



REBUILDING  
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TEMPLE

# Lesson #2 Chapter 2

# ZECHARIAH

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Paul Blair: Study of Zechariah (Lesson 2) 2:1 Thru 2:13

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# The Ancient Near East, 1800 to 1400 B.C.



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b Lit. nations.  
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Isa. 59:20, note.  
d Gal. 4:4, 5.  
e Imputation. Lev.  
27:18. (Lev.  
25:50; Jas. 2:23.)  
f Law (of Moses).  
Lev. 27:1-34. (Ex.  
19:1; Gal. 3:1-29.)  
g Psa. 4:8.  
h 2 Ki. 17:25; cf.  
Hos. 2:18.  
i Deut. 32:30; Jud.  
7:7, 12; 1 Sam.  
14:14.

I am the LORD your God.

## CHAPTER 26.

Deut. 28-29  
BLESSINGS + CURSINGS

The law of the land: (6) conditions of blessing; warnings of chastisement.

WOOD OR STONE  
"ELILIA" - NOTHING

Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God.

2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

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Conditions of blessing.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

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5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

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6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

MURDER

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall chase an

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[162] LEVITICUS 26:9

hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have <sup>a</sup>respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not <sup>b</sup>abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you, and will be your <sup>b</sup>God, and ye shall be my people.

13 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

Warnings of chastisement.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul <sup>b</sup>abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

The first chastisement.

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you <sup>c</sup>terror, consumption, and the <sup>c</sup>burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be <sup>c</sup>slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

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Deut. 28:15-18  
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a 2 Ki.

b Jer. 7:6-16.

c 1 Sam. 31:1.

d Deut. 1 Ki.

e Deut. 17:25.

f Num. Sam.

g Hag.

h 2 Ki.

i 2 Ki.

j 2 Ki.

k 2 Ch.

l Psa.

REV. 6:4

LEVITICUS 26:34

22 I will also send <sup>d</sup>wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your <sup>e</sup>high ways shall be desolate.

The fourth chastisement.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the <sup>f</sup>pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be <sup>g</sup>satisfied.

The fifth chastisement.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ye shall <sup>h</sup>eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And I will <sup>i</sup>destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols; and my soul shall abhor you.

31 And I will make your <sup>j</sup>cities waste, and bring your <sup>k</sup>sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

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2 Ki. 14:21.

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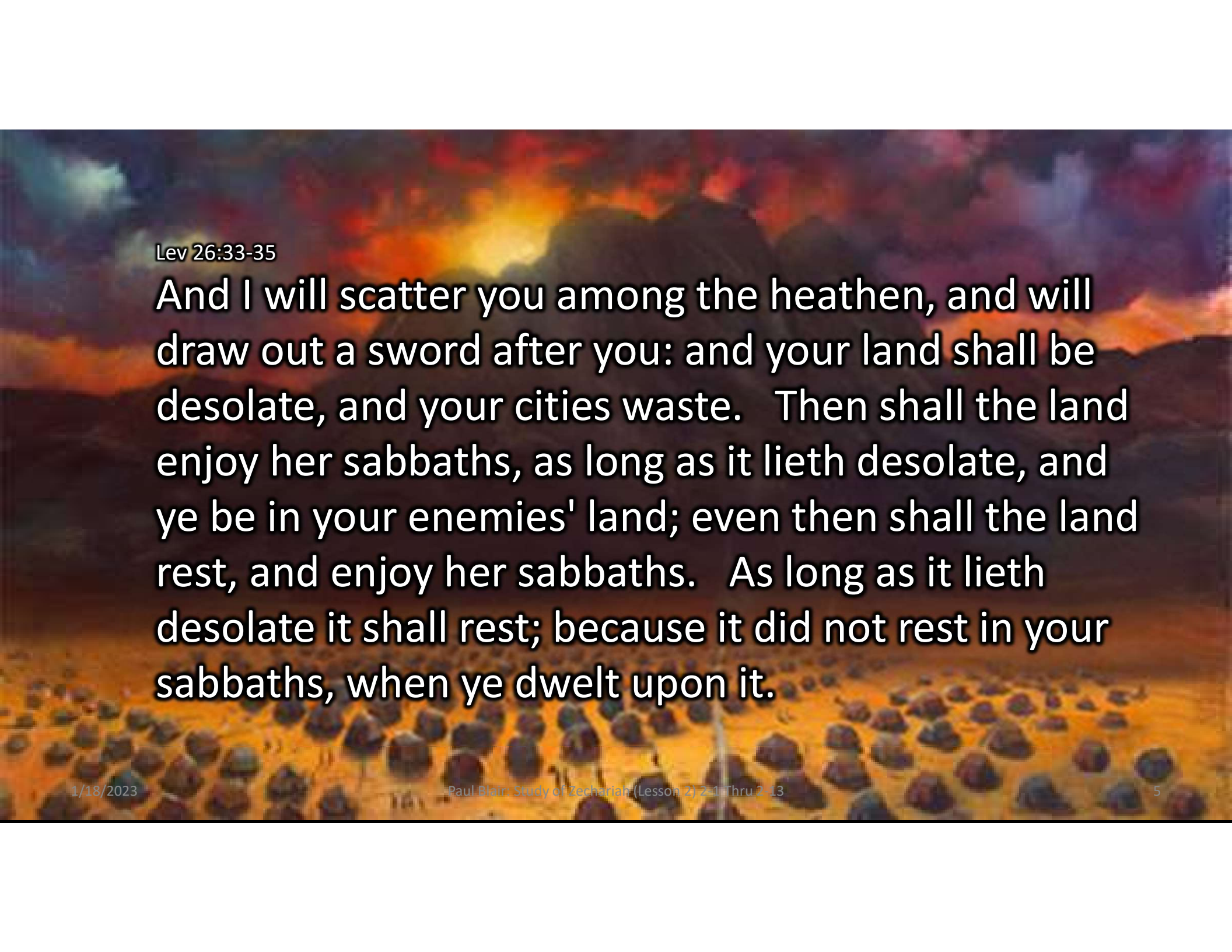
DEUT 28:52-57  
FATHERS TO SONS  
BROTHERS TO BROTHERS  
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2 KINGS 6:29  
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DEUT. 32:30

COMPARE TO  
ISAIAH 23:7-8

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Lev 26:33-35

And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

Creation	Global Flood	Abraham's Call	The Exodus	The Judges	Kingdom Years	Divided Kingdom	Assyrian Empire	Babylon's North	South
4000 BC	2500 BC	2000 BC	1500 BC	1450 BC	1050 BC	930 BC	722 BC	606 BC	

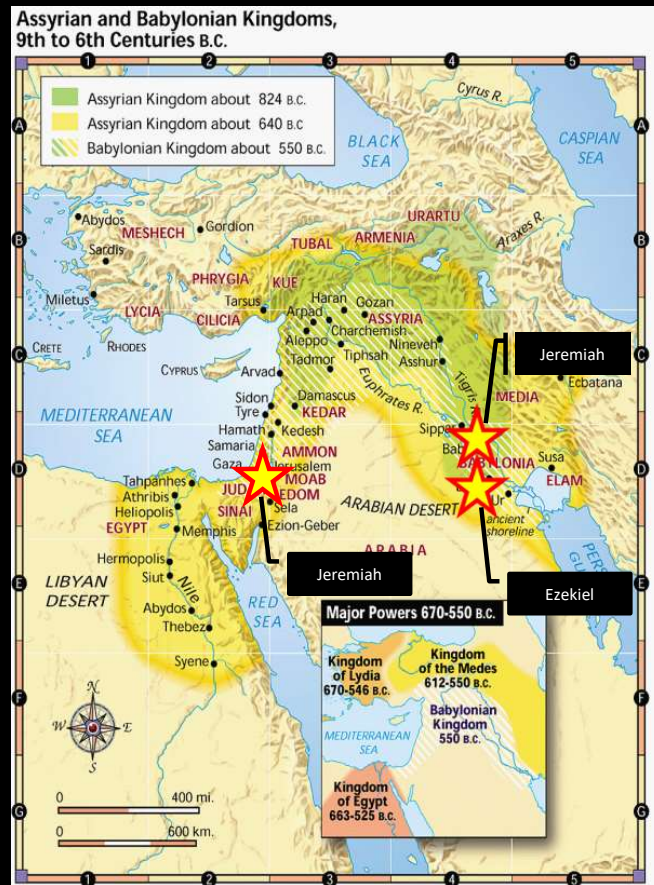


### Isa 9:6-7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, **upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

# Three Conquests Three Prophets



606BC – **Daniel** taken to Babylon

597BC - **Ezekiel** take to Tel Aviv

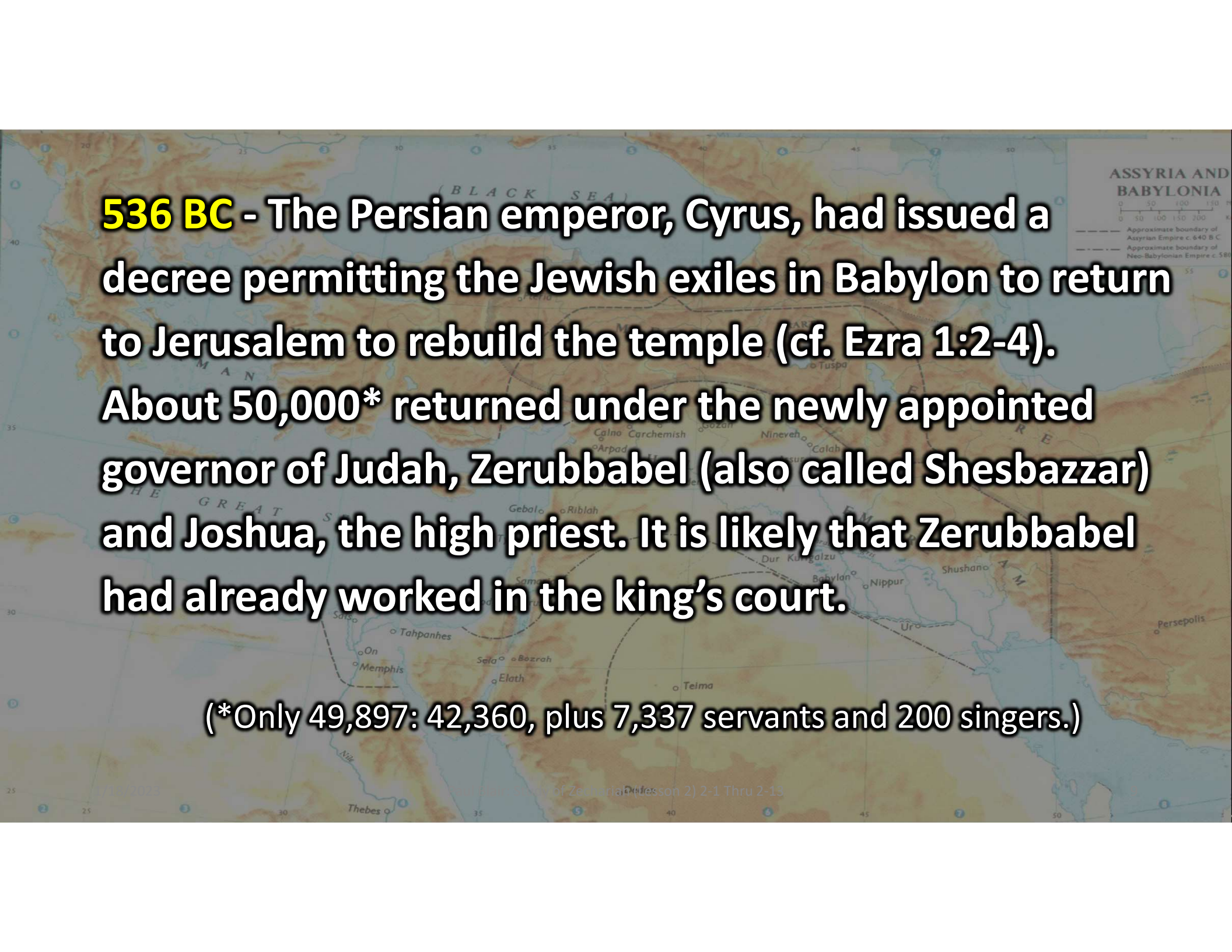
*Ezekiel called about 592BC.*

586BC – Jerusalem destroyed (**Jeremiah**)

520BC – **Zechariah** encourages (the fourth of the Apocalyptic Prophecies)

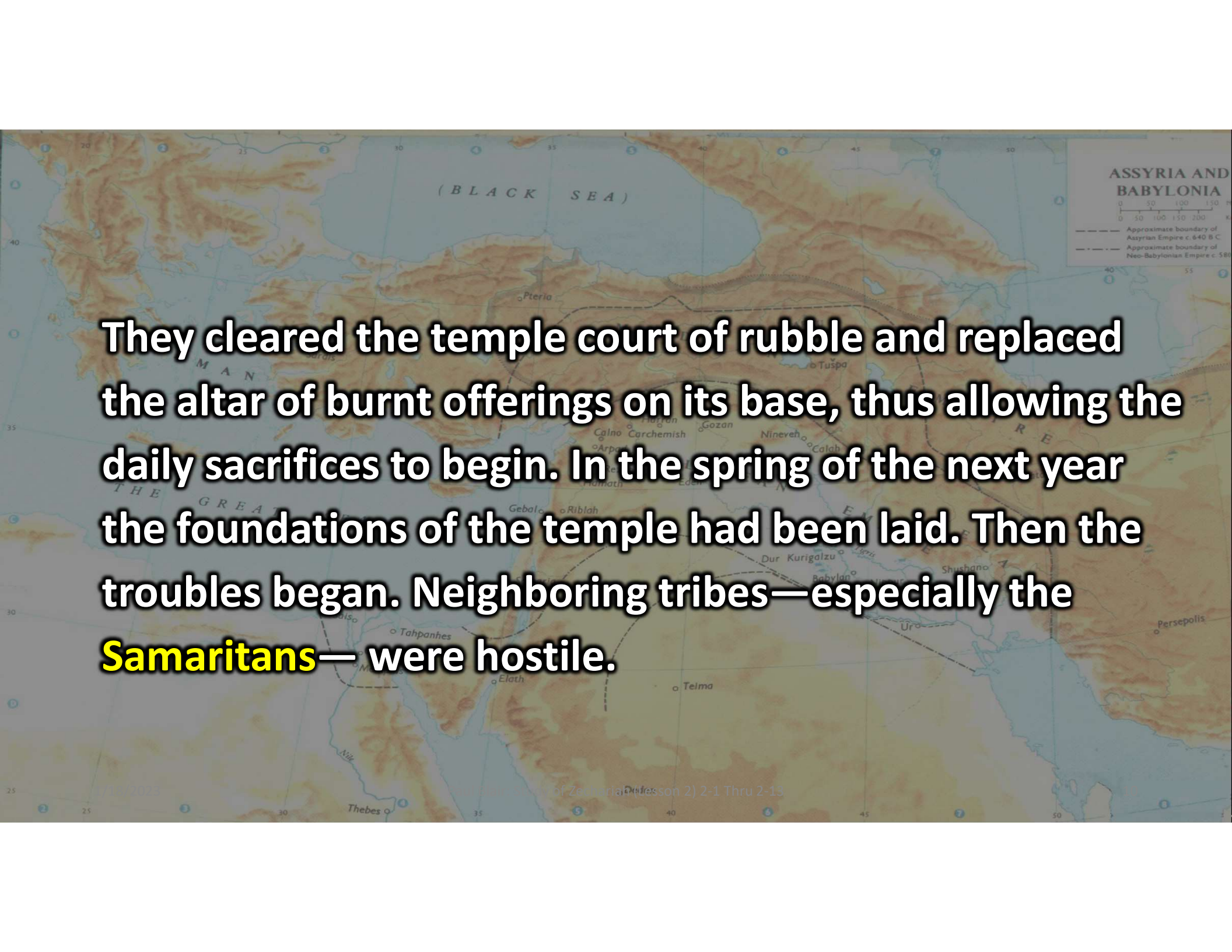
# Israel Timeline

1. Brought out of Egypt – 1550 BC +/-
2. Wandered in Wilderness and crossed Jordan – 1500 BC +/-
3. Joshua & Judges (400 years as Republic) – 1500-1100BC +/-
4. Kings (Saul, David & Solomon) – 1100 to 980 BC +/-
5. Divided Kingdom 980 BC +/-
6. Northern Kingdom falls to Syria - 722 BC
7. Southern Kingdom falls to Babylon – 606 BC
8. Temple destroyed – 587 BC
9. Zerubbabel Returns with 50,000 – 536 BC

A historical map of the region of Assyria and Babylonia. The map shows the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the Persian Gulf, and the Black Sea. Key cities like Nineveh, Babylon, and Susa are marked. Dashed lines indicate the boundaries of the Assyrian Empire (c. 640 B.C.) and the Neo-Babylonian Empire (c. 539 B.C.).

**536 BC** - The Persian emperor, Cyrus, had issued a decree permitting the Jewish exiles in Babylon to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (cf. Ezra 1:2-4). About 50,000\* returned under the newly appointed governor of Judah, Zerubbabel (also called Shesbazzar) and Joshua, the high priest. It is likely that Zerubbabel had already worked in the king's court.

(\*Only 49,897: 42,360, plus 7,337 servants and 200 singers.)

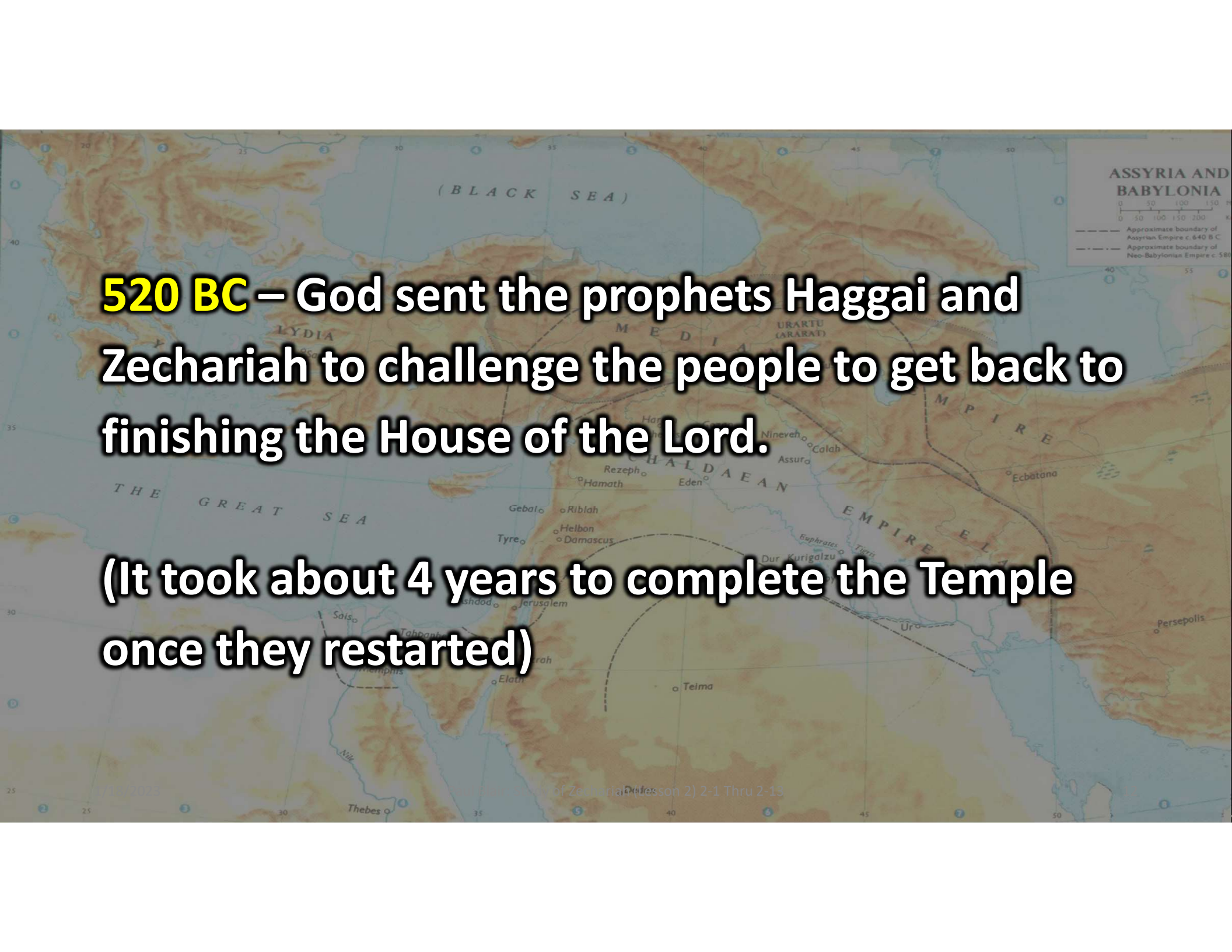
A topographical map of the ancient Near East, specifically focusing on Assyria and Babylonia. The map shows the Black Sea to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the west, and the Persian Gulf to the south. Major cities like Nineveh, Babylon, and Ur are marked. A legend in the top right corner identifies the approximate boundaries of the Assyrian Empire (c. 640 B.C.) and the Neo-Babylonian Empire (c. 580 B.C.).

**They cleared the temple court of rubble and replaced the altar of burnt offerings on its base, thus allowing the daily sacrifices to begin. In the spring of the next year the foundations of the temple had been laid. Then the troubles began. Neighboring tribes—especially the **Samaritans**—were hostile.**



**When the work ceased for 14-17 years.**

**The people returned to their private affairs, and gradually became accustomed to worshiping among the ruins of the once-great temple. The desire to rebuild died out and they became reconciled to remaining the secular occupants in an impoverished land.**

A topographical map of the ancient Near East, specifically focusing on the regions of Assyria and Babylonia. The map shows the Black Sea to the north, the Mediterranean Sea to the west, and the Persian Gulf to the south. Key geographical features include the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the Zagros Mountains, and the Taurus Mountains. Major cities and regions are labeled, including Lydia, Media, Urartu (Ararat), Assyria, Babylonia, and Elam. The map also shows the approximate boundaries of the Assyrian Empire (c. 640 B.C.) and the Neo-Babylonian Empire (c. 580 B.C.).

**520 BC** – God sent the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to challenge the people to get back to finishing the House of the Lord.

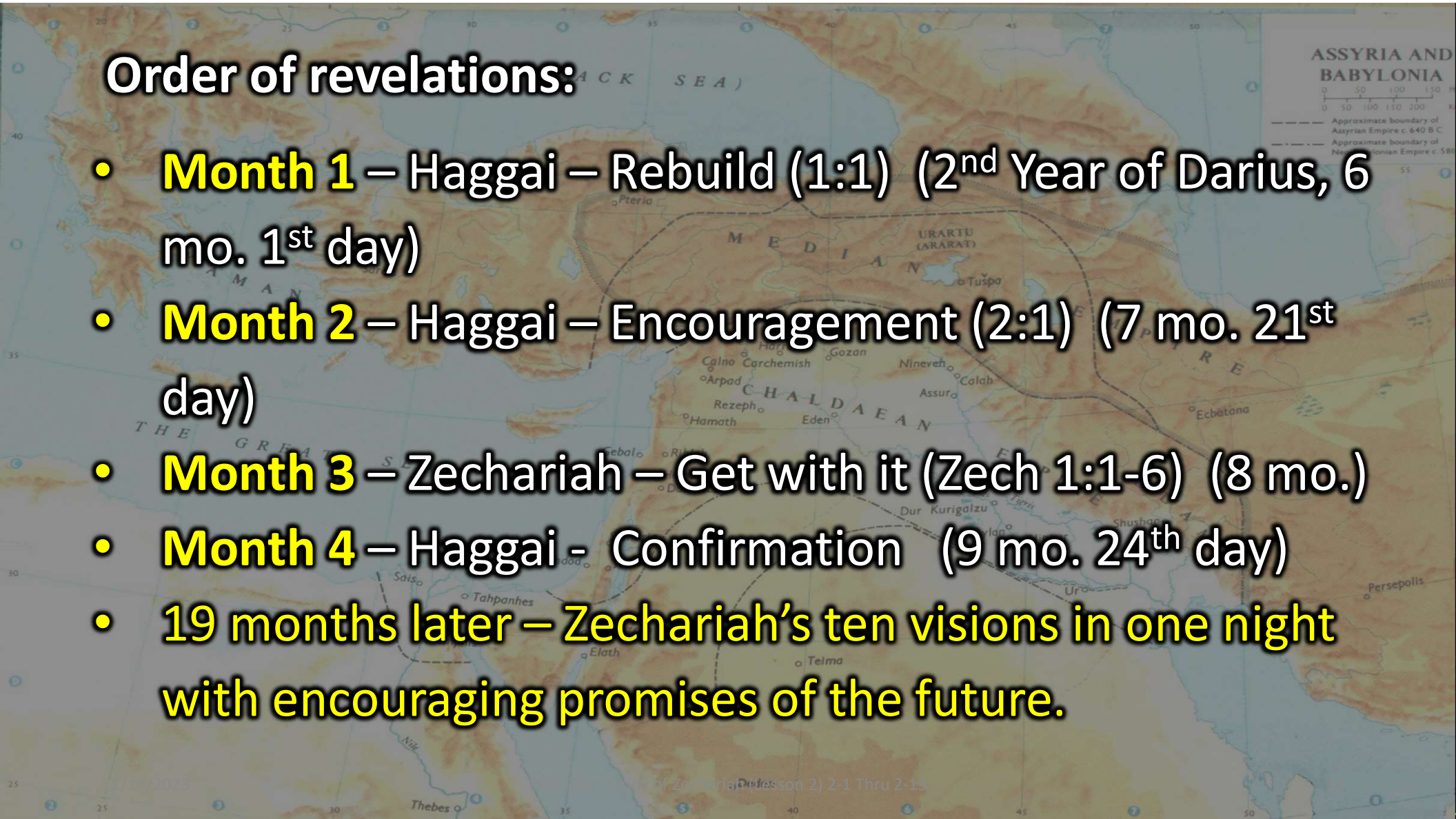
**(It took about 4 years to complete the Temple once they restarted)**

**Haggai reproved the people for their failure to rebuild the temple.**

**Zechariah encouraged the people by presenting to them the coming glory of the Messiah.**

## Order of revelations:

- **Month 1** – Haggai – Rebuild (1:1) (2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius, 6 mo. 1<sup>st</sup> day)
- **Month 2** – Haggai – Encouragement (2:1) (7 mo. 21<sup>st</sup> day)
- **Month 3** – Zechariah – Get with it (Zech 1:1-6) (8 mo.)
- **Month 4** – Haggai – Confirmation (9 mo. 24<sup>th</sup> day)
- **19 months later** – Zechariah's ten visions in one night with encouraging promises of the future.



# Vision #1

## The Angel of the LORD taking note of the state of the world.

Zech 1:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

<sup>12</sup> Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, **O Lord of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?**



Zech 1:13-15

<sup>13</sup> And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

<sup>14</sup> So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.**

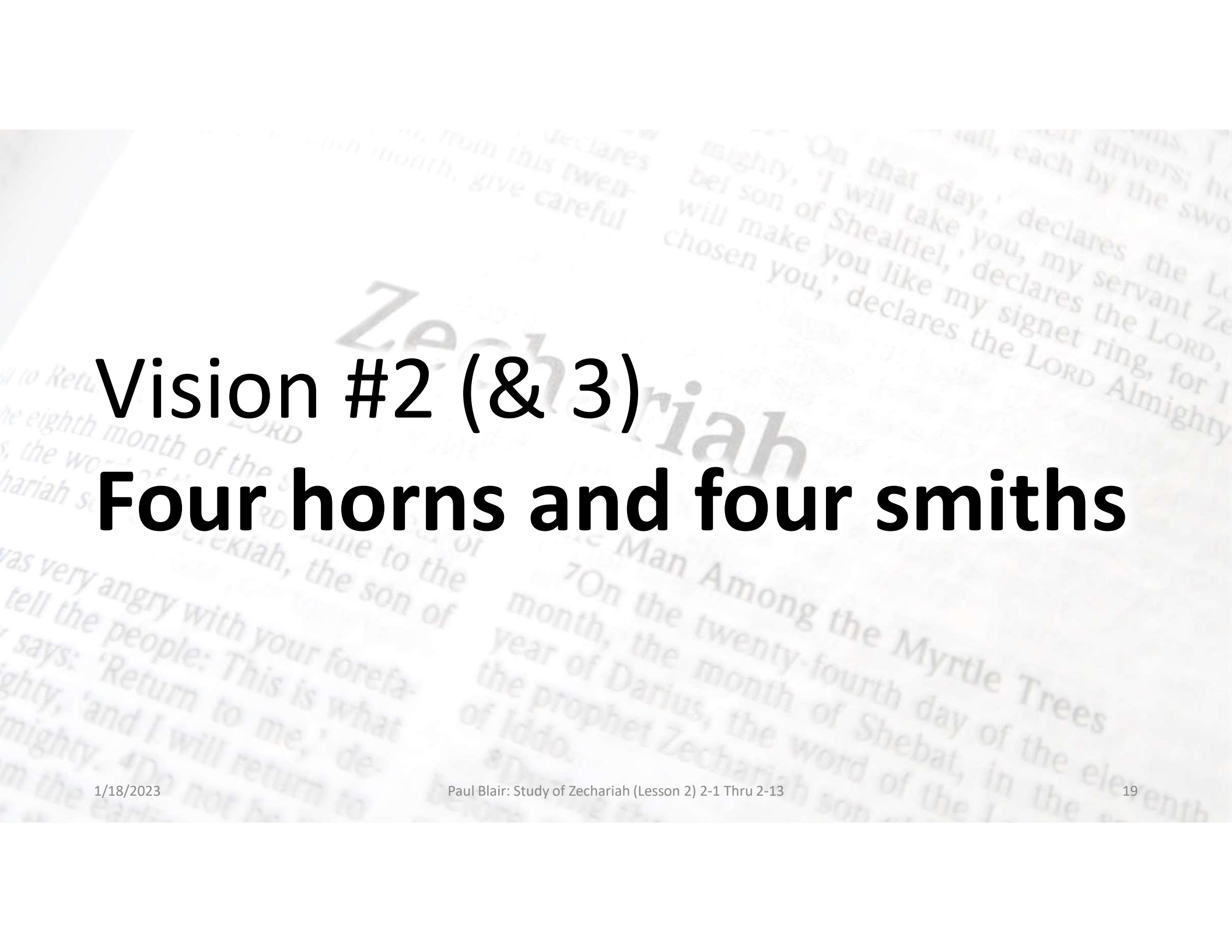
<sup>15</sup> And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Zech 1:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Therefore thus saith the Lord; **I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it,** saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

<sup>17</sup> Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the **Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.**





# Vision #2 (& 3)

## Four horns and four smiths

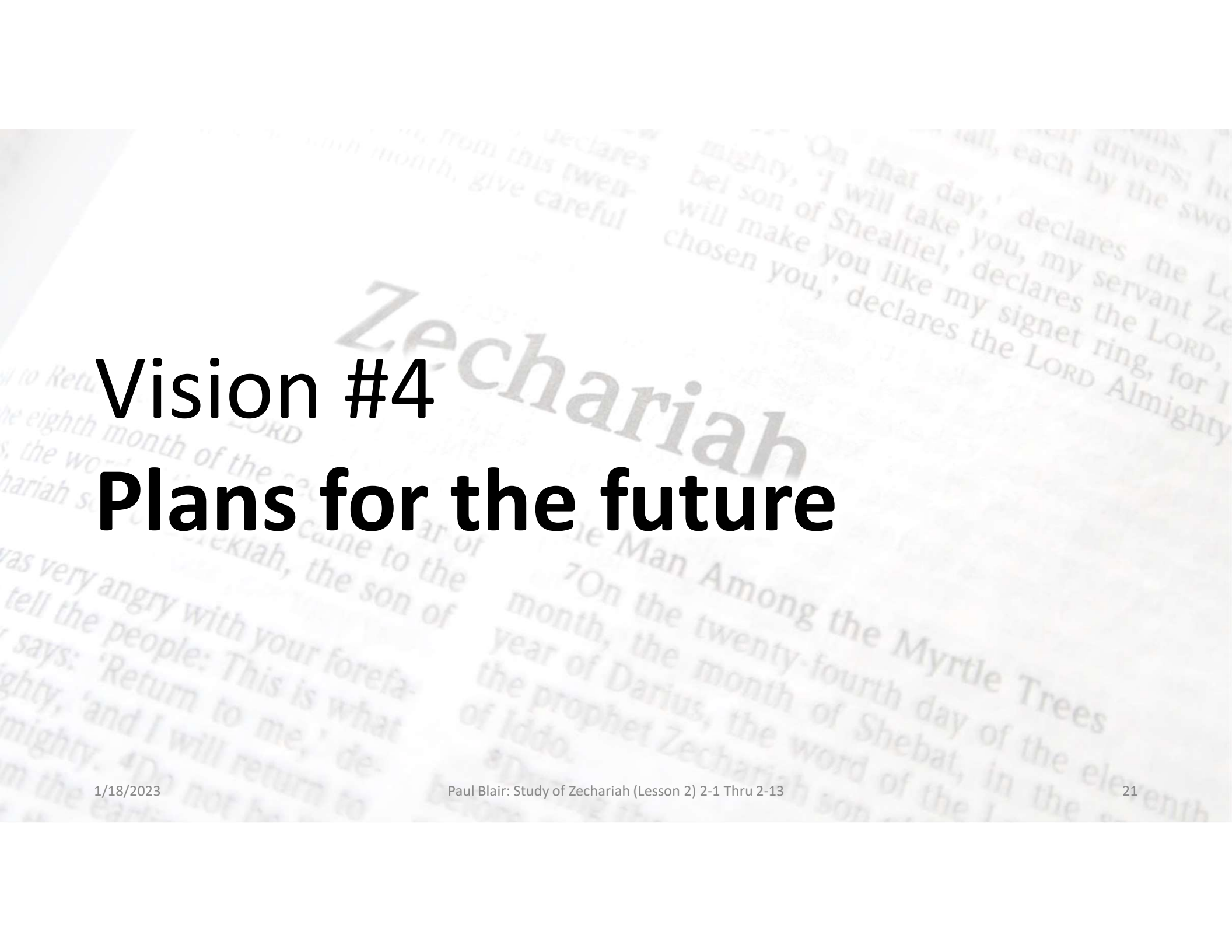
Zech 1:19-21

<sup>19</sup> And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, **These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.**

<sup>20</sup> And the Lord shewed me four carpenters.

<sup>21</sup> Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, **to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.**





# Vision #4

## Plans for the future

## Zech 2:1-2

I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

**2** Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.



## Zech 2:3-5

**3** And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

**4** And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, **Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:**

**5** For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.





65 years later the city was still destroyed.

Neh 2:13-15

And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire. Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass.

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A painting of a man in a brown robe pointing towards a distant landscape with a mountain in the background.

2 Kings 6:17

And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, **the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

**FEAR NOT: FOR THEY THAT  
BE WITH US ARE MORE THAN  
THEY THAT BE WITH THEM.**

**2 KINGS 6:16**

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Ex 40:34-35

**34** Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the **glory of the Lord** filled the tabernacle.

**35** And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and **the glory of the Lord** filled the tabernacle.



2 Chron 7:1-2

7 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and **the glory of the Lord filled the house.**

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because **the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.**



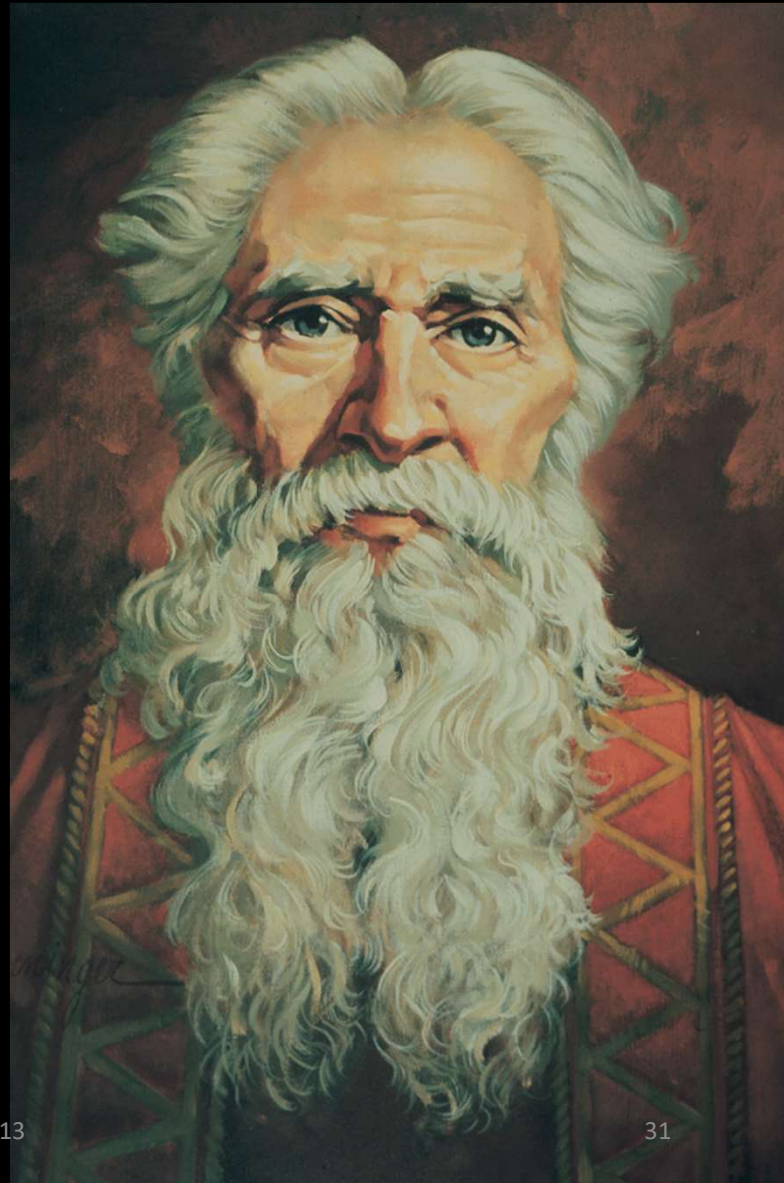
Isa 2:2-5

<sup>2</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

<sup>3</sup> And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.



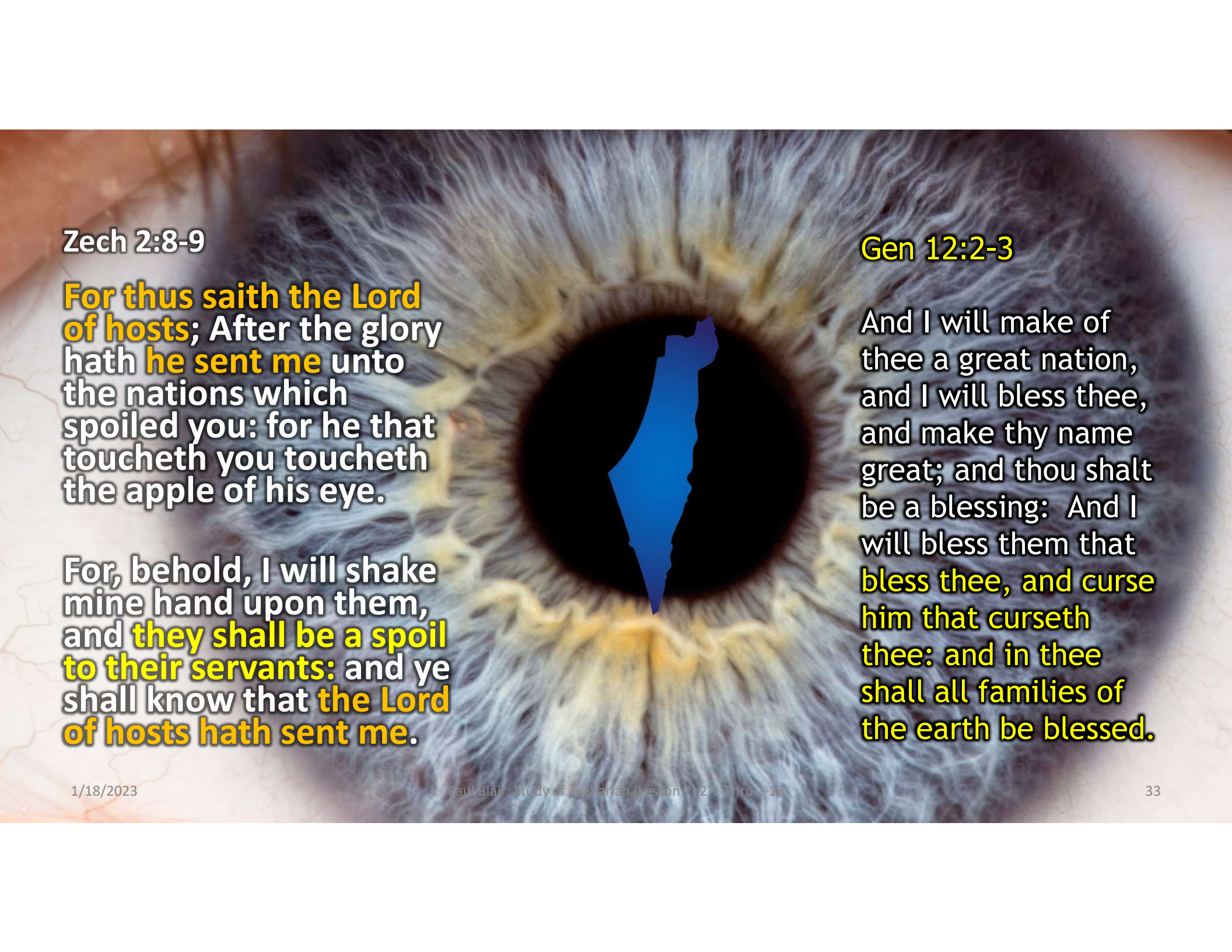
Zech 2:6-7

**6** Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the Lord: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord.

**7** Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

Assyrian and Babylonian Kingdoms, 9th to 6th Centuries B.C.





Zech 2:8-9

**For thus saith the Lord of hosts;** After the glory hath **he sent me** unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and **they shall be a spoil to their servants:** and ye shall know that **the Lord of hosts hath sent me.**

Gen 12:2-3

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that **bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:** and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

## Zech 2:10-11

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, **I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee**, saith the Lord.

11 And **many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee**, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

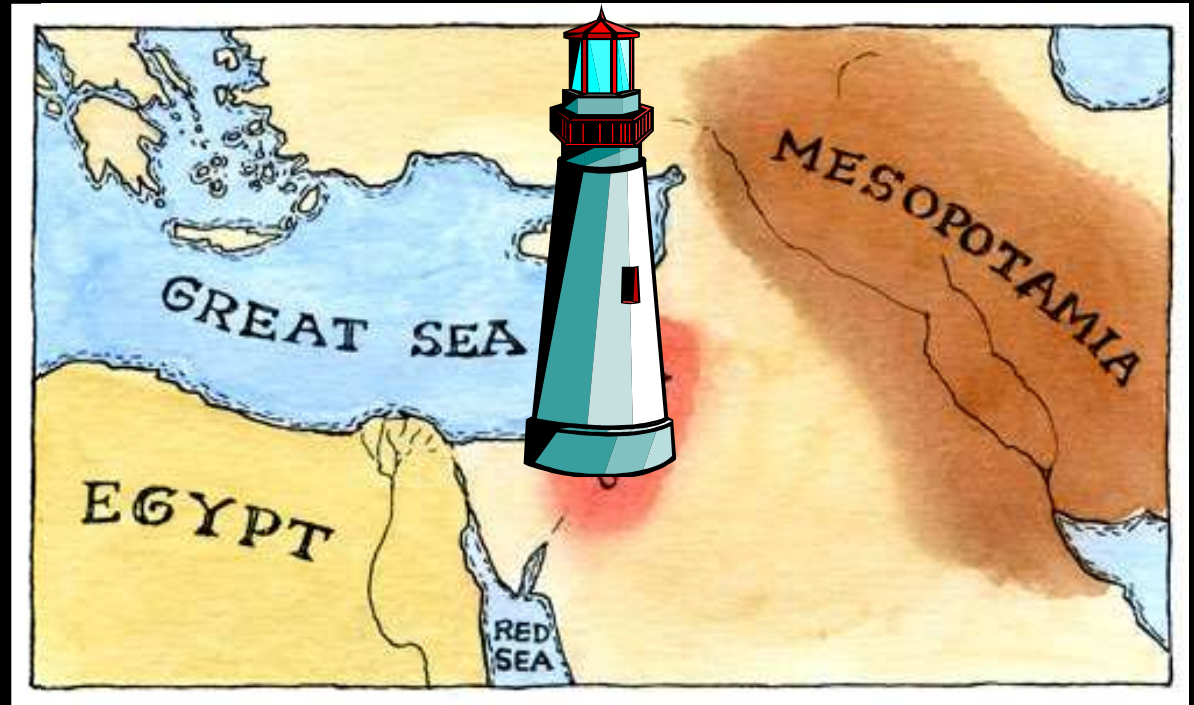
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Lev 26:12

And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Isa 56:7

...mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.





**Zech 2:12-13**

**12 And the Lord shall  
inherit Judah his portion in  
the holy land, and shall  
choose Jerusalem again.**

**13 Be silent, O all flesh,  
before the Lord: for he is  
raised up out of his holy  
habitation.**



**Vision #1 - The Angel of the LORD taking note of the state of the world.**

**Vision #2 (&3) - Four horn and four smiths**

**Vision #4 – City Planning for the future**

**Vision #5 – The calling and cleansing of Joshua the High Priest**

# REBUILDING THE FIRST TEMPLE ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE TEMPLE ZECHARIAH