

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

Babylonian Kings

Reign	King	Heritage	Noteworthy Info
605-562 BC	Nebuchadnezzar	son of Nabopolassar	built hanging Gardens Babylon
562-560 BC	Amel-Marduk	son of Nebuchadnezzar	released Israel king Jeconiah after 37 years
560-556 BC	Neriglissar	son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar	murdered Amel-Marduk
556 BC	Labashi-Marduk	son of Neriglissar & wife who was a daughter of Nebuchadnezzar	murdered by Nabonidus & son Belshazzar
556-539 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 daughter of Astyages	killed in battle 530 orders foreign temples rebuilt if destroyed defeats Babylonians 539 BC
530-522 BC	Cambyses II	son of Cyrus the Great	died putting down a rebellion
522 BC	Bardiya	son of Cyrus (possibly imposter)	killed by Persian aristocrats
522-486 BC	Darius I	son of Hystaspes	put Daniel in lion's den
485-465 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 -	1 st 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 Babylonians
538 BC -	Cyrus allows Israelites (& every defeated nation) return to homeland Jerusalem
536 BC -	Foundation of the Temple laid
520-518 BC -	prophecies of Haggai & Zechariah re: rebuilding the Temple & restoration nation
515 BC -	completion of Temple (20yrs. to complete)
484-473 -	Esther happenings (during chapters 6-7 of Ezra)
458 BC -	Ezra - led 2 nd of 3 waves of returnees - reforms, recovery of the law
450-430	Malachi prophesies - priesthood corrupt; worship routine; divorce rampant; social justice ignored; tithing totally neglected - REPENT
445 BC -	Nehemiah led 3 rd wave - sent from Artaxerxes with supplies to rebuild the wall - returns to Persia 12 years later (433) then comes back to Jerusalem in 420 - society a mess

Preaching Schedule

Date	Book	Subject/Topic
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

Date	Book	Subject/Topic
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