

ZECHARIAH

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CHAPTER 6

INTRODUCTION

The conclusion of the visions received that one night. This vision completes the cycle begun with the four horses.

- 1. The horseman among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)*
- 2. The four horns and four craftsmen (1:18-21)*
- 3. The surveyor (2:1-13)*
- 4. The vision of Joshua the high priest (3:1-10)*
- 5. The golden lampstand and two olive trees (4:1-14)*
- 6. The flying scroll (5:1-4)*
- 7. The woman in the basket (5:5-11)*
- 8. The four chariots (6:1-8)*



HISTORY OF ISRAEL

- 1. Myrtle - Israel has been brought home
- 2. The powers that came against her - they get hammered
- 3. Jerusalem is measured - 1967
- 4. Polluted priesthood - seeing their need
- 5. Light will shine brightly - light of the world
- 6. Flying scroll - Judgment
- 7. Woman - commercial Babylon shall fall
- 8. Four Horseman

THE OVERTHROW OF GENTILE POWERS

I looked up again, and there before me were four chariots coming out from between two mountains—mountains of bronze.

COMMENTS

Most identify this with Mt. Zion and Mt. Olives

The valley between them set forth as the theatre of divine judgment (Zechariah 14:4; Joel 3:2). Valley of Jehoshaphat ("Jehovah Judges") has been identified with the Valley of Kidron (Cf. Zechariah 14:2, 4).

"Brass (bronze)": Levitical symbol of judgment. Brass serpent (Numbers 21:9; John 3:14).

Brazen altar in Tabernacle (Exodus 27:2).

Mountains of bronze associates these mountains with strength and judgment.

JOEL

TWO STATE SOLUTION

1 "For behold, in those days and at that time,
When I bring back the captives of Judah and
Jerusalem,
2 I will also gather all nations,
And bring them down to the Valley of
Jehoshaphat;
And I will enter into judgment with them there
On account of My people, My heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations;
They have also divided up My land.
3 They have cast lots for My people,
Have given a boy *as payment* for a harlot,
And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.



²The first chariot had red horses, the second black, ³the third white, and the fourth dappled—all of them powerful. ⁴I asked the angel who was speaking to me, “What are these, my lord?”

COMMENTS

[Compare with the four horsemen of Revelation 6:1-8:]

Red: take peace from the earth; war; bloodshed.

Black: inflation; famine.

White: DECEPTION ... false peace

Grizzled, dappled: (Rev: pale green, (chloros) death, pestilence.)

5The angel answered me, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world. 6The one with the black horses is going toward the north country, the one with the white horses toward the west, and the one with the dappled horses toward the south."

COMMENTS

"Lord of the whole earth" = millennial in scope; universal rule over the earth in the kingdom age.

Two of the horses are focused on the north, where Babylon and Magog are.

7 When the powerful horses went out, they were straining to go throughout the earth. And he said, "Go throughout the earth!" So they went throughout the earth.

8 Then he called to me, "Look, those going toward the north country have given my Spirit rest in the land of the north."

COMMENTS

If Zechariah had the technology of today he might picture the angels in fast cars or fighter jets, showing how swiftly and powerfully they move across the earth to accomplish God's purpose.

God's **Spirit** is only at rest when His enemies and the enemies of His people are judged.

North: the traditional direction of Israel's enemies. Babylon (Jeremiah 1:14, 15; 25:9) esp. after Zechariah 5:5-11. Also, Gog, Magog, et al. (Ezekiel 38:6, 15; 39:2).

Immediately after the overthrow of Gentile powers, comes the crowning of the Messiah King-Priest (Cf. Psalm 2:5,6; Isaiah 3:24-26; 4:2-6; 10:33, 34; 11:1-10; Revelation 19:19-21; 20:4-6).

THE CROWNING OF JOSHUA

9 The word of the Lord came to me: 10 "Take silver and gold from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon."

COMMENTS

[Not a vision; an actual ceremonial errand is involved.]

"Then," after, the conclusion of the night visions.

Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah: Taking the meaning of the names (**Heldai** means *robust*, **Tobijah** means *God's goodness*, and **Jedaiah** means *God knows*), McGee sees the intention that God knows that through His goodness, He will put His king on the throne, and He will do it in a robust manner.

Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. 11 Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jozadak.

COMMENTS

Silver = Levitically, blood / Symbolizing the Priesthood. Gold = Deity. Kingship. Hezekiah tried - leprosy!

It was absolutely unusual to crown a **high priest**, because priests were never crowned as kings and kings were never priests. Joshua was crowned because a coming descendant of David to rule over Israel would be Jesus, prefigured by the high priest Joshua. The crowning of Joshua prophesies the King-Priest Jesus.

¹² Tell him this is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the Lord.
¹³ It is he who will build the temple of the Lord, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.'

COMMENTS

The Targum, the Aramaic translation and paraphrase, renders the passage: "Behold the Man, Messiah is his name, who is to be revealed."

"Behold the man" - echoed by Pilate (John 19:5), when the Messiah was wearing a crown of thorns. But once again the cry, "behold the man" will sound when He comes in the clouds of heaven, crowned with many crowns (Revelation 19:12).

"Throne" = clearly the Messiah, not Joshua the High Priest. He typifies the coming King, whose name, also, is Yeshua!

THE BRANCH

Joshua here prefigures Christ: kingship (Psalm 2:6); priesthood (Psalm 110:4).

The Branch:

As a tender plant (Isaiah 53:2);

Branch of righteousness (Jeremiah 33:15);

A grain of wheat, dying (John 12:24);

Sprouted from the fallen trunk of David (Isaiah 11:2). [At the time of Christ, the royal line of David had sunk into poverty and obscurity...indeed, a root out of a dry ground (Isaiah 53:2).]

Both Isaiah and Jeremiah - The Root growing out of dry ground. It was dry for 400 years, so out of the dry ground a fruitful branch appears!

The **BRANCH** will rebuild the temple - not the same temple Zerubbabel worked on, but the temple of His people ([Ephesians 2:19-22](#), [1 Peter 2:5](#)).

¹⁴The crown will be given to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah and Hen^[g] son of Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of the Lord. ¹⁵Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the Lord, and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the Lord your God.

COMMENTS

Crowns a memorial: According to the Middot, a rabbinical authority on the Temple, the crowns (pl.) were hung in windows in the height of the Temple as a memorial of this ceremonial crowning, reminding the people of the prophetic implications. •

Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial: The LORD made it clear that the crown for Joshua was a picture of the ruling Priest-King in the future. God never intended for Joshua to take control as king in the Jerusalem of his day.

CONCLUSION

1. Jesus came as PROPHET
2. Jesus died as a PRIEST
3. Jesus will come again as a KING

Messiah will come - will build his Temple and He will be our King and Priest



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What overlap do you see between these horses and the horses of Revelation?
- 2. What other words are used to describe Messiah besides the Branch?
- 3. What other patterns do you see in prophecy today?
- 4. What are your thoughts about the two-state solution?



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