



"Return to Me... and I will return to you,  
says the LORD of hosts"

Zechariah 1:3

**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 4:1-14 ESV

Message: The Lampstand & Two Olive Trees

Response Hymn: O Breath of Life

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)

## Our Sunday Services at a glance

### *In-Person Sunday Services*

**8.30am** Mandarin service

**9.00am** Hokkien service

**9.30am** Tamil Service

**8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm** English service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin service

### *Join us on Livestream*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream)

**8.30am** Mandarin service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

### *Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)*

*Bible Study Groups (To join via Zoom, please register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf))*

**8.45am** DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) in person in Room 103

**8.45am** DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) hybrid, in person in The Living Room and via zoom

**2.30pm** DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

**8.45pm** DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

### *Children/Youth Discipleship Classes*

Register interest: [www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### *Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)*

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Ps Vernon Quek

**8:30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

**10:30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

**4:30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
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# The Lampstand & Two Olive Trees

Zechariah 4:1-14

26 February 2023

Ps Vernon Quek

Intro: Church-Building

Vision #5:

- The Lampstand
- The Two Olive Trees

A Sign for Them: 'Then you will know...' (v9)



A Sign for Us: Despising 'the day of small things...' (v10)



Conclusion: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit' (v6)

- External & Internal Challenges

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. How are you feeling about Church-building today? Are you enthusiastic? Pessimistic? Why do you feel the way you do?
2. What are some of the main challenges we at Zion Bishan face today?
3. What difference does God's Word in this vision about Jesus and His Spirit make to how we view these challenges? What are some specific responses we should have?

## *Prayer Point*

### **Our Church**

**EquipAsia Students' Visit** - Today, 19 students from 5 countries in Asia will be visiting the 4:30 pm service and joining us for dinner church. The 5 countries are India, Indonesia, Bhutan, Mongolia, and Laos. Praise God for the opportunity to fellowship with them. They are in Singapore for a comprehensive training programme developed by Bible Church that aims at training fellow Christians in these countries so they can train other Christians in bible knowledge and ministry skills.

### **Our People**

**Lim Nan & Team** - Pray for brother Lim Nan and 5 other ZB members & believers from other churches who will be spending time with the refugees (mostly Afghans) in Indonesia from 25 Feb - 1 Mar. May the team be His light there and may the experiences in serving the refugees grow their faith. Among the trippers will be 4 children under the age of 10. Pray also for safe travels for everyone.

### **Our World**

**India** – One partner in the northeast will be having their Founder's Day where more than 100 pastors and leaders from the fields will gather at their mission centre. Pray that there will be a sense of oneness and family spirit amongst the leaders gathered. They have also shared their prayers for themselves to catch the vision to be self-sustaining and reach the unreached.

Our bible college partner has requested prayers for their outreach efforts through bi-weekly tuition in one of their fields. Pray that God will use these outreach efforts to benefit the local communities. Pray for God's provisions for His volunteer workers labouring in these fields. May more fellowship centres be established to equip new believers.

**Indonesia** – Last Sunday, our partner had 9 persons baptized in 3 locations. Pray that these new believers will continue to grow in their love and obedience to Jesus and that the spark of new life in these believers will continue to spread to other communities connected with them. Pray for the protection of their faith in the midst of challenges from non-believers in their community. May these believers continue to grow strong and bold in the Lord.

**Nepal** – The ZB team has completed 2 youth camps and several children programmes with our partner in West Nepal and returned to Singapore last Friday. In the past 2 weeks, we praise God that both youths and children were engaged throughout the teachings, experiential activities, and songs. Thank God that the love of Christ was clearly shared and communicated in word and deed. Pray that these truths will bring encouragement and faith to all the children and youths of our partner.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Private Livestream*	16	
English Service 8:30am	141	1,157.00
English Service 10:30am	519	
English Service 4:30pm	196	
Chinese Service Livestream#	22	
Chinese Service 8:30am	90	1,634.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	5	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	50	621.00
ME Service & Zoom	73	1,236.00
Hokkien Service	53	576.00
Tamil Service	16	333.00
DHF	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>\$5,557.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$39,696.06

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$45,253.06**

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1861-2 \$700.00

Electronic Transfer \$11,037.60

**Weekly Total \$11,737.60**

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,472,799.13**

## Church Family News

Congratulations to Daryl & Priscilla Zhang on the birth of their 2nd daughter Ella on 24th February 2023!

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

### General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

### Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund"  
on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT  
NUMBER on each cheque)

## *Looking Ahead*

### **Friday, 3 Mar**

**8:00pm:** Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### **Saturday, 4 Mar**

**4:00pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf))

### **Sunday, 5 Mar**

Worship Services at **8:30am, 10:30am**  
and **4:30pm**

### **Zechariah Series:**

**05 Mar – Flying Scroll and Flying Basket**

*Ps Zhiwen (8:30am & 10:30am);*

*Ps Dev (4:30pm)*

**12 Mar – Four Chariots and a Crown**

*Quek Tze-Ming*

*(8:30am & 10:30am);*

*Ps Dev (4:30pm)*

**19 Mar – True Fasting**

*Danny Chua (All 3 Services)*

## **Your Response**

26 February 2023

*Thank you for joining us today!  
If there's anything you would  
like the church to know, do  
reach out to us online or via  
email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form  
[www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at  
[office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling  
matters, please email  
[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Please note that the church will  
retain and use your submitted  
data as needed to process your  
indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE

## **God's Great Temple: The Church #NextLap**

One of the pillars of my personal conviction in Jesus and His Gospel has always been Biblical Theology – that God has revealed Himself through one Big Story across the 66 books of the Bible. Even before I had heard of the term Biblical Theology, the way I first discovered that the whole Bible was one single cohesive Story was through seeing in Exodus God's great desire to tabernacle (Hebrew: 'to dwell') with His People.<sup>1</sup>

As we head deeper into the book of Zechariah, it is becoming apparent that the Lord is teaching us much about temple-building this season. In our current series, the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple is the main challenge that God's People are facing. And God's agenda hasn't changed since Exodus: He still desires to dwell with His People (Zech 2:10-13), and so the temple-building must continue!

Why was the temple so crucial in the Old Testament? **It is the place where sinners come into right relationship with Holy God.** Everything about the tabernacle, from the High Priest that was its key leader, to the priesthood that attended it, to the sacrifices made in it, were all meant to bring sinners to God.

In our last sermon series, we learnt that we the Church are the ultimate glorious Temple that God gave all those Old Testament models to point towards (Ephesians 2:19-22). And like in the Old Testament, **the Temple (the Church) is still the place where sinners come into right relationship with Holy God.**

We heard last Sunday from Zechariah Chapter 3, where God removes Joshua's filthy garments and sin, qualifying him to fulfill his duties in the Temple as the High Priest. We were shown how this vision is a foreshadowing of our sinless High Priest Jesus who perfectly represents us sinners and presents us sinless.

But Joshua is also a foreshadowing of us. Sinners cleansed and made fit for Temple duty as priests - a special group set apart **who help other sinners come into right relationship with Holy God.** This was God's desire and plan all along from Sinai when He first gave the Law and plans for the tabernacle: a holy nation and kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:5-6).

God's amazing Plan for a perfect and glorious final Temple, the very Body of His Son Jesus, shows His great love for us. His heart is for sinners to come to Himself. **Do we at Zion Bishan share God's heart for sinners? Are we a holy people where sinners can come into right relationship with our Holy God?** This is what the Next Lap at Zion Bishan is all about – every aspect of this vision God has given us is meant to help us become the Holy Temple He's called us to be.

Let's pray unceasingly that God's great power works in us to walk according to this glorious calling we have been called to!

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<sup>1</sup> Read P.S. note on Exodus 20-40

**P.S.** If you would like to trace the importance of God's glorious Temple-building project throughout the Bible, here are some key passages to look at:

- **Genesis 1-3:** The Garden of Eden is the place where God comes down to dwell (temporarily) with Adam & Eve. His dwelling with them is broken by sin at the Fall.
- **Exodus 19:** The scene at Mount Sinai sets the context and shows the great separation between Holy YAHWEH and the sinful people.
- **Exodus 20-40:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Exodus mainly consists of the Law, blueprints and building of the Tabernacle (remember the High Priest and the Priesthood are part of the Tabernacle System) – culminating in the climax of Exodus 40: YAHWEH descending from Sinai to fill the tabernacle with His Glory and dwell in the midst of His People.
- **2 Samuel 7:** God's covenant with David, primarily concerned with David's desire to build God's House and God's promise that a Davidic Son will be the One to do so.
- **1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5:** Solomon builds the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple: symbolizing a permanent dwelling place for God among His People.
- **Ezekiel 8-10:** God's glory leaves Solomon's Temple due to sin of the people. This is a precursor to that temple's destruction in 586BC by the Babylonians.
- **Ezekiel 40-48:** God gives the prophet Ezekiel a vision of a new, much greater Temple that is a whole City.
- **Ezra 3:8-13:** The Returnees from Exile rebuild the temple foundations, but old men who had seen the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple weep because it doesn't look like God's glorious Temple should.
- **Ephesians 2:19-3:21**
- **Hebrews 9:1-10:25**
- **Revelation 21 & 22 (Especially 21:1-4, 21:22-27)**



## Announcements

### ZECHARIAH BOOKLETS

Booklets with the Zechariah passages and note-taking space are available at the registration table, for \$1 each. Please PayNow to the QR code printed when you take the booklets.

### EXPLORE INTERNSHIP

Got a long break between NS/Poly/Uni? The EXPLORE Internship will run for 10 weeks from 14 Mar - 23 May. Over the internship, you will get to learn about God and His work through Bible studies, ministry involvement, and topical workshops. Get in touch with Joel ([joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg)) or Vanessa ([vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg)) to sign up, or for more information.

### KINGDOM HARVEST PRAYER GUIDE

Rally together and partner with God in praying for the harvest as we enter the season of Lent.

Find this free prayer guide with Scriptures, stories, tools and resources at <https://kingdomharvestprayer.org/>

# oneonone

**ZION BISHAN CHURCH CAMP 2023**

16-19 June @ Aston Batam

Speaker: Pastor David Wong

Sign up: <https://event.actexplorer.com/>  
(Password: ZBBP2023)

Registration closes on **5 Mar**.

All enquiries to [ZBCamp2023@gmail.com](mailto:ZBCamp2023@gmail.com)

### EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2023 (for Budget Approval)

ECM 2023 for budget approval is **TODAY, 26th Feb 2023 at 1pm** at the **Main Sanctuary**.

All communicant members (above 21 years old) are to attend in person.

However, if you are unable to be present, you may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on your behalf.

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED (CE)

**7 Wednesdays, beginning 15 Mar 2023, In-Person at 7.20pm**

Join us for this informal course that aims to help people understand who Jesus is through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus.

Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive! Register at <https://bit.ly/CEzionbishan> or contact Joel ([joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg)) for any enquiries.

### BARRICADED AREAS AT THE DRIVEWAY OF CARPARK

Kindly note that two areas at the driveway of the carpark have been barricaded due to damages on the flooring. We appreciate all drivers to maneuver carefully if you need to drop off. Our apologies for the inconvenience caused.

### A SENIORS360 EVENT

**DIM SUM HOUR & TALK: "Anti Scam Talk – Types of Scams and How to Avoid Falling Prey"**

11 Mar, Sat 10:30am,

In-person at Fellowship Hall.

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Singapore Police Force, in collaboration with SG Digital Office.

Sign up by **6 Mar**: <https://bit.ly/3YyHzUQ>