

# ZECHARIAH

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CHAPTER 5

# INTRODUCTION

## SUMMARY

The series of visions take a sharp turn.

Comfort now turns to a stern warning.

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The enlargement of Israel;

The subjugation of her enemies;

The internal cleansing and restoration;

Her consequent ministry of illumination and witness;

Now the coming judgment(s). A Holy God cannot brook evil.

# JUDGEMENT

"But you are pure and cannot stand the sight of evil. Will you wink at their treachery? Should you be silent while the wicked swallow up people more righteous than they?"- Habakkuk 1:13

Why must God judge people? Answer: because He is righteous and holy. We see this repeated again and again in Scripture.

**It frightens us.** And guess what? It is supposed to. When we see what happens to others who disregard what God's Word says, it should cause us to think twice about what we are about to do.

**It sobers us.** It forces us to reassess the way we have been living our lives and hopefully change our priorities. As C. S. Lewis pointed out, pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

**It humbles us.** God's judgment strips away our self-righteousness and reminds us about how sinful we are. It reminds us that we are not really in control of our lives and how we really need God.

**It reassures us.** The fact that there will be a final judgment reassures us there is justice in the universe. We all know of wicked people in the world who deserve judgment. The Bible says there is a final court of arbitration, and God keeps meticulous records of everything that happens in this world. The wicked will be held accountable for what they have done. And it is reassuring to know there ultimately will be justice.

**17** For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? **1 Peter 4**

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Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll.

**2** And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length *is* twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."

### COMMENTS

20 cubits by 10 cubits (30 feet by 15 feet) - Dimensions of the Tabernacle: Ex 26:15-25; also, Solomon's Porch (1 Kgs 6:3). It is the dimensions of the temple porch ( [1 Kings 6:3](#) ), where the law was usually read,

1 Peter 4:17 "For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

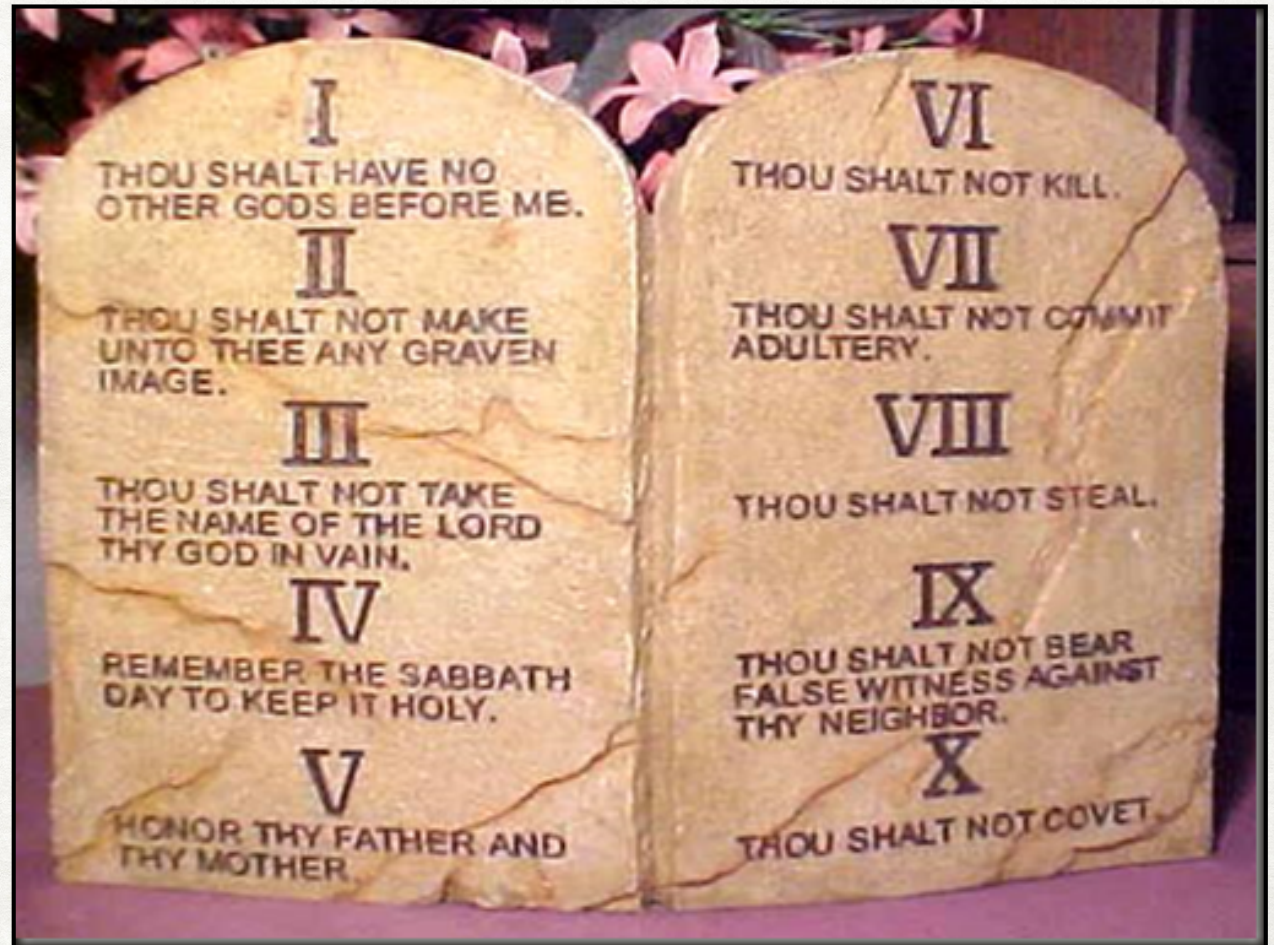
"Flying" ... Active energy suggested. Hebrews 4:12 "The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and the intentions of the heart."

**3** Then he said to me, "This *is* the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according to this side of *the scroll*; and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according to that side of it."

## COMMENTS

"On this side"... "and on that side": two sides. Two tables of stone (Exodus 32:15); Seven sealed scroll (Revelation 5:1).

"Stealing," "swearing": theft and perjury, representing the both tables of the Law (the middle commandment of each #3 and #8).



**4** "I will send out *the curse*," says the Lord of hosts; "It shall enter the house of the thief. And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house. And consume it, with its timber and stones."

## COMMENTS

This makes many think that the text on the scroll contained the Ten Commandments. To steal was to injure your neighbor; to perjure was to dishonor God, because you had sworn in his name.

We also see here the fore-coming history of Israel as seen in Deuteronomy 30:1-10

Dispersion for disobedience; Deuteronomy 30:1; 28:63-68;

Future repentance (30:2)

Reversal of fortunes and return to Lord (v.3)

Final regathering and restoration (vv.3-5)

National conversion (v.6)

Judgment upon enemies (v.7)

Obedience and millennial blessing (v.9)

Preparation: Jeremiah 30:7

Applies individually (v.10)

# DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10

**30** "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, **2** and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, **3** that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you. **4** If *any* of you are driven out to the farthest *parts* under heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. **5** Then the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. **6** And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

**7** "Also the Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. **8** And you will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all His commandments which I command you today. **9** The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, **10** if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, *and* if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.



## THE WOMAN AND THE EPHAH THE BEGINNING OF THE END

5 Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this *is* that goes forth." 6 So I asked, "What *is* it?" And he said, "It *is* a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This *is* their resemblance throughout the earth: 7 Here *is* a lead disc lifted up, and this *is* a woman sitting inside the basket"; 8 then he said, "This *is* Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth.

### COMMENTS

The woman, the basket, and the weight are associated with wickedness. They are images of greed, materialism, and dishonesty for profit.

What John saw in Revelation 18 (and Zechariah sees here) is not a city but a system.

The woman appears to also be echoed in the woman with the leaven (Matthew 13:33) and the "Woman Jezebel" in Revelation 2:20; and the woman riding ("sitting upon") the beast in Revelation 17:3-17. "Drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus"!? (Revelation 17:6).

9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. 10 So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?" 11 And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

## COMMENTS

God would cause this evil, materialistic spirit to be returned to its starting-place: Babylon. There it would eventually be destroyed.

Shinar: (7X) = the location of Babylon (Genesis 10:10; 11:2; Isaiah 11:11).

History: Nimrod, BabEl, => Pergamos => Rome ...back to where it all started.

[The "Antichrist" will be an Assyrian, driven to the gates of Nimrod: Micah 5:1-6.]

WICKEDNESS now has been given a pedestal!

More oil in Iraq than in Saudi Arabia / next Jerusalem and Babylon

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is judgment important?
2. How does God judge?
3. What two sins are specifically addressed here?
4. What are your thoughts regarding Babylon and the allusions we see in the book of Revelation?



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