13)
 3. **Do God's work** (8:9-10, 15-17)
 4. **Obey God's Calling** (7:13; 8:9, 13, 15)
 5. **Follow the Word** (7:8-10; 8:9, 15)
 6. **The LORD Almighty will fulfill his Purpose** (24 Times!)
- 27 Zechariah—Part Four
A Call to Hope
- 28 Zechariah Chapters 9 through 14—The Future
Prophecies of the Future
- The Rejection of the Messiah**
 - **Chapters 9-11**
 - The Reign of the Messiah**
 - **Chapters 12-14**
- 29 Zechariah Chapters 1-8: Messianic Foreshadowing
Angel of the Lord?
- "After the LORD Almighty has honored me and sent me against the nations...I will surely raise my hand against them...Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me. (2:8)
 - "Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion, For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people." (2:9-11)
 - "See, I have taken away your sin..." (4:4)
- 30 Zechariah Chapters 1-8: Messianic Foreshadowing
The Branch and the Stone
- "I am going to send you my servant, the Branch. See the stone I have set in front of Joshua...and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day."
(Zechariah 3:8-9)
- The Prophetic Crown Ceremony for Joshua, the High Priest**
- "Take silver and gold from the exiles...and make a crown, and set it on the head of the High Priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak...."
(Zech. 6:9-15)
- 31 Prophetic Demonstration—The Crown Ceremony
- No precedent for uniting Priest and King**
 - Interpretation:** "Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne..." (Zechariah 6:12-13)
 - Messiah will be both Priest and King and will be ultimate fulfillment of visions**
 - Chapters 9 through 14 explain fulfillment**
- 32 Zechariah Chapters 9-14: Promises to Keep
- Ch. 1-6: written in 520 BC**
 - Ch. 7-8: written in 518 BC**
 - The Temple was completed in 516 BC**

- Jerusalem was still a vassal of the dominant Persian Empire
 - Ch. 9-14 written many years later
 - Temple built, but what about the promised king? New Covenant?
- 33 Zechariah 9-11—Messiah's First Coming
The Messiah's First Coming is foretold
- 34 Zechariah Chapters 9-11: Coming of Messiah
"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, foal of a donkey...He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth...because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit."
 (Zechariah 9:9-11)
- 35 Matthew 21:6-9—First Coming of Messiah
 - "They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds went ahead of him and those that followed shouted: 'Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'"
 ■ Matthew 21:6-9
- 36 Zechariah Chapters 9-11: Rejection of Messiah
The People Will Accept Worthless Shepherds:
 - "For I am going to raise up a shepherd over the land who will not care for the lost or seek the young, or heal the injured, or feed the healthy...Woe to the worthless shepherd who deserts his flock!" (Zechariah 11:16-7)
 - "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees ...You give a tenth of your spices, but you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice mercy and faithfulness...Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees...you are like whitewashed tombs which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean..." (Matt. 23:23-32)
- 37 Zechariah—The Messiah Rejected
The People Will Still Disobey:
 - "The idols speak deceit, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd. My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders..." (Zechariah 10:2-3)
 - "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone...Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces..." (Matthew 21:42-43)
 - "What shall we do with Jesus, who is called the Christ?' Pilate asked. They all answered, 'Crucify him!' 'Why? What crime has he committed?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' (Matthew 27:24)
- 38 Church Age: Between First & Second Coming
"This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that was written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem..." Luke 24:44-49
- 39 Zechariah 12-14: The Second Coming
The Messiah's Second Coming Foretold
- 40 Zechariah Chapters 12-14: Reign of Messiah
 - **The Second Coming:**
 - Jerusalem attacked: "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem." (12:1-2)
 - God will protect Jerusalem: "On that day when all the nations of the earth are gathered

against her, I will make Jerusalem an immoveable rock for all the nations...Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong because the LORD Almighty is their God.' (12:3-5)

- 41 Zechariah Chapters 9-11: 2nd Coming Foretold
- "Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightening. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet...and the LORD Almighty will shield them...The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people." (9:14-16) (See Matt.24:27)
 - "I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them...Surely I will redeem them." (10:6, 8)
 - God's Promises Are Repeated; Hope Survives
- 42 Zechariah 12-14: The Reign of Messiah
- "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly over him as one grieves for a firstborn child." (12:10)**
- 43 Zechariah 12: Analysis
- Yahweh talking (12:1)
 - Pours out "spirit of grace and supplication" (12:10a)
 - "look on me, the one they have pierced"
 - Mourn for piercing Yahweh? (12:10b)
 - Yahweh=Messiah=Pierced by Jerusalem?
- 44 Zechariah—New Covenant Fulfillment
- "On that day a fountain will be opened to the House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity...I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'"
- (Zechariah 13:1, 9)**
- Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New Covenant Fulfillment in Messiah
- 45 Zechariah Chapter 14: Reign of Messiah
- "A day of the LORD is coming when...I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to fight against it...Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem...Then the Lord my God will come, and all his holy ones with him."**
- Zechariah 14:1-7**
- Mt. of Olives: Triumphal entry, Ascension
- 46 Zechariah 14—The Reign of Messiah
- "On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter. The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name."
 - God will secure Israel once and for all
 - Fountain of living water covers whole earth and is continuous
 - "I will take away the sin of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9): Fulfilled
- 47 Zechariah 14—The Reign of Messiah

- "Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the king, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacles." (14:16)
 - New Covenant: Gentiles Included in Salvation
 - All Feast and No Fast: Law in our Hearts
 - "Holy to the LORD will be inscribed on the bells of horses and...cooking pots" (14:20)
 - Everything will be made holy by God
- 48 Zechariah's Final Consummation: Revelation 19-22
 - "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God...And I heard a loud voice from the throne: 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them...'" (Revelation 21:1-3)
 - "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life...flowing from the throne of God and of the lamb..." (Revelation 22:1)
 - "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book." (Revelation 22:7)
- 49 Zechariah Chapters 9-14: Lessons
 - **The Future: A Call for Hope**
 - **LORD Almighty: God is in control**
 - **Rejoice in Christ's First Coming**
 - **Trust in Christ's Second Coming**
 - **Preach repentance and forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ**
 - **"I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps these words..."**
- 50 Zechariah—Hope for Salvation in Christ

300 Prophecies: Jesus as the Promised Messiah:

 1. From the line of Abraham (Gen. 12:3)
 2. From the line of Jacob (Num. 24:17)
 3. From the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
 4. From the line of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1-2)
 5. From the line of David (2 Sam. 7:16)
 6. From the line of Solomon (1 Chron. 28:4)
 7. From the town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
 8. Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- 51 Zechariah—The Hope for Salvation in Christ
 9. Presented on a donkey (Zech. 9:9)
 10. Hailed as king of the Jews (Matt. 27:37)
 11. Hailed as Messiah (Matt. 21:9)
 12. Sacrificed for the sins of others (Isaiah 53:5)
 13. King who will also be LORD (Jer. 23:5-6)
 14. Hailed as promised "Son of Man" (Matt. 26:64)
 15. Hailed as the "Son of God" (Matt. 26:64)
 - Jesus is the promised Savior (John 3:16)
 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- 52 Zechariah Lessons: Summary
 - **Repentance: "Return to me, and I will return to you."**
 - **Trust: "The LORD Almighty."**
 - **Hope: "I am coming soon."**
 - **Faith: "Whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."**
 - **Work: "Do not be afraid...be strong."**
 - **Obedience: To the word and to God's call**

□ "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," declares the LORD Almighty."

53 □ Our Questions of the day...

54 □ Questions for the Day

1. Compare and contrast authentic obedience to the legalism shown in Chapter 7.
2. What are some ways you "stop up your ears" and fail to listen to God? How can we listen to God?
3. What is the key to having "strong hands" for God? (see Zech. 4:6)
4. How should we "hope" in Christ's return?

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56 □ The Book of Zechariah
Be Strong and work!

57 □ Thank You!