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| The Book of Zechariah | | | | | | |
| Focus | **“Turn Unto Me, Saith The Lord of Hosts”** | **Ten Visions** | **Crowning of Joshua** | **Rituals – Are You Fasting unto the Lord?** | **The First Advent** | **The Second Advent** |
| Reference | **1:1** | **1:7** | **6:9** | **7:1** | **9:1** | **12:1** |
| Topic | **Encouragement From The Lord of Hosts Teaching The Glory Will Return** | | | **Encouragement**  **By A View of the Millennium** | **Encouragement By Events of the Lord’s 1st Advent** | **Encouragement By Events of the Lord’s 2nd Advent** |
| Location | **Jerusalem** | | | | | |
| Time | **During The Building of the Temple** | | | | **After the Building of the Temple** | |

**Turn Unto the Lord of Hosts**

Zechariah, meaning Yahweh Remembers, like Haggi, was commissioned by the Lord to encourage the returning remnant from the Babylonian Captivity. This remnant was very excited about rebuilding the Temple when they first returned from Babylon, but discouragement from outside enemies, as well as their personal relationship with God, had left the Temple only half completed for over a decade.

While both Haggi and Zechariah prophesied at the same time, God used them in different capacities. While Haggi’s encouragement with Words from the Lord was directed from that time with future implications, Zechariah’s Words from the Lord encouraged the people to build because the Glory of the Lord would inhabit the Temple in the First Coming of the Lord, as well as, the Second Coming and the Glory will return to Jerusalem. Again, as in Haggi, we will see that the Lord views events with an eternal perspective. In other words, God looks through time and views the Temple from the Tabernacle of Moses’ time straight through to eternity, where “Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.”

Of course, the historical setting of Zechariah is the same as that of Haggi: (520 – 518 BC). Because of the encouraging Words of God through these prophets, the Temple work was resumed in 520 BC and completed in 516BC, but the perspective is eternal. What should be our perspective?

**Turn Ye unto Me Saith the Lord of Hosts**- (November 520 BC)

Zechariah 1:1 ¶ In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

Zechariah 1:2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

Zechariah 1:3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 1:4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 1:5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

Zechariah 1:6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

**Zechariah Has 10 Visions One Night – Have Both Local and Future Fulfillments**

1. The Horses Among the Myrtle Trees – (February 24, 520 BC)



Zechariah 1:7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

Zechariah 1:8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

1. **Zechariah asked the “angel that talked with me” what these meant. (Zechariah’s Go Between)**

Zechariah 1:9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

1. **But Look - The “man that stood among the myrtle trees” gives the answer**

Zechariah 1:10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

1. **The Riders report to the “Angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees”**

Zechariah 1:11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

1. **The “Angel of the Lord” then makes intercession on behalf of Jerusalem and cities of Judah**

Zechariah 1:12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? (Jeremiah had prophesied when the captivity would end: Jer. 25:11; 29:11)

1. **The Lord (Father) responds to the intercession by the “Angel of the Lord” (Son) with comforting Words to the “angel that talked with me” (Holy Ghost) (Can we notice the Trinity?)**

Zechariah 1:13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

1. **Zechariah’s Commission from the “angel that communed with me”**

Zechariah 1:14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

Zechariah 1:15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Zechariah 1: 16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

**Looks like most of the “Nations” exacerbated the affliction of Israel. Does our nation afflict Israel?**

1. **Illustrates and Teaches us the ministry of the Godhead (Colossians 2:8-9)**

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| Cast | Illustration | Ministry |
| The Lord of Hosts | The Father | He is concerned with the affairs of men (I Peter 5:6-7) |
| The Man on the red horse among the myrtle trees | The Son – (Pre-incarnate) | The Son intercedes to the Father on behalf of His People  (Heb. 7:25, 7:19-25; I John 2:1 |
| The Angel that talked with me | Holy Spirit | A “go-between” for Christ and Zechariah (*Para-cleat*) |
| Horses behind the Man among the myrtle trees | The Lord’s Hosts | The Lord has His army |
| Zechariah the prophet | Believer | Commissioned to preach the Word of God |

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| Teaching Gained About the Godhead | Supporting Passages |
| The Son does nothing apart from the will of the Father | John 5:19, 30; Hebrews 10:7 |
| Although the Son is omniscient, there is this fact which we cannot understand: The Son does not know everything the Father knows, unless the Father reveals it to the Son | Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32; John 5:20; John 8:28 |
| Christ is the Agent through Whom the will of the Father is accomplished | John 5:19, 22, 26-27, 30; 6:38 |

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| Notice the “Three Part Sermon” that is to be preached |
| 1. God’s Love For Israel |
| 1. God’s Displeasure with the Nations disregarding what God is doing |
| 1. God’s blessing on Israel |

**The Fulfillment is Both Local (Haggai’s Temple) and Millennial – Looks toward Millennial Temple**

1. The Four Horns

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| The Four Horns and the Carpenter from Nazareth | |

Zechariah 1:18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

Zechariah 1:19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

1. Four Carpenters

Zechariah 1:20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

The “Lord of Hosts”, literally “The Lord of Armies” will protect Israel forever. Now the Lord used Nebuchadnezzar, the first “carpenter” to scatter Judah to Babylon, etc. However, the ultimate “Carpenter” is the Captain of the Lord of Hosts, the Carpenter of Nazareth. No one else could save Israel from the judgements they will have to endure brought on by the revived Roman Empire, and righteously judge both, ultimately fulfilling the promise to Abraham and his Seed.

Zechariah 1:21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, **These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.**

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| The Four Horns and the Four Carpenters | | | |
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| Greece | | Rome | |
| Rome | | The Carpenter from Nazareth – “The Stone that was Cut Out Of The Mountain Without Hands” | |
| 1st the Babylonian Empire was in power and (1) God had Media/Persia fray them (Terrorize and Cast out the horn), then Media/Persia becomes a horn. (2) Greece frayed Media/Persia and Greece becomes a horn. (3) Then Rome frayed Greece, and Rome becomes a horn. But, nobody frayed (Cast out the horn) Rome. Rome collapsed from within. There will be one, antichrist, that will put the pieces of Rome together again (Feet and toes of iron and clay), and the Carpenter of Nazareth (Stone cut out without hands) will destroy all horns and set up His Kingdom | | | |
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1. **The Man with the Measuring Line**

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Zechariah 2: 1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.

1. **Other references of “measuring line” – Jeremiah 31:38-39; Ezekiel 40:2-4; Revelation 11:1-2**

Zechariah 2:2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

1. **The “angel that talked with me” is instructed by “another Angel” to explain that the Glory will return to Jerusalem:**

Zechariah 2:3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

Zechariah 2:4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

Zechariah 2:5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

1. **The Teaching Has an Immediate Fulfillment and Looks Through to the Millennium**
2. **All Exiles Left In Babylon Should Return Quickly**

Zechariah 2:6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 2:7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

1. **God Will Judge The Nations That Scattered Israel**

Zechariah 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

Zechariah 2:9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

1. **God Will Bless Israel and Many Nations Join The Lord – In that Day**

Zechariah 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

Zechariah 2: 11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

Zechariah 2: 12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

**(Remember: “That Day” and “The Day of the Lord” mean the time of the Tribulation on through the Kingdom: See Isaiah 13:9; Joel 2:1-3; Zephaniah 1:15-18; Zechariah 14:1-4; I Thessalonians 5:2; II Peter 3:10)**

1. **All Peoples Should Be Silent Before The Exalted Lord – The Lord Is Shield and Glory**

Zechariah 2: 13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

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| Teaching Gained In Chapter Two | Supporting Verses |
| 1. Jerusalem Will Be Inhabited as a City Without Walls | Verse 4 |
| 1. The Lord Will Be A Wall of Fire Around Jerusalem | Verse 5 |
| 1. The Lord Will Be The Glory in the Midst of Jerusalem | Verse 5 |
| 1. All Exiles Left In Babylon Should Return Quickly | Verses 6-7 |
| 1. God Will Judge The Nations That Scattered Israel | Verses 8-9 |
| 1. The Lord Will Dwell In the Midst of Zion | Verses 10-12 |
| 1. Many of the Nations Will Be Joined To The Lord | Verse 11 |
| 1. The Lord Shall Inherit Judah his portion | Verse 12 |
| 1. The Lord Shall Choose Jerusalem Again | Verse 12 |
| 1. **The Glory Will Return** All Peoples Silent Before The Exalted Lord | Verse 13 |

1. **Ezekiel Also Saw this Great Event:**

Ezekiel 43:1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward the east:

Ezekiel 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

Ezekiel 43:3 And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

Ezekiel 43:4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east.

Ezekiel 43:5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

Ezekiel 43:6 And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

Ezekiel 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.

**(When did the glory leave? – Ezekiel also saw that: See Ezekiel Chapters 1-10 – a verse list: (Ezekiel 1:28; 3:12; 3:23; 8:4; 9:3; 10:4)**

1. **Isaiah Saw Future Jerusalem During This Same Timeframe:**

Isaiah 2:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 2:5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

1. **Joshua Wore Filthy Garments – No Serving God In That Condition**

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1. **Joshua Before The Lord with Satan Accusing Joshua As Joshua Is In Filthy Garments**

Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

Zechariah 3:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Zechariah 3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

1. **The Lord Causes Joshua’s Iniquity To Pass From Joshua**

Zechariah 3:4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

1. **Zechariah Wants Joshua To Have A Turban**

Zechariah 3:5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

1. **The Lord Admonishes Joshua**

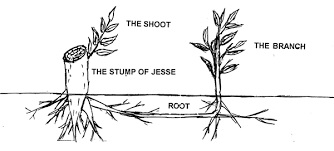
Zechariah 3:6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

Zechariah 3:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

1. **The Branch – Local Fulfillment and Travels On To The Kingdom**

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Zechariah 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.



1. **Who is the Servant, the Branch? Isaiah 11 among many other Passages explains the Branch:**

Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Isaiah 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Isaiah 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Isaiah 11: 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 11:8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den.

Isaiah 11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

Isaiah 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 11:13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

1. **The Stone With Seven Eyes – Significance Takes Us Down To The Second Coming**

Zechariah 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Zechariah 3:10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

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1. **The Number 7 Means “completeness” and the significance is found again in Isaiah 11**

Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

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| **The “Branch” – Term Used For The Messiah (*tsemach* literally a “sprout”)** | |
| **He shall grow up…and He shall build the Temple of the Lord** | **Zechariah 6:12** |
| **In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious…** | **Isaiah 4:2** |
| **A Branch shall grow out of his (Jessie’s) roots** | **Isaiah 11:** |
| **I will raise unto David a righteous Branch…a King shall reign** | **Jeremiah 23:5** |
| **Branch of Righteousness** | **Jeremiah 33:15** |

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| **My “Servant” – Term Used For The Messiah (*ebed* , a “slave”)** | |
| **My Servant…shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles** | **Isaiah 42:1** |
| **My Servant shall deal prudently** | **Isaiah 52:13** |
| **…Shall my righteous Servant justify many** | **Isaiah 53:11** |
| **“My Servant…He shall feed them, and He shall be their Shephard** | **Ezekiel 34:23** |

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| **The “Stone” – Term Used For The Messiah (*eben*)** | |
| **(From thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel)** | **Genesis 49:24** |
| **The Stone which the builders refused** | **Psalm 118:22** |
| **I lay in Zion for a foundation a Stone…** | **Isaiah 28:16** |
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| **The “Stone” Interpreted in the New Testament** | |
| **The Stone the builders rejected… is become the head of the corner** | **Matthew 21:42** |
| **The Stone…which is become the head of the corner** | **Acts 4:11** |
| **…I lay in Sion a chief corner Stone** | **I Peter 2:6** |

**Now, is Joshua ready but does he have everything he needs to serve God?**

1. Joshua Has Been Cleansed of Iniquity, Signified By Clean Garments
2. Joshua Has Been Admonished To Walk in God’s Ways, and Keep The Lord’s Charge
3. Before Joshua Is The Stone with 7 eyes – Next Chapter defines as “Eyes of the Lord”
4. In other words, before Joshua was the All-Seeing Stone of the Lord
5. But we will see in the next chapter that Joshua is lacking in Power for service
6. **The Golden Candlestick and Two Olive Trees**

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1. **The “angel that talked with me” And Woke Up Zechariah – Must have dozed off**

Zechariah 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

1. **Joshua Saw A Golden Candlestick With 7 Lamps Connected by Pipes to Two Olive Trees**

Zechariah 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

Zechariah 4:3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

1. **The “angel that talked with me” Explains The Significance of the Vision**

Zechariah 4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

Zechariah 4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**

Zechariah 4:7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

1. **The 7 Eyes of the Lord Which Run To and Fro Through the Whole Earth Enable To See - Zerubbabel laid the Foundation – Christ Will Build The Kingdom**

Zechariah 4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Zechariah 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

1. **Joshua Desires To Know The Significance of the 2 Olive Trees**

Zechariah 4:11¶ Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

Zechariah 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

1. **The Significance is: Local = Joshua and Zerubbabel / During the Tribulation = 2 Witnesses**

Zechariah 4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Zechariah 4:14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

**Revelation 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.**

**Revelation 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.**

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| **Viii. The Flying Roll – God deals with sin in relationships** | **C:\Users\Rod Porteous\Downloads\Zechariah Pictures\download (8).jpg** |

**Zechariah 5:1 ¶ Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.**

**Zechariah 5:2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.**

**Zechariah 5:3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.**

**Zechariah 5:4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.**

1. **The “angel that talked with Zechariah” asked Zechariah what he saw.**
2. **Zechariah responded that he saw a scroll flying through the air**
3. **The dimensions of the scroll were 10 cubits x 20 cubits**
4. **These were the same dimensions of the holy place and Solomon’s porch**
5. **The “angel that talked with Zechariah” explained what Zechariah saw**
6. **The scroll was the curse sent all through the earth**
7. **A curse to “cut off” everyone that stealeth (Relationship of man to man)**
8. **A curse to “cut off” everyone that sweareth (Relationship of man to God)**
9. **The Lord of Hosts will bring about this curse to every sinful house**
10. **The curse will remain at the house until it is consumed – Both timber and stone**
11. **Sin will not hinder God’s Word – He will cut it off**
12. **Christ will remove all sin (in one day, 3:9) just before He sets up the Kingdom**

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| **IX. The Ephah and the Talent of Lead** | **C:\Users\Rod Porteous\Downloads\Zechariah Pictures\flying Bushel Basket.jpg** |

**Zechariah 5:5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.**

**Zechariah 5:6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.**

1. The “Angel that talked with Zechariah askes Zechariah what he sees flying in the air.
2. Zechariah asks the Angel what this may be, and the answer is very interesting:

“**This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.”**

1. The ephah was the largest measure in an agricultural community in Bible times.
2. It’s “resemblance through all the earth” symbolized big commerce

**Zechariah 5:7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.**

**Zechariah 5:8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.**

1. The Ephah had a cover of lead called a “talent of lead” talent was the largest weight used on scales – also symbolized big commerce.
2. When the lead cover was lifted, Zechariah saw a woman called “wickedness” sitting inside.
3. Wickedness was cast into the ephah and the lead lid was closed

**Zechariah 5:9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.**

1. As Zechariah looked, two winged women appeared, and started flying the ephah in the air

**Zechariah 5:10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?**

**Zechariah 5:11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.**

1. When Zechariah asked where they were going, the answer was that the two winged woman were taking “Wickedness” to Babylon, which will be wickedness’ “base of operation” during the Tribulation.
2. What type of “wicked commercialism” are we talking about?
3. Sinful Israel is often symbolized by an adulterous woman – A couple of examples:

**Isaiah 1:21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.**

**Zechariah 2:20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.**

1. Idolatry was the worst wickedness in Old Testament times, and would often corrupt the whole family:

**Jeremiah 7:12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.**

**Jeremiah 7:13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;**

**Jeremiah 7:14 Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.**

**Jeremiah 7:15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.**

**Jeremiah 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.**

**Jeremiah 7:17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?**

**Jeremiah 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.**

**Jeremiah 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?**

**Jeremiah 7:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.**

**Jeremiah 7:21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.**

**Jeremiah 7:22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:**

**Jeremiah 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.**

1. It is easy to see why God referred to Israel metaphorically as “an adulterous woman” – and God seems to hate “religious commercialism” – a few examples:
2. Christ cast out the moneychangers at the temple: Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46.
3. “No small stir” happened when Paul taught at Ephesus, people were saved and turned from idols, the wicked religious commercialism suffered greatly: Acts 19: 23-28
4. The center of wicked religious commercialism during the Tribulation period is Babylon – she is destroyed forever toward the 2nd coming of Christ: Revelation 17-18; Isaiah 13;
5. Jeremiah 51:26 – Babylon will be destroyed forever
6. Revelation 18:21 – Babylon will be thrown down with violence
7. Revelation 18:8, 9, 18 – Babylon will be destroyed by fire
8. Isaiah 13:19 - Babylon will be as God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah

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| **X. The Four Chariots** | Image result for The Four Chariots, images |

**Zechariah 6:1 ¶ And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.**

1. **Chariots were *mercabah*, “war chariots” seen by other prophets. (Joel 2:5, Micah 1:13; 5:10; Naham 3:2; Habakkuk 3:8; Haggai 2:22)**
2. **Chariots were between two “mountains of brass”**
3. **The mountains were mountains that were familiar to Zechariah and Judah, because the definite article “the” is used in the Hebrew text.**
4. **The mountains were made of brass – the metal used in the altar and laver in the outside court of the tabernacle. (Exodus 27:1-8; Exodus 30:17:21) – Judgment of filth and sin**
5. **Mount Zion (Temple Mount) and the Mount of Olives are the two Mountains, obviously**
6. **That would place the chariots in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Kedron valley)**
7. **These horses went “through the earth” world-wide judgment (Verse 7)**
8. **Joel also saw God Judge Gentiles from this same valley (Joel 3:2, 12)**
9. **They are war chariots serving God’s Judgment on of “Horns” starting from Jerusalem**

**Zechariah 6:2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;**

**Zechariah 6:3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.**

**Zechariah 6:4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?**

**Zechariah 6:5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.**

**Zechariah 6:6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.**

1. **They only start out north and south, but go to and fro throughout the earth.**
2. **From the Kedron Valley you would follow the Jordon river through a rift to Syria, there you could follow the “fertile crescent” to Babylon and beyond.**
3. **South you could follow that same rift (Arriba) to Egypt and beyond**
4. **This is why Babylon is often mentioned as coming from the north when they are SE**

**Zechariah 6:7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.**

**Zechariah 6:8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.**

1. **The Lord of Hosts may very well be speaking of the historical incident in the 5th year of Darius 1.) Babylon revolted against Darius. (This was only 3 years after Zechariah’s vision night)**

**2.) Babylon suffered much depopulation and unrest in this rebellion**

**3.) This may have quieted down to allow the temple – it was finished in Darius’ 6th year**

1. **Obviously all this is the army of the Lord of Hosts Protecting Israel and Judging the Nations**
2. **But we can see the Book of Revelation, the army of the Lord of hosts beginning the future Tribulation period with horses of the same colors**

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| **The Ten Visions Seen In One Night – All have Both Local and Future Fulfillments** | |
| **Local: The Lord of Hosts is working in the daily affairs of His people, so do not be afraid but be diligent to finish the temple.** | |
| **Future: God’s prophetic plan for Israel outlined from the Return from Babylon through to the Kingdom with the Glory returning In the Millennial Temple.** | |
| 1. **Horses Among The Myrtle Trees**   **Zechariah 1:7-17** | Finish the temple Because God is with them |
| God deals with the Nations as they Treat Israel |
| 1. **The Four Horns**   **Zechariah 1:18-19** | 4 Gentile World Powers will scatter Israel |
| God protects Israel as they are scattered by “horns” |
| 1. **The Four Carpenters**   **Zechariah 1:20-21** | 3 Gentile World Powers will Cast out 1st 3 “horns” |
| Carpenter from Nazareth casts out the last “horn” |
| 1. **Man with the Measuring Line**   **Zechariah 2:1-13** | Every Israelite still in Babylon warned to Return |
| The Glory will return – Many Gentiles saved |
| 1. **Joshua and Satan**   **Zechariah 3:1-7** | God deals with priest’s sin (Also Represent Israel) |
| Walk in God’s Ways and Have Millennial Service |
| 1. **Stone with Seven Eyes**   **Zechariah 3:8-10** | Israel’s Sin removed in 1 day at the 2nd Coming |
| There will be “True Peace” in the Branch’s Kingdom |
| 1. **The Golden Candlestick and Olive Trees**   **Zechariah 4:1-14** | Spirit Filled Men do God’s Work Locally |
| Spirit Filled Men do God’s Work in the Tribulation |
| 1. **The Flying Roll**   **Zechariah 5:1-4** | Sin will not hinder God’s plan – He will Judge Sin |
| God will remove sin from Land Before Kingdom |
| 1. **The Ephah and the Talent of Lead**   **Zechariah 5:5-11** | All Idolatrous Commerce (Wickedness) Removed |
| All Wickedness Sent to Babylon - in Tribulation |
| 1. **The Four Chariots**   **Zechariah 6 :1-8** | The “horns” will not completely annihilate Israel |
| The Branch (King) judges “Horns” In the Tribulation |

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| **A Spectacular Crowning Event Concludes This Night of Ten Symbolic Visions** | **C:\Users\Rod Porteous\Downloads\Zechariah Pictures\crowns_gold_thorns.jpg** |

**Zechariah 6:9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**

**Zechariah 6:10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;**

**Zechariah 6:11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;**

1. **On the same day (Remember the Hebrew day begins at night) the Word of the Lord came.**
2. **Concerning a delegation of returnees from Babylon with silver and gold for the temple.**
3. **Tobijah**
4. **Heldi**
5. **Jedaiah**
6. **Zechariah told to take the three and their gifts to Josiah’s house (Son of Zephaniah)**
7. **Zechariah also told to take the gifts and make crowns (double or composite crown)**
8. **Zechariah also told to place the crown on the head of Joshua, the High Priest**
9. **Never was a priest/King in Israel (except Melchizedek, Genesis 14:18-20, Hebrews 7:4-10)**
10. **No crown for Zerubbabel because he descended from Coniah (Jeremiah 22:24-30)**
11. **So why crown the High Priest?**
12. **The Next verse explains – Joshua was to be a type of Christ who will fulfill the office of Priest/King**

**Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:**

1. **So you see, the symbolism takes us to the Second Coming of Christ as depicted in Psalms:**

**Psalm 110:1 «A Psalm of David.» The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**Psalm 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.**

**Psalm 110:3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.**

**Psalm 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

**Psalm 110:5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.**

**Psalm 110:6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.**

**Psalm 110:7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.**

**Zechariah 6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**

**Zechariah 6:14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.**

**Zechariah 6:15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.**

1. **Now let’s go back to the crowning ceremony and see what is said:**

**Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:**

1. **Someone else used these words about Christ another time when He was crowned:**

**John 19:5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!**

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| **Behold the man – Zechariah 6:12; John 19:5** | |
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| **1.Messiah, the Branch, will grow up out of His place (Introduced in Zech. 3:8-10) (Interpreted Mic. 5:2)** | |
| **2.Messiah, the Branch, will be Joshua’s Antitype** | **Verse 12** |
| **3.Messiah the Branch will Build the Millennial Temple** | **Verses 12-13** |
| **4.Messiah, the Branch will be the Glory** | **Verse 13** |
| **5.Messiah, the Branch, will be both King and Priest** | **Verse 13** |
| **6.Messiah, the Branch, will put together the two offices** | **Verse 13** |
| **7.Messiah, the Branch will bring together the Jew and the Gentile** | **Verse 15** |
| **8.Messiah, the Branch, will fulfill the Word of the Lord of Hosts** | **Verse 15** |
| **9.Messiah, the Branch, will have absolute obedience** | **Verse 15** |
| **10.Messiah, the Branch, and pre-coronation memorialized by crown in the Temple** | **Verse 14** |