

Zechariah 14:9 NIV

**The LORD will be king over the whole earth.
On that day there will be one LORD,
His name the only name.**

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs:

Morning – Who Would Have Thought; Rock of Ages; Refiner's Fire

Afternoon – We Declare; All Praise to Him

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 12:10 – 13:9 ESV

Message:

Morning – I Will Say, 'They Are My People'

Afternoon – God's People On That Day

Response Hymn: There is a Fountain

EXPLORE Interns Sharing; 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

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

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups (To join via Zoom, please register at 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

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)

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

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers: Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand)	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

I Will Say, 'They Are My People'

Zechariah 12:10 – 13:9

I will pour out...

(12:10 – 12:14)

I will cut off; I will remove.

(13:1 – 13:6)

I will turn my hand; I will put into the fire.

I will answer them;

I will say, 'They are my people'

(13:7 – 13:9)

Conclusion: There is a fountain

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What have you learned about the LORD from this passage?
2. What have you learned about man from this passage?
3. What have you learned about what it takes to be God's people?
Knowing what He has done to make this possible, how would you return to Him?

God's People On That Day

Zechariah 12:10 – 13:9

Intro: Our Big Question: Who are God's People?

- On that Day (13:1, 2, 4) = these last days

God's People in these last days are...

1. A Spirit-filled People who are deeply repentant (12:10-13:1)

2. A Cleansed People who do not tolerate falsehood (13:1-6)

3. A Scattered People longing for their God (13:7-9)

Conclusion: 'They are My People'; 'The LORD is my God' (13:9)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Do you see these 3 markers of God's People in the last days in yourself? Which of these 3 markers do you desire to see more of in your life?
2. How are we as a church family doing in these 3 areas? What shows Zion Bishan to be God's People in these last days? What do we need to have more of together as a congregation?
3. Spend some time praying in response to what we've heard today, remembering that it is what God does first that produces these 3 markers in us.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Mother's Day – Thank God for our mothers here in the Zion Bishan family, for their patience and love in all that they do for our families. Thank God too for the women in our midst who are also giving sacrificially and playing the role of mother and spiritual parent in the lives of us and for others. Pray also for those who may be hurting this Mother's Day, whether in loss or in longing, that they will experience the comfort of God through His Spirit and the saints.

EXPLORE Internship 2023 - Thank God for our 5 Interns (Fiona, Grace, John, Phoebe, & Sam). For the last 9 weeks, they've been journeying together through Bible studies, workshops, exposures through the different ministries in church. We're thankful for how they've grown in their faith and relationship with God. This week is their last week; they'll be volunteering at the Doulos Hope. Pray that it'll be a good exposure for them as they interact with other staff, volunteers, and visitors to the ship. As the internship ends, pray also that they will take what they have learnt with them, and their hearts will continue to grow in hunger for God and His work.

Our World

India – The Straits Times (10 May) reports that the northeast region of Manipur that was in conflict is “slowly limping back to normal”. The death toll is 62, with 230 injured, 35,000 displaced and 1,700 houses burnt by protesters. Pray that this region's peace talks would be successful in helping to return peace to this area.

Praise God for the smooth running and cooler weather for a discipleship training last week for 103 Telugu and Kannada participants. This was a special blessing since the weather can be very hot with temperatures greater than 40 degrees celsius in this season. Pray for 2 partners (one in the Hindi Belt region and another in the northeast hills) to have good workers' meetings this week as they plan for the year ahead and for the workers to be refreshed and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

Myanmar – Our partner in Myanmar shared that a powerful cyclone called Mocha has affected the Bangladesh-Myanmar coasts. Pray for those who suffered in its path to be able to find help and recovery well from its effects. Pray for God's mercy on the people of Myanmar that is still suffering from civil strife and also the consequences of this powerful storm.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	19	
English Service 8:30am	174	1,488.00
English Service 10:30am	472	
English Service 4:30pm	234	
Chinese Service Livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	104	1,338.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	53	1,241.00
ME Service & Zoom	62	1,013.00
Hokkien Service	56	332.00
Tamil Service	18	1,024.75
DHF	21	
TOTAL	1221	\$6,436.75

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$87,194.90

WEEKLY TOTAL \$93,631.65

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No:1869 \$50.00

Electronic Transfer \$9,205.60

Weekly Total \$9,255.60

Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,711,271.88

Church Family News

1. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
2. Ps Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
3. Ps Vernon preached at the Military Christian Fellowship (MCF) on Friday 12 May.

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, 19 May

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 20 May

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf

Sunday, 21 May

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am**
and **4.30pm**

Zechariah

**21 May – The Lord will be King
over all the earth**

(Zechariah 14:1-21)

Ps Vernon (all 3 services)

Personal Discipleship (June Series)

4 Jun – Personal Discipleship

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am)

Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

11 Jun – Discipling Seniors

Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn (all 3 services)

18 Jun – Why do you follow Me?

Rev Ben Tsao (10.30am)

25 Jun – Discipling Young Families

Elder Chan Kin Yip

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Zhiwen (4.30pm)

Your Response

14 May 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*

*Or email us at
office@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Confidential care & counselling
matters, please email
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

Getting Zechariah

We are nearing the end of our journey through the book of Zechariah (**Z**). I won't ask you to rate how difficult (or 'cheem') this book is – we all know it is hard. But I'd ask you how much you've learned about the Lord (perhaps on a score of A to Z!), and what exactly it is that you've learned through this book.

Some days back (on 5th May), I sat down with a young man at *Vivocity Kopitiam*. His church had also recently studied **Z**. We could both relate to the bewilderment that Zechariah the prophet must have felt when he received those visions and oracles from the Lord. "What are these, my lord?" he would ask the angel. We'd wondered that many times before!

At the same time, we both could not hide our excitement about the message of **Z**. My friend's church has a strong culture of anticipating our LORD's return. I could sense it in the way he spoke of 'that day'. I for my part have been drawing much encouragement from the book of **Z** – it's a book full of good news.

But we had to work *through* the bewilderment. Let me share what has helped me discover God's message better. The preaching team met for a retreat to read through the book and figure out its main message and structure. Every week we'd meet to review the sermons that have been preached, and briefly discuss the sermons that are yet to come. I listen to what my preaching team colleagues have to say; there's much to gain from learning in community.

And then there's the ***Get Through the Sermon*** series. This series has attempted to address a simple question: *How can we get more from hearing God's Word?* Many of us struggle to retain much of what was preached after the service is over. But what if we had not just one but multiple 'learning moments' on the same portion of God's Word?

There are 4 learning moments: First of course there is the sermon (and the immediate response to it). Then there's individual homework to be done (think of it as a guided extended quiet time with the Lord). Then we'd gather in a small group to discuss one another's responses to the homework, before receiving some teaching to help tie things together. With these learning (or should we say discipleship) moments, God-willing we get even deeper into His word and so know Him even more.

As I write this, a group of us had just completed the **Z** series, with a study of its last 2 chapters. I'm keen to hear from others what they have gained through this series. There's enough conviction that there should be another series for when we preach through the book of Revelation (starting in August); The question is how to do it better.

For now, I'm grateful for the journey, and like my friend I'm longing more and more for Jesus to return, and be King of all the earth (Zech. 14:9).

Note: I'd love to hear what you have learned from Zechariah. Do share by email (zhiwen@zionbisan.org.sg) or WhatsApp (9092-6095).

Announcements

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM) 2023

28 May, Sun, 1pm, In-Person

ACM 2023 will be held in-person in the Main Sanctuary. The notice of ACM, reports and proxy form have been sent out on 12 May via email. Please email acmzion@zionbishan.org.sg if you have not received the details by 15 May. Please submit any questions or items for agenda you may have to Session latest by 21 May.

Please inform the church office if you will be overseas on that day. If you will be in Singapore but unable to attend the ACM, you may appoint a proxy to **attend the meeting and vote on your behalf**. The proxy form and instructions on use are included in the ACM papers.

ZB YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling for youths to be connected to the ZB church family. If you're a Youth (13–18 year-old), join us for Youth Fellowship on Saturdays, and Youth Discipleship class on Sundays.

*If your family would like to host youths for dinners, sign up at bit.ly/YFdinnerhosts to open your house for monthly Saturday night dinners with YF-ers. **Contact Jacqueline (93227629) to find out more!***

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

28 May, Pentecost Sunday

Parents interested, please request form from church office, lydia@zionbishan.org.sg and submit by 16 May.

CHURCH CAMP BRIEFING

31 May, Wed, 8-9pm via Zoom

All campers are to attend the briefing (Zoom URL will be sent via e-mail), and to also ensure that all passport details & ferry timings sent via e-mail are correct.

Please inform the committee at ZBCamp2023@gmail.com if there are any changes or discrepancies.

SENIORS360 MINISTRY SURVEY

We invite all seniors (55 y.o. and above) to participate in the survey to help us further plan the “in-reach” component of SENIORS360 ministry. Our aim is to render care and support to all seniors in the church community.

Survey link: <https://bit.ly/421AY7f>

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please respond by 31 May.