

## ZECHARIAH STUDY

### CHAPTER TWO

#### THIRD VISION

The Restoration of Jerusalem

Prophetic Foreshadowing of the nation being stable and prosperous once again. It foreshadows the first and second coming of Christ.

Key-

The Angel of the Lord says, "I myself will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem. And I will be the glory inside the city"

The power of God will protect her (Psalms 125:2)

The power of God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29)

Remember God going before his people in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night, when they passed through a terrible wilderness, where beasts were on all sides; and like those protective chariots of fire surrounding Elisha when the king of Syria sent a large army of hosts to take him captive. Elisha said to his servant, "they that be for us are more than they that be with them" (2 Kings 6:15-17)

"Salvation will surround you like city walls, and praise will be on the lips of all who enter here" (Isaiah 60:18) also see (Isaiah 4:5-6)

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#### FOURTH VISION

The High Priest and Branch

Joshua is a prophetic glance at Messiah Jesus, Messiah, The Savior to come.

Satan "Accuser of the Brethren" or "Adversary" is rebuked by the Lord. (see also 1 Chronicles 21:1, Job 1:6-9, 2:1-7)

This chapter is telling of the coming Savior who will bring sanctification from the power of sin and evil that dwells within the heart of man. There will be a holiness and righteousness imputed to those who are afflicted by sin and iniquity. Christ will stand on our behalf when the adversary accuses us. All are unclean until they are washed and sanctified. The crown of the new royal priesthood will come to all in Messiah. (See also Revelation 19:8)

"Stone with seven eyes" (Zechariah 3:9)

"Notice the stone I have set before you with seven eyes. I will engrave and inscription on it"—this is the declaration of the Lord of Armies— "and I will take away the iniquity of this land in a single day"

Christ is the 'stone' or 'rock' (Exodus 17:6, 1 Corinthians 10:4, Psalm 118:22, Mathew 21:42, Ephesians 2:20)

Seven is a number of completion or perfection— see the “seven golden candlesticks” — “the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes” — “the seven Spirits of God” — “book with seven seals” — etc.

**“Eyes of the Lord”** in the ancient world represented “knowledge” and His all knowing ‘omniscience’ (see also Proverbs 5:21, Psalm 94:9)

“Each of you will invite your neighbor to sit with you peacefully under your own grapevine and fig tree” (Zechariah 3:10)

This is alluding to a proverbial expression that means prosperity and peace (1 Kings 4:25, 2 Kings 18:31). Christ brings peace that the world cannot give (John 14:27). He IS our grapevine and Israel IS the fig tree.

## CHAPTER FOUR FIFTH VISION

### Golden Lampstand

The angel shows Zechariah visions:

**Gold Lampstand-** “a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top”

The lampstand has seven lamps at the top with seven spouts for each of the lamps.

Two olive trees beside it, on the right and left. This had never been seen in the temple.

It was a prophetic foreshadowing.

The lamps were “self-filling” and directly fed by the olive trees.

Lamps- eyes of the lord

Lampstand- Christ

Olive Trees- Priest and King offices fulfilled by Christ but represented through Zerubbabel and Joshua as the branches extended from those trees. Referenced again in Revelation 11:4 as the Two “anointed ones” who will come again. God often pairs two together in order to accomplish great tasks.

Anointed Ones- ancient idiom used to convey “sons of oil”

See parallel in Luke 22:40-53

Metaphors point to the Garden of Gethsemane

Gethsemane means “oil press” and is located on top of the Mount of Olives. Olives endure great ‘pressing’ in order to receive the ‘oil.’ Jesus prayed at the Rock of Agony. He IS our lamp stand and the oil is the Holy Spirit which never ceases to ‘flow.’ Now Jesus gives us the oil of the Holy Spirit which fuels the living flame we produce.

Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple after the exiles returned from captivity. This prophetic picture looks forward to the ultimate fulfillment of Messiah’s building of the temple, but in spiritual form. The church is his temple; we are the church.

## CHAPTER FIVE SIXTH VISION

### The Flying Scroll

The dimensions were the size of:

Solomon's temple porch (1 Kings 6:3), The holy place in the tabernacle, and Solomon's brazen altar (2 Chron. 4:1)

The curse is against thieves and perjurers i.e. Taking God's name in vein

Judgement in two parts 1. Banishment from the land 2. Destruction of property -

Violations of the 8th and 9th Commandments (see also Deut. 28:15, 45). At some point the people will go back into captivity due to their wickedness.

"Basket" only in KJV- in the original Hebrew it is *ephah- the largest ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure, about half a bushel. There was a container, however, with a lead cover.*

"Wickedness" - personification of sin and spiritual harlotry, gathered up 'in full measure' being carried away to Shinar- or the land of Babylon (vs. 9-11)

שִׁנְעַר Sinar or Shinar- Babylon- Antichrist- A cast out breach that shakes or growls- ultimate symbol of rebellion against God.

Tower of Babel located on Shinar (Gen. 10:10) Nimrod, descendant of Ham built the physical Babylon beginning with the tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-4). God confused their language as a punishment for 'wickedness' so babel, means "confusion." Nimrod's wife was Simiramis

The vision is symbolic of wickedness and whoredom being banished to Shinar/ Babylon. Wickedness would be free'd and even worshipped (Rev. 17). Shinar/Babylon is associated with the wicked worship of false gods, and in the end times, Babylon the Great is the center of wickedness and demon worship (Rev. 18:2-3). Shinar will contain a faithful remnant of Israel. God promised to gather the remnant from Shinar in Isaiah 11.

"Two Women with Wings like a Stork"- A stork is an "unclean" bird (Lev. 11:19; Deut. 14:18). Unclean agents are used by Yahweh to remove defilement from the Holy Land and move to Babylon, see the parallel in Revelation 18:2)

## CHAPTER FIVE SEVENTH VISION

### Four Chariots

Zechariah sees a King and Priest

Four Chariots- Original Hebrew says "the two mountains" (poss. Mt. Olive & Mt. Zion)

They are agents of justice and judgement sent to accomplish recon. Some say the four chariots symbolize the four empires of Daniel 7, but the colors are the same as the four horsemen in Revelation 6. (See Rev. 7:1-3)

Red- war, Black- death, white- victory, grizzled of pestilence (Ezekiel 13:21, Rev. 6:1-8)

They are "four spirits of heaven to patrol" or "steeds" in Hebrew

North- Babylon and Magog are located

Part Two:

- A. Receive the gift from the captives who come from Babylon: the refugees would return from exile taking with them plunder from Babylon.
- B. Heldai- robust, Tobijah- God's goodness, Jedaiah- God knows
- C. Through God's goodness He will put a great robust king on the throne

Crown on the head of Joshua- the king would be an elaborate crown of royalty, not a common headdress of the high priest.

"The Branch" The Branch of Jesse "will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the Lord. (See Zech. 3:8, Isaiah 4:2, 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15. Jesus used this imagery in John 15:5 as well.

One branch rebuilds the temple- but not the temple of His people (Eph. 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:5)

He would be a priest on the throne: this was unthinkable in Israel because priests did not sit on thrones and kings did not serve as priests. However, "the Branch" is different because he is both king and priest.

"Memorial" this denotes once again that it is a future picture of the ruling Priest - King!