**Zechariah: “Why Haven’t God’s Promises Come True?”**

**I. Twofold Ministry of Zechariah**

**A) Do Not Neglect the Spiritual Renewal that God Requires**

Zechariah 1:3-4; Mt 6:33; Deut 6:5

**B) Restored Israel should Remain Faithful Looking Towards Messianic Fulfillment**

**II. God’s Promises Never Fail**

**A) Contingent Prophecies of God**

Ephesians 1:4-6

Zechariah 3:7

Jeremiah 18:7-10

Example: Jonah & Nineveh

 **B) Israel’s Mixed Bag**

 Jeremiah 29:10; Zechariah 4:8-9

**C) History & the Big Picture**

 Isaiah 53:5

 Example: Healing - God’s promises often are looking to a future that outlasts death

 Prov 23:17-18; Pro 11:21

**D) God’s Time Table**

1) Time for God is Different

Example: Abraham

2) We want God to conform to “our timetable”

 Matthew 11:2-3

**E) God’s Promises will not be Thwarted even by our Disobedience!**

Zech 9:9; 11:12-13; 13:7; 12:10; 14:4-5; 14:9

**F) Real Call for Christians is to Trust that all of God’s promises are true, even if they don’t materialize the way you think…**

1) look at God’s track record

2) look at God’s character

3) look at individual stories from the Bible

4) your own life

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| **Babylonian Kings** **Reign King Heritage Noteworthy Info**605-562 BC Nebuchadnezzar son of Nabopolassar built hanging Gardens Babylon562-560 BC Amel-Marduk son of Nebuchadnezzar released Israel king Jeconiah after 37 years560-556 BC Neriglissar son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar murdered Amel-Marduk 556 BC Labashi-Marduk son of Neriglissar & wife who murdered by Nabonidus & son Belshazzar was a daughter of Nebuchadnezzar556-539 BC Nabonidus seized power in coup/angered people by ignoring chief god Marduk/  elevated moon god Sin - left capital 10 yrs with son Belshazzar in charge 539 BC Belshazzar son of Nabonidus Daniel’s ‘handwriting on wall’ - Babylon captured in one night**Achaemenid Kingdom (Medes & Persians)** 559-530 BC Cyrus the Great son Cambyses I & Mandana killed in battle 530 daughter of Astyages orders foreign temples rebuilt if destroyed **defeats Babylonians 539 BC** 530-522 BC Cambyses II son of Cyrus the Great died putting down a rebellion522 BC Bardiya son of Cyrus (possibly imposter) killed by Persian aristocrats522-486 BC Darius I son of Hystaspes put Daniel in lion’s den485-465 BC Xerxes I son of Darius I most likely Ahasuerus of book of Esther 465-424 BC Artaxerxes son of Xerxes I some believe Ahasuerus of book of Esther |
| 605 BC - 1st invasion by Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel and elites carried off to Babylon 586 BC - Jerusalem & Temple destroyed by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar - nation  exiled & enslaved 539 BC - Cyrus defeats Babylonians538 BC - Cyrus allows Israelites (& every defeated nation) return to homeland Jerusalem536 BC - Foundation of the Temple laid520-518 BC - prophecies of Haggai & Zechariah re: rebuilding the Temple & restoration nation515 BC - completion of Temple (20yrs. to complete)484-473 - Esther happenings (during chapters 6-7 of Ezra) 458 BC - Ezra - led 2nd of 3 waves of returnees - reforms, recovery of the law450-430 Malachi prophesies - priesthood corrupt; worship routine; divorce rampant;  social justice ignored; tithing totally neglected - REPENT 445 BC - Nehemiah led 3rd wave - sent from Artaxeres with supplies to rebuild the wall - returns to Persia 12 years later (433) then comes back to Jerusalem in 420 - society a mess |
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| Oct 14 |  | Intro: Intro to Minor Prophets |
| Oct 21 | Hosea | Hosea: This is your last chance |
| Oct 28 | Hosea | Hosea: No Rivals  |
| Nov 4 | Hosea | Hosea: God’s Amazing Love |
| Nov 11 | Amos | Amos: Social Justice is Godly |
| Nov 18 | Amos | Amos: The Day of the LORD |
| Nov 25 | Amos | Amos: Judgement & Salvation |
| Dec 2 |  | New Members Sunday |
| Dec 9 |  | SNOW DAY |
| Dec 16 | Joel | Joel: The Day of the LORD |
| Dec 23 | Joel | Joel: The Day of the Church |
| Dec 30 | Habakkuk | Habakkuk: Hope: Always Rejoicing |
| Jan 6 | Phil 4:9 | Practice These Things |

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| Jan 13 |  | SNOW DAY |
| Jan 20 | Habakkuk | Habakkuk: Righteous Live by Faith |
| Jan 27 | Jonah | Jonah: The Missionary God  |
| Feb 3 | Obadiah | Obadiah: Reveling in Disaster  |
| Feb 10 | Micah | Micah: Who is Like Yah |
| Feb 17 | Micah | Micah: What the LORD Requires |
| Feb 24 | Nahum | Nahum: Nineveh’s Impending Fall |
| Mar 3 | Zephaniah | Zephaniah: Judgement & Singing  |
| Mar 10 | Haggai | Haggai: Rebuilding Project         |
| Mar 17 | Zechariah | Zechariah: Repent & Return to God |
| Mar 24 | Zechariah | Zechariah: 8 Visions  |
| Mar 31 | Zechariah | Zechariah: Joshua the High Priest |
| Apr 7 | Malachi | Malachi: Return to Me  |
| Apr 14 |  | Summary of the Minor Prophets  |

**Preaching Schedule**