

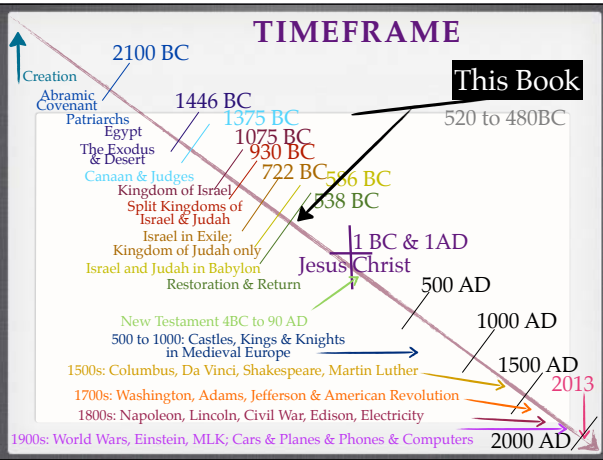
ZECHARIAH

Book of Encouragement

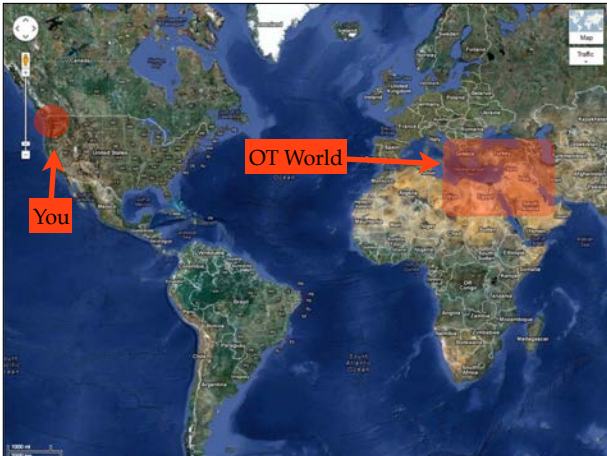


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TIMEFRAME



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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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Major OT Themes found in this Book:

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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AUTHOR

- 1:1
- Zechariah

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

- “The chief purpose of Zechariah (and Haggai) was to rebuke the people of Judah and to encourage and motivate them to complete the rebuilding of the temple (4:8-10, Hag 1-2), though both prophets were clearly interested in spiritual renewal as well.”
- It’s about physical and spiritual renewal.
- CSSB 1412

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STORYLINE

- Chapters 1-6 = The Eight Visions on February 1, 519BC --horseman, horns, line, cleansing, lampstand, scroll, woman, chariots
- Chapters 7 and 8 = The Four Messages: emptiness, disobedience, restoration, joy
- Chapters 9-14 = The Two Burdens: Israel will reject it’s Shepherd-King; Deliverance and Judgment
- CBH

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THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- "...the merger of the priestly and prophetic elements in Israel's history, [which is] a preparation for the understanding of Christ as both a priest and prophet..."
- CBH196

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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KEY VERSE

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- 9:9
- Clear Prophecy of Christ--Shepherd King, not a warrior

REQUIRED READING

- 1: Call and Vision of Zechariah
- 8: Coming Peace
- 9: Judgment and Prophecy of Messiah

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Who is in control of our world?

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MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

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LUTHER SAYS:

- "In the ninth chapter, [Zechariah] proceeds to the coming times, and prophesies first in chapter ten [9:1-6] of how Alexander the Great will conquer Tyre, Sidon, and the Philistines, so that the whole world shall be opened to the coming gospel of Christ, and Zechariah [9:9] has the King Christ coming into Jerusalem on [a donkey]."
- You need the whole thing--first, Luther says Zechariah prophesies about real future events; secondly that 9:9 has come up on 4 different slides so far.
- LSB 1523

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- "The visions that the Lord gave to Zechariah overtook the wandering Judeans and settled their hearts in Zion. This humble beginning would hail the coming of a lowly King, who would fulfill the old covenant and establish an unbounded kingdom wholly consecrated to the Lord."
- God settled the Israelites back in Israel, preparing the way for Jesus to come 500 years later.
- LSB 1523

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LIFE LESSONS FROM ZECHARIAH

The Holy Spirit is present in the Old Testament. One of the places He is easiest to see is in Zechariah 12:10. "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy so that when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn."

What is the Holy Spirit?

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ACTIVITIES

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Name: _____

Directions:

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are often referred to as the "Minor Prophets". However, "minor" is a bit of a misnomer, since "minor" refers to the fact that the books are short, and not that the books are, as is the contemporary meaning, "lesser".

These books are a whole world of their own, which will become clear as you read them. They clearly exemplify God's plan for humanity, as laid out in Genesis 1:1-3. Do you find anything very different with the prophecies and their fulfillment in these books. After several of these books begin with the words "The word of the Lord came to me, saying..." This will be the case with the books of the Minor Prophets.

The following are some key verses for each of the twelve short-book prophets. Read the verses and try to determine the major theme of the book. How do you see these verses from the book if you read the whole book. Write one or two complete sentences for each. Think there is not enough space below, please answer these using your own lined paper.

Amos 1:1-2:17
 Joel 1:1-2:27
 Obadiah 1:1-21
 Jonah 1:1-4:11
 Micah 1:1-7:12
 Nahum 1:1-3:1
 Habakkuk 1:1-3:19
 Zephaniah 1:1-3:20
 Haggai 1:1-2:23
 Zechariah 1:1-14:21
 Malachi 1:1-4:5

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