

Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

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Class Schedule

Lesson	Date	Title	Teacher
1	Sunday, Aug 2 nd	Class Introduction	Sam
2	Wednesday, Aug 5 th	Introduction to Haggai	Sam
3	Sunday, Aug 9 th	The Book of Haggai	Sam
4	Wednesday, Aug 12 th	Introduction to Zechariah	Erik
5	Sunday, Aug 16 th	Zechariah 1-2: Visions 1-3	Erik
6	Wednesday, Aug 19 th	Zechariah 3-4: Visions 4-5	Erik
7	Sunday, Aug 23 rd	Zechariah 5-6: Visions 6-8	Erik
8	Wednesday, Aug 26 th	Zechariah 7-11: The Two Burdens: Part 1	Erik
9	Sunday, Aug 30 th	Zechariah 12-14: The Two Burdens: Part 2	Erik
10	Wednesday, Sep 2 nd	Introduction to Malachi	Sam
11	Sunday, Sep 29 th	Malachi 1-2	Sam
12	Wednesday, Sep 6 th	Malachi 3-4	Sam
13	Sunday, Sep 9 th	Application	Sam

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Lesson 5: Zechariah 1-3, The First Three Visions

A Call to Return to the Lord

Perhaps the same Iddo mentioned in Nehemiah 12:1, 4, and 16

Iddo

Not mentioned in Ezra 6:14

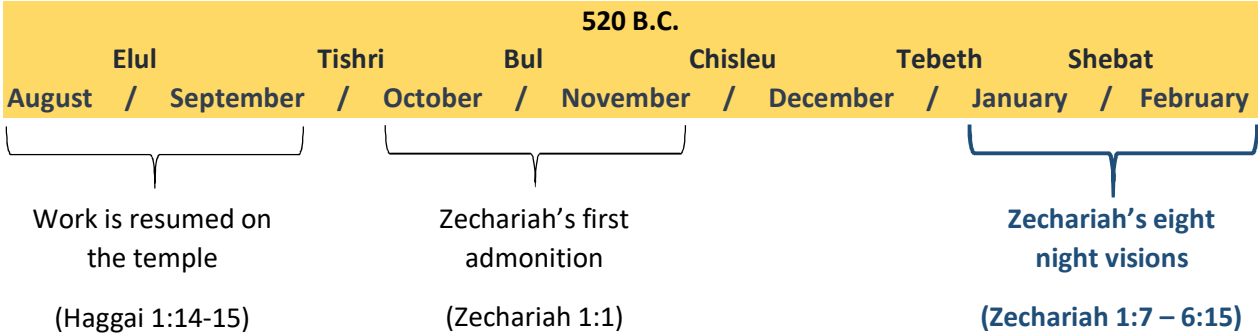
Berechiah

Zechariah

“Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts”

“DO NOT BE LIKE YOUR FATHERS”
 “RETURN FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS”
 “[RETURN] FROM YOUR EVIL DEEDS”

The Eight Night Visions



There is no doubt that the visions are linked together, for they were all seen by Zechariah on the same night, the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month (Shebat), in the second year of Darius. What is unclear though, is exactly *how* they are linked together. There is a general structure to the visions, but to what extent we are uncertain.

Differing Views on the Structure of the Eight Visions		
Vision	Hinckley G. Mitchell	Joyce Baldwin
First	The return from captivity	God patrolling the earth
Second		The threat of the nations against Judah
Third		The two anointed leaders of post-exilic Judah
Fourth	The anointed of Yahweh	The cleaning of the land
Fifth		God patrolling the earth
Sixth	The seat of wickedness	God patrolling the earth
Seventh		God patrolling the earth
Eighth		God patrolling the earth

Though we may not know how each of the visions fit together, it does seem that there is a general pattern to the telling of each vision:

1. An introduction which reports in one form or another that Zechariah saw some person or a happening
2. A description of what he saw
3. The prophet's questions about the meaning of what he saw
4. An interpreting angel's interpretation

	Vision 1: A Horseman	Vision 2: Horns and Craftsmen	Vision 3: A Man with a Measuring Line
Intro	<p>⁷On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying..."</p>	<p>^{18a}And I lifted my eyes and saw...</p>	<p>^{1a}And I lifted my eyes and saw...</p>
Description	<p>⁸"I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses."</p>	<p>^{18b}and behold, four horns! ²⁰Then the Lord showed me four craftsmen.</p>	<p>^{1b}...a man with a measuring line in his hand! ^{2b}To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length."</p>
Question	<p>⁹Then I said, "What are these, my lord?"</p>	<p>^{19a}And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" ^{21a}And I said, "What are these coming to do?"</p>	<p>²Where are you going?"</p>
Interpretation	<p>¹⁰"These are they whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth."</p>	<p>^{19b}And he said to me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem." ^{21b}He said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one raised his head. And these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter it.</p>	<p>^{4b}...Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it. ⁵And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst."</p>

Questions

Vision 1: A Horseman

1. What did 'those whom the Lord sent to patrol the earth' find?
2. What question does the angel of the Lord ask?
3. What six blessings are mentioned in the Lord's response?

Vision 2: Horns and Craftsmen

4. Do you think the four horns represent specific entities? If so, who? And if not, what do you think they represent?
5. Do you think the four craftsmen represent specific entities? If so, who? And if not, what do you think they represent?
6. Does this vision fit into Zechariah's message of encouragement?

Vision 3: A Man with a Measuring Line

7. Why is it okay that Jerusalem will be "without walls"?
8. Do you think verse 7 is referring to physical Zion (Jerusalem) or spiritual Zion (God's people)? Or both?
9. Does this vision fit into Zechariah's message of encouragement?