

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:

AM – O Great God; Lo He Comes in Clouds Descending;
O Come O Come Emmanuel

PM – Lo He Comes in Clouds Descending; Look to the King

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:1-6a; 8:1-3; 7-8; 14:1-21 ESV

Message: Behold, the Day is Coming!

Response Hymn: We Belong to the Day

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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-vd

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

Speaker: Ps Vernon Quek

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang

Worship Leader: Dn Herman Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Ad-hoc Team

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Home Missions</i>	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
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Behold, the Day is Coming!

Zechariah 14:1 – 21

Intro: Words that change lives...

***3 Things** that will help us understand Zechariah 14:

1. The Context: **Another Greater Exile 2.0** (13:7-9; 14:1)
2. **A Unique Day** in these Last Days... (14:1, 7)
3. The Day that **the King Returns** (14:9, 16-17)

 Oracle #2: Zechariah 12 - 14		
12:1 – 12:9 On that Day... God will gather all the nations against Jerusalem	12:10 – 13:9 On that Day... God will pour out His Spirit so His People will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deeply Repentant (12:10-14)• Utterly Cleansed (13:1-6)• Scattered & Calling (13:7-9)	14:1-21 Behold, a Day is coming...  'Exiles, your King is coming!' (14:9)



Zechariah 14's Big Idea: 'Exiles, the Day of your King's Return is coming!'

1. **These Last Days before the Day of the King's Return** (14:1-5)
2. **The Unique Last Day when the King Returns** (14:6-21)
 - **14:6-11:** The Day that the LORD will be King over all the earth
 - **14:12-19:** The Day that the LORD's enemies will be wiped out
 - **14:20-21:** The Day that the LORD's People will be completely Holy

The Book of Zechariah: 'Exiles, the Day of our King's Return is coming!' (1:1-6; 7:8-8:8, 14:1-21)

Warning: Are we paying attention to God's words? (1:3-5, 7:11-14)

"But they did not pay attention to...My words..." (1:3)

"But they refused to pay attention...to the words the LORD sent by His Spirit" (7:11-14)



8 Visions:

2 Oracles:

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8		Oracle #1	Oracle #2	
1:1-6	1:7 – 6:15							7:1 - 8:23	9:1 – 11:17	12:1 – 14:21		

Encouragement for Exiles: Our King has come, and will come again!

"Return to me.... and I will return to you" (1:3)

"I have returned, and will dwell in the midst of my faithful city" (8:3)



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- **Application:** Living as Exiles in these Last Days as God's Holy House & City

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Why is it so important to understand that we are Exiles today?
2. What are the most important lessons that Zechariah has to teach us as Exiles in these last days?
3. What can we do together (in personally encouraging each other, in our AGs and in our Sunday gatherings) to ensure that we remember and not forget these important lessons in these last days as we await our King Jesus' Return?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Basic AG Leaders Equipping

Course – Thank God for the 8 members/leaders who are participating in this run of BAGLE, beginning today. Pray that our Father will minister to them as they reflect on their own spiritual life, and how personal discipleship and healthy small group ministry fits into ZB’s Next Lap Vision. May the life and goodness of our Good Shepherd, Jesus fill them and guide them in their own ministry to the flock here.

Our People

BGST Convocation – We give thanks for the graduation of Ps Paul Yeo and Elder John Chai for their graduation at the 32nd Convocation Service of the Biblical Graduate School of Theology, held at our church on Sat 20 May. Pray for the graduating class as they now use the training they have acquired for ministry in both church and workplace.

Our World

India – Two mission partners have requested prayers regarding the heat wave hitting their areas. As a result, people are sick or activities have to be postponed. Pray for cooler weather. One partner has also requested prayers for their planned summer children camp where 500 participants are expected. May the Lord draw these dear ones closer to Him as they hear God’s Word taught and understood.

Indonesia – One partner shares about the opportunities to pray for the sick and their families at a local medical centre. May this bless them and draw them closer to the Lord. Pray for the 2 ladies who are working faithfully to reach those in need of healing with the love of Christ. Pray that there will be opportunities to follow up on those who are open to God.

Myanmar – (CNA, 16 May) Cyclone Mocha made landfall on Sun (14 May) between Cox’s Bazar in Bangladesh and Myanmar’s Sittwe (capital of Rakhine state) packing winds of up to 195kph. This was the biggest storm to hit the Bay of Bengal in over a decade and 41 deaths were reported. Pray for the Rakhine people and Rohingya Muslims who live in the area and are bearing most of the physical damage and personal injury from this cyclone.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	159	332.50
English Service 10:30am	518	
English Service 4:30pm	230	
Chinese Service Livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	91	2,041.80
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	56	522.00
ME Service & Zoom	48	1,975.00
Hokkien Service	54	447.00
Tamil Service	16	437.00
DHF	14	
TOTAL	1214	\$5,755.30

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$67,966.26
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$73,721.56

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$7,051.60
Weekly Total	\$7,051.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,722,346.23

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Drs Wong Kai Jie and Vanessa Leow on the birth of their son, Ethan Jay, on 7 May 2023.
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien service this morning.
3. We rejoice with Pastor Paul Yeo and Elder John Chai on their graduation at the 32nd Convocation Service of the Biblical Graduate School of Theology, on Saturday 20 May. Pastor Paul Yeo graduated with the Master of Arts in Theology and Integrative Studies; and was awarded the Principal's Prize and the Old Testament Prize. Elder John Chai graduated with the Master of Christian Studies; and was awarded the New Testament Prize. Congratulations!

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

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To give towards the

Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

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Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

Looking Ahead

Friday, 26 May

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 27 May

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf

Sunday, 28 May

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

Personal Discipleship

4 Jun – Personal Discipleship

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am)

Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

11 Jun – Discipling Seniors

Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

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

21 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

Exhort One Another

Hebrews 3:12-13 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

What should we think when someone begins to 'lose interest' in church?

The author of Hebrews cautions that it may be because of a *hardening of heart*. When someone who was once enthusiastic in worship, hungry for the Word, zealous for good works... begins to drift, becomes sluggish, lacklustre about faith... it may be because they are losing confidence in Christ, losing their hope in the gospel and in the inheritance to come.

It's likely that this person may have been through a challenging time or a season of difficulty, and that suffering breeds doubt in God's promises. We've all been there, and I'm sure you know what that feels like. However, if that doubt is allowed to accumulate unchecked, it can harden into bitterness and unbelief... and that person may end up falling away, wanting nothing to do with the Living God. Worse still, all that remains is a fearful expectation of judgment.

Realising these things, the author instructs the church family to exhort one another daily – which means both: to encourage and warn one another. I think he means to meet often and do whatever it takes to stir up the heart. Whatever it takes to get our brother or sister to share their struggles with Jesus the Great High Priest – the only One who understands – and the only One who can help.

I really hope this is what our congregations and AGs can be like. That we know one another well enough to be able to notice changes in our spiritual posture. That we can love one another sincerely enough to intervene when things are not going well. And that we can be equipped enough to be able to gently speak God's Word to one another – the only thing that can get through to the heart.

Take care, brothers and sisters.

Announcements

REMINDER OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM) 2023

28 May (Sun) 1pm, In-Person

ACM 2023 will be held in-person in the Main Sanctuary.

Communicant Members: If you are unable to attend the ACM, get a hardcopy Proxy Form, sign it, and pass it to a voting member who will be present at the meeting. That member will vote as your proxy.

CHURCH CAMP BRIEFING

31 May (Wed) 8 - 9pm on 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.

MISSIONS PRAYER NIGHT - LIVING ROOM (LR) MINISTRY SHARING

26 May (Fri) 8 - 9pm on Zoom

What is one way that our church family has been fulfilling our Mission here within our neighbourhood?

Come and hear about LR's Befrienders' ministry, stories & testimonies of patiently sowing seeds & bearing fruit in faith for the Gospel.

Do come and partner with us in prayer.

Sign up by 25 May at

<https://tinyurl.com/MissionsPN>

A SENIORS360 EVENT: OUTING TO GARDENS BY THE BAY

10 Jun (Sat) 9am - 2.15pm

9.00am: Pre-outing workshop at Chapel: Smartphone photography tips, album creation and storage

9.45am: Departs for outing (and optional practicum for smartphone photography)

Lunch at Chinatown (on own expenses)

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by 3 June at

<https://bit.ly/4229UEE>