



 **Blueprint**

Owner's Manual

BLUEPRINT

Life doesn't come with a blueprint, but God has one. When the future feels uncertain, when you're not sure what God is doing, or when your own plans fall apart, it's easy to wonder if He has a plan at all. We read prophetic books in the Bible and can feel even more confused. In this series, *Blueprint*, we'll read through Zechariah and learn how to read prophetic books. Even more importantly, we'll discover that God has been working on something beautiful all along. Find out how you fit into His plans.

Bible Study

This series, our focused spiritual discipline is Bible Study. Our reading plan will take you through the following books of the Bible: Zechariah, Haggai, and Ezra.

Here's what you need to know before you begin reading. After generations of unfaithfulness to God and His covenant—idolatry, injustice, and refusal to heed His prophets—the people of Judah were sent by God into exile in Babylon (586 BC). Decades later, Persia conquered Babylon, and the Persian King Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. The book of Ezra records the return and the struggle to restore worship amid opposition. The books of Haggai and Zechariah (they were contemporary prophets) speak into that moment (520 BC), urging the discouraged Jews to finish the temple and renew their hearts. Together, these books tell the story of physical rebuilding, spiritual reform, and renewed hope in God's revealed promises and plans.

Incorporate our *Guidelines for Reading Biblical Prophecy* as you read slowly through the reading plan. Pay attention to how God speaks and acts. Write down your thoughts and questions. If you miss a day, don't give up. Keep reading what you can.

BOOKS OF THE TANAKH (HEBREW BIBLE)

The Tanakh, or Hebrew Bible, arranges the books of the Old Testament as Torah (the Law of Moses), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings or Psalms). This is likely the format familiar to Jesus and His disciples (see Luke 24:44). This layout highlights Israel's story as covenant instruction, prophetic interpretation, and reflective worship, and it shapes how the whole narrative is understood.

Torah (Law of Moses)

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

Nevi'im (Prophets)

- Joshua
- Judges
- Samuel (I & II combined)
- Kings (I & II combined)
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- The Twelve (combines the scrolls of the twelve minor prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

Ketuvim (Writings or Psalms)

- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Job
- Song of Songs
- Ruth
- Lamentations
- Ecclesiastes
- Esther
- Daniel
- Ezra-Nehemiah (combined)
- Chronicles (I & II combined)

BIBLE READING PLAN

Abbreviations: Zechariah (Zc); Haggai (Hg); Ezra (Ez)

- Feb 22 (Sun) Zc 1:1-6
- Feb 23 (Mon) Ez 1-2
- Feb 24 (Tue) Ez 3
- Feb 25 (Wed) Hg 1
- Feb 26 (Thu) Zc 1:7-17
- Feb 27 (Fri) Zc 1:18-21
- Feb 28 (Sat) Ez 4
- Mar 1 (Sun) Zc 2
- Mar 2 (Mon) Zc 3
- Mar 3 (Tue) Hg 2:1-9
- Mar 4 (Wed) Zc 4
- Mar 5 (Thu) Zc 5
- Mar 6 (Fri) Zc 6:1-8
- Mar 7 (Sat) Zc 6:9-15
- Mar 8 (Sun) Ez 5
- Mar 9 (Mon) Zc 7
- Mar 10 (Tue) Ez 6:1-15
- Mar 11 (Wed) Zc 8:1-17
- Mar 12 (Thu) Zc 8:18-23
- Mar 13 (Fri) Hg 2:10-23
- Mar 14 (Sat) Ez 6:16-22
- Mar 15 (Sun) Zc 9
- Mar 16 (Mon) Ez 7
- Mar 17 (Tue) Ez 8
- Mar 18 (Wed) Zc 10
- Mar 19 (Thu) Zc 11
- Mar 20 (Fri) Ez 9
- Mar 21 (Sat) Ez 10
- Mar 22 (Sun) Zc 12
- Mar 23 (Mon) Zc 13:1-6
- Mar 24 (Tue) Zc 13:7-9
- Mar 25 (Wed) Hg 1-2 (again)
- Mar 26 (Thu) Ez 1 (again)
- Mar 27 (Fri) Zc 14:1-11
- Mar 28 (Sat) Zc 14:12-21

GUIDELINES FOR READING BIBLICAL PROPHECY

In the Hebrew Bible, a prophet is not mainly one who tells the future but a person chosen by God to speak on His behalf to His people. Prophets were covenant messengers, raised up to call Israel back to faithfulness, confront injustice, expose idolatry, warn of consequences, and renew hope. Prophecy is the message they delivered: God's word spoken into real historical situations. While it sometimes included predictions, its primary purpose was not to satisfy curiosity about the future but to shape how people lived in the present, reminding them who God is, what He requires, and what He promises to restore. Following are six guidelines to keep in mind when reading biblical prophecy.

1. Start with why the prophet is prophesying, not with what the prophet is predicting.

Prophets weren't trying to predict the future as much as call people back to God in the present. Before asking "What will happen?", ask "Why is God speaking?" This context will illuminate the prophet's message and create the guardrails for properly interpreting and applying the text.

2. See and hear what God is doing to interpret what the prophet is seeing and hearing.

Prophets often describe hidden spiritual activity using visions and symbols. What looks quiet, delayed, or broken on the surface may actually be full of divine movement underneath. Paying attention to what God is doing gives meaning to the imagery.

GUIDELINES FOR READING BIBLICAL PROPHECY

3. Pay more attention to whom God appoints than to what people accomplish.

Prophetic books repeatedly shift focus away from human systems, structures and accomplishments toward God-appointed servants. God's work advances through His chosen agents, not human strength or strategy.

4. Trace the moral condition behind religious activity.

The prophets consistently remind us that religious activity without obedience misses the point. Things like fasting, worship, and sacrifice only matter when they reflect hearts aligned with God's desire for justice and mercy.

5. Read prophecy to form humble endurance, not to assert human control.

Prophecy invites trust, not manipulation or over-calculation. Trying to force outcomes or claiming to know God's timing and methods produces arrogance, fear, and delay. Instead of trying to figure everything out, God calls for humility, patience, and surrender.

6. Read prophecy with hope, not fear.

Prophetic books often move from struggle to restoration. Even hard warnings serve a hopeful purpose: God is committed to finishing what He starts for His people and His world.

PROPHECY: THEN AND NOW

Prophecy is the Spirit-empowered communication of God's message to His people.

Old Testament Prophecy

In the Old Testament, prophets were uniquely called and anointed individuals (e.g., Isaiah; Zechariah). They spoke the very words of Yahweh, "Thus says the LORD," bringing covenant correction, warning, hope, and messianic promise (Deuteronomy 18:18–22). Their authority was foundational and often national in scope, calling Israel back to faithfulness and revealing God's redemptive plan to be fulfilled in the Messiah.

New Testament Prophecy

In the New Testament, prophecy continues through the outpoured Spirit (Acts 2:17–18; Joel). According to Paul the Apostle (1 Corinthians 12–14), prophecy edifies, exhorts, and comforts the church. It is distributed more broadly among Spirit-filled believers and is to be weighed and tested (1 Thessalonians 5:20–21). It does not add to, but rather is subject to, scripture, applying God's revealed truth in Christ.

Similarities and Differences

Both are Spirit-inspired, Christ-centered, and aimed at calling people to faith and faithfulness. Old Testament prophecy carries canonical authority (it is scripture). New Testament prophecy functions within the completed revelation of Christ and is subject to scripture. We affirm its ongoing operation as a gift for strengthening the church until Christ returns.

WEEK 1
LET'S REBUILD

Sermon

Point 1 _____

Point 2 _____

Point 3 _____

Notes

Reflection

WEEK 2
THINGS ARE A MESS

Sermon

Point 1 _____

Point 2 _____

Point 3 _____

Notes

Reflection

WEEK 3
WE NEED A NEW FOREMAN

Sermon

Point 1 _____

Point 2 _____

Point 3 _____

Notes

Reflection

WEEK 4
STOP CUTTING CORNERS

Sermon

Point 1 _____

Point 2 _____

Point 3 _____

Notes

Reflection

WEEK 5
DON'T FORCE IT

Sermon

Point 1 _____

Point 2 _____

Point 3 _____

Notes

Reflection

WEEK 6
THE END IS IN SIGHT

Sermon

Point 1 _____

Point 2 _____

Point 3 _____

Notes

Reflection



FLATLAND NEWS

3/14 & 4/11 **Men's Breakfast** Saturday@8AM

3/21 **ALL Church Workday** Saturday@9AM

3/27-28 **Youth Called Conference** Lexington, NE

3/29 **Encounter Night/Family Dinner** Sunday@5:15PM

4/3 **Good Friday Services** 7AM & 7PM

4/5 **Easter Sunday Services** 9:30AM & 11AM

4/5 **Kid's Easter Polooza** Sunday 9:30AM & 11AM

4/8 **Flatland 101** Wednesdays @7PM

4/12 **Series 3 Starts - Resistance**

4/12 **Spiritual Conversations** Sundays @6PM

4/14 **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** Tuesdays @6AM

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