

MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Eleven: Zechariah – The Truth about Hope

BACKGROUND

Who: Zechariah (“Festival of YHWH”) **When:** 520–518BC: (Return from exile; Zechariah)

Zechariah 1:1–6: The Call

What is God’s central message to his people?

How does their behavior compare to His?

Zechariah 1:7–6:15: The Visions

For each pairing (1 and 8, etc.): what is seen and what does it mean?

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| 1. A Horseman (1:7–17) | 8. Four Chariots (6:1–8) |
| 2. Horns and Craftsmen (1:18–21) | 7. A Woman in a Basket (5:5–11) |
| 3. A Measuring Line (2:1–13) | 6. A Flying Scroll (5:1–4) |
| 4. Joshua, the High Priest (3:1–10) | 5. A Golden Lampstand (4:1–14) |

An action and a promise (6:9–15) – and how does this justify the above structural approach?

Zechariah 7:1–8:23: Justice, Mercy, and Peace

Read 7:1–3: What is the question being asked of the priests and prophets?

- *Why would this question still be useful to us today?*

Read 7:4–14: What is God’s reply?

- *What is fasting’s proper role?*

Chapter 8 Further promises and instructions... including clear answer to fasts (vv.18–19)

Zechariah 9–11: The first burden – the coming king

NOTE: New timeframe! Highlights: 9:9–12; 10:6–12; 11:4–5

Zechariah 12–14: The second burden – day of the Lord

Highlights: 12:10; 14:20–21