

50+ Sunday School Class

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Christ in the Minor Prophets

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Winter-Spring 2020

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Class Schedule – Winter/Spring 2020

New Series – Christ in the Minor Prophets

- Jan 12 – 1: *Hosea* (14)
- Jan 19 – 2: *Joel* (3)
- Jan 26* – Guest speaker: Rev. John Trapp. (9:15: Baptism Class)
- Feb 2 – 3: *Amos* (9)
- Feb 9* – Guest speaker: Rev. Jordan Griesbeck
- Feb 16* – Guest speaker: Daniel Wang
- Feb 23 – 4: *Obadiah* (1)
- Mar 1 – 5: *Jonah* (4)
- Mar 8 – 6: *Micah* (7). (9:15: Eucharist Class)
- Mar 15 – No Class (Coronavirus Crisis begins)
- Mar 22 – No Class (Spring Break)

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- Mar 29 – 7: *Nahum* (3)
- Apr 5 – 8: *Habakkuk* (3)
- Apr 12 – No Class (Easter)
- Apr 19 – 9: *Zephaniah* (3)
- Apr 26 – 10: *Haggai* (2)
- **May 3 – 11: *Zechariah* (14)**
- May 10 – No Class (Mother's Day)
- May 17 – 12: *Malachi* (4)
- New Series through June

* - Craig away/preaching

Christ in the Minor Prophets – May 3 - Zechariah

- Introduction

Christ in the Minor Prophets – May 3 - Zechariah

- World of Zechariah
 - 12 Minor Prophets divide into
 - Pre-Exile to Babylon (9)
 - Hosea ... Joel ... Amos ... Obadiah ... Jonah ... Micah ... Nahum ... Habakkuk ... Zephaniah
 - Post-Return from Babylon (3)
 - Haggai
 - ***Zechariah***
 - Malachi

Remember from last week with Haggai:

- 605/597/586 BC – Babylonian Exile began (~70 years)
- 538 BC – Persian King Cyrus decreed Jews could return ... to rebuild Jerusalem, The Temple, and to Worship God ... A New Day! ... Back in their Homeland! ... Free!

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- World of Zechariah
 - ... A Discouraging Time (538-536 BC)
 - Only 50,000 returned
 - Jerusalem in shambles
 - Opposing Nations (e.g., Samaritans)
 - Economic hardship (national wealth was gone)
 - 536-520 BC – Rebuilding The Temple ceased
 - 520 BC (later part of 6th C. BC)
 - God sent Haggai (4-month ministry) ... and **Zechariah**
 - Shackled with the Past ... Fearful of the Future
 - Would they ... Rebuild? ... Be Faithful? ... Protected?
 - Would they ... Return to Sins ... to Captivity?

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- Message of Zechariah
 - Look Back ... with Discernment (Ch 1-8)
 - Look Forward ... with Reassurance (Ch 9-14)

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- Message of Zechariah

- Look Back with Discernment ... to Face Today

- Zechariah 1:1-5

In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah ... saying, ² “The LORD was very angry with your fathers. ³ Therefore say to them, Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.’ But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. ⁵ Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?

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- Message of Zechariah
 - Look Back & *Forward*
 - Zechariah 1:21

“These are the [four] **horns** that scattered Judah, so that no one raised his head. And these [**four craftsmen**] have come to terrify [and] cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against ... Judah”
 - Zechariah 5:3-4

³ “This [**flying scroll**] is the curse that goes out ... everyone who **steals** shall be cleaned out according to what is on one side, and everyone who **swears falsely** shall be cleaned out according to what is on the other side. ⁴ ... it shall enter the house of the **thief**, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. And it shall ... consume [his house]....”

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- Message of Zechariah
 - Look Back & *Forward* ... for Strength Today
 - God's Vengeance will Prevail against Nations who persecute His people
(External Threat)
 - God will Deliver His People from their Sin
(Internal Threat)
 - Zechariah 3:1-10 (Joshua the High Priest)
 - Zechariah 4:1-14 (7 Burning Lamps)

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- Message of Zechariah
 - Look Back & *Forward* ... for Strength Today
 - God will Deliver His People from their Sin (Internal Threat)
 - Zechariah 3:1-10 (Joshua the High Priest)
³ Now Joshua [the high priest] was standing before the angel [of the Lord], clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said ... “Remove the filthy garments from him. ... I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” ⁵ ... So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments.

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- Look Back & *Forward* ... for Strength for Today
 - God *will* Deliver His People from their Sin (Internal Threat)
 - Zechariah 4:1-14 (7 Burning Lamps)
 - ² [The angel] said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “... a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.”
 - ⁶ Then he said ... “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷ ...And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”
 - ... ⁹ “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it.

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- Message of Zechariah
 - Look Forward with Reassurance (Ch 9-14)
 - Messiah Deals with Our Past & Present
 - Messiah Holds Our Future

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- Jesus Deals with Our Past & Present

- Zechariah 3

⁴ And the angel [of the Lord] said ... “Remove the filthy garments from [the *high priest*] I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” ... ⁸ ...behold, I will bring my *servant* the *Branch*.

- Isaiah 42.1-3—Behold *my servant*, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations (quoted in Matthew 12.17-18)

- Isaiah 11.1-2—There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a *branch* from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him....

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- Jesus Deals with Our Past & Present

- Zechariah 3

9 ...behold, on the **stone** that I have set before Joshua, on a single **stone** with seven eyes [facets], I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.”

- Psalm 118:22—The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone

- 1 Peter 2—⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious....

⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

(quotes Psalm 118:22)

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- Jesus Deals with Our Past & Present ... as *Suffering* Servant
 - Zechariah 11 – Rejected
 - Zechariah 12 – Pierced
 - Zechariah 13 – Smitten

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- Jesus Deals with Our Past & Present ... as *Suffering* Servant

- Zechariah 11 – **Rejected**

⁴ Thus said the LORD my God: “Become shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter. ... ⁷ So I became the shepherd of the flock... And I tended the sheep. ⁸ In one month I destroyed the three shepherds. But I became impatient with them, and they also detested me. ... ¹² Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. ¹³ Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the lordly [handsome] price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD

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- Jesus Deals with Our Past & Present ... as *Suffering* Servant

- Zechariah 12 – **Pierced**

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, ... as one weeps over a firstborn.

- John 19.34, 36-37—one of the soldiers *pierced* his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ ... “*They will look on him whom they have pierced.*” (Zech. 12.10)
- Luke 23.48—all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home *beating their breasts*.

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- Jesus Deals with Our Past & Present ... as *Suffering* Servant
 - Zechariah 13:7 – **Smitten**
“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against *the man who stands next to me [nearest one]*,” declares the LORD of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones.”
 - C.F. Keil (OT scholar)—
The idea of nearest one (or fellow) involves not only similarity in vocation, but community of physical or spiritual descent, according to which he whom God calls His neighbor cannot be a mere man, but can only be one who participates in the divine nature, or is essentially divine. The shepherd of Jehovah, whom the sword is to smite, is therefore no other than the Messiah.
 - Matthew 26.31 (quotes Zechariah 13:7) ... Isaiah 53.5

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- Jesus Holds Our Future

- Zechariah 6:12-13

‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD. ¹³ It is he who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear *royal* honor, and shall sit and *rule* on his *throne*. And there shall be a *priest on his throne*, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”’

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- Jesus Holds Our Future

- Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; ***righteous*** and having salvation is he, ***humble*** and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak ***peace*** to the nations; his ***rule*** shall be from sea to sea, and from the River [Euphrates] ***to the ends of the earth.***

- John 12:12-15

- Colossians 1:19-20

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- Question:
What difference should this make on Monday?

Prayer Requests

Next Week

- May 10 – No Class (Mother's Day)