

# Exposition of Zechariah

02OT6450



## Course Syllabus

*Assoc. Prof. Michael J. Glodo*

*Reformed Theological Seminary Orlando*

*Spring 2023*

**Course schedule**

Date	Topic	Assigned Reading	
Feb 9	Introduction & background	Boda 1-44 Kline 241-58 Longman & Dillard 484-95 Webb 19-51	
16	Zechariah 1	Webb 19-78	
23	Zechariah 2-3	Webb 79-89	
Mar 2	Zechariah 4	Webb 90-95	
9	Zechariah 5.1-6.8	Webb 96-105	
16	<i>Spring Break</i>		
23	Zechariah 6.9-15	Webb 106-114	Exegesis project proposal due
30	Zechariah 7	Webb 115-120	Mid-term exam due
13	Zechariah 8	Webb 121-26	
19	Zechariah 9-10	Webb 127-46	
26	Zechariah 11	Webb 147-54	
May 4	Zechariah 12-13	Webb 155-75	
11	Zechariah 14	Webb 176-87	
19	<i>Term Paper Deadline – Second exam and exegesis project due</i>		

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*Instructor:* Associate Professor Michael Glodo

*Office hours:* Mondays 11:00am-Noon, Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am

*I am on campus much more than these hours and am glad to meet at other times by pre-arrangement or drop-in. It's always best to reach out ahead to make sure we connect.*

*During my published office hours, I will be in or near my office or else available in one of the public campus spaces. If the latter, there will be note on my door indicating where I am or Joyce will know.*

*Contact information:* [mglodo@rts.edu](mailto:mglodo@rts.edu), (407)278-4476

*Communication:* I prefer communicating in person, but email is fine, too. If we are Facebook “friends,” please don’t use it to message me about class matters.

*Class meeting:* Thursdays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

### **Course description**

The Book of Zechariah is, on a proportional basis, the most referred to Old Testament book in the New Testament, yet it is rarely studied in the church. Zechariah contains diverse materials — apocalyptic visions, oracles of judgment, prescriptions — all of which depict the return of the glory of the Lord to his city, temple, and people through the predicted coming, suffering, and rejection of his Messianic king. The circumstances of Zechariah’s world mirror closely our own — a world where things are not right, God’s movement is not always visible, and hope is often in short supply. This course will provide a chapter-by-chapter study of Zechariah with a view toward its use and application in present day ministry. *2 credit hours.*

### **Course objectives**

- Knowing* To attain a working knowledge of the content of and interpretive issues surrounding the Old Testament book of Zechariah.
- Being* To grow more confident in God’s purpose, presence, and power as expounded by the prophet Zechariah
- Doing* To become more holy and just in the way you live in an “already/not-yet” world.  
To be able to teach or preach through the book of Zechariah in an expositional way.

### **Course requirements**

Weekly quizzes on Bible reading	20 %
Mid-term exam on lectures & reading content	20
Final exam on lectures & reading content	20
Exegesis project	40
Total	<u>100%</u>

**Weekly quizzes**

Each week a brief multiple-choice Canvas quiz is due before the start of class on the date indicated. These quizzes will cover the content of the assigned passage of Zechariah for that week in order to encourage careful reading of the passage before the lecture.

**Mid-term and final quizzes**

At mid-term and at the end of the semester open-note take-at-home exams will be given covering the assigned reading and lectures. The final exam will not be cumulative, but only test the material since the mid-term exam. The exams will be based on but not limited to review questions provided at the end of each lecture handout.

**Exegesis project**

Students will have a choice of writing an academic research paper or design a sermon series or Sunday school class curriculum including one full lesson. The exegetical paper may be on a particular passage from or on a larger topic related to Zechariah. The sermon series or Sunday school class curriculum will include a schedule for a two-to-three-month-long study with titles and summaries for each lesson and a manuscript for one of the sermons or lessons to be taught. Specific contents of both options will be discussed in class. This project is due at the term paper deadline.

**Biblical languages**

Knowledge of Greek and Hebrew is not required for this course, though students who have taken either language are encouraged to use them in their exegesis project.

**Required reading**

The book of Zechariah.

Boda, Mark J. *The Book of Zechariah*. NICOT. "Introduction," pp. 1-44. On reserve.

Longman III, Tremper and Raymond B. Dillard. "Zechariah" in *An Introduction to the Old Testament*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006. pp. 484-95. *Available on Canvas*.

Kline, Meredith G. *Glory in Our Midst: A Biblical-Theological Reading of Zechariah's Night Visions*. Pp. 241-58. *Available on Canvas*.

Webb, Barry G. *The Message of Zechariah: Your Kingdom Come*. The Bible Speaks Today. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003. ISBN 978-0-8308-2430-4. Pp. 19-187.

**Computers in class.**

Use of computers for non-class purposes during class is not permitted except for urgent reasons of a professional or personal nature. If you are not able to observe this requirement, please turn your computer off.

**Note Taking.**

Printed and electronic versions of the lecture outline will be available at the start of class each week. Students may use computers and tablets with the understanding that they are to be used only for class purposes while class is in session. Students are asked to place smart phones out of sight when class is in session unless you need to be reachable for professional or personal reasons which you explain to me before class.

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**Course Objectives Related to MDiv\* Student Learning Outcomes**

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<b><u>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</u></b> <i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i> <i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i>		<b><u>Rubric</u></b> ➤ Strong ➤ Moderate ➤ Minimal ➤ None	<b><u>Mini-Justification</u></b>
<b>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</b>	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Strong	Major assignment focused on communication biblical content to lay persons.
<b>Scripture</b>	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	Principal subject of all assignments is Zechariah with emphasis on its whole-Bible context.
<b>Reformed Theology</b>	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Strong	Redemptive-historical approach distinctive to Reformed theology taken by instructor.
<b>Sanctification</b>	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Moderate	Lectures will challenge students to locate themselves in God's plan of redemption.
<b>Desire for Worldview</b>	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Moderate	Historical parallels between Zechariah & today undergird worldview.
<b>Winsomely Reformed</b>	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Minimal	
<b>Preach</b>	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Strong	Exposition primarily directed toward proclamation in the church.
<b>Worship</b>	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	Minimal	



<b>Shepherd</b>	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	Minimal	
<b>Church/World</b>	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Moderate	Historical-situatedness of Zechariah has extensive parallels with contemporary church.