

## Zechariah 6

### Scriptures:

#### Notes:

This is the eighth of eight visions.

This last one points to the culmination of God's plan to restore the world to righteousness.

## Zechariah 6:1-15 - The Glory of the Messiah!

### Scriptures:

Exodus 27:1-2 - You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide—the altar shall be square—and its height shall be three cubits. 2 You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.

<sup>1</sup> Then I turned and raised my <sup>so</sup> eyes and looked,

and behold, four chariots were coming from

H4818 - chariot n.  
— any two-  
wheeled horse-  
drawn vehicle  
(used mainly for  
warfare, travel  
and races).

between two mountains, and the mountains

were mountains of bronze.

H5178 – alloy of  
copper and tin.

### Notes:

‘chariots’ – often used for warfare.

The sacrificial altar was covered in bronze ([Exo. 27:1-2](#)). Symbolic of judgment. The sacrifices were made to atone for sin, so that God could overlook the sin of the person making the sacrifice.

Judgment will fall upon any who choose not to be in a right relationship with God.

‘two mountains’ – could be Mount Zion and Mount of Olives. Mount Zion – Jesus died for the sins of the world. Mount of Olives – where Jesus will return to set up His kingdom.

Scriptures:

Zechariah 1:8 - I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white.

Revelation 6:4 - Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Revelation 6:5-6 - When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.

<sup>2</sup> With the first chariot were red horses, with the  
second chariot black horses,

Notes:

The only places in the Bible where the colors of horses are described like this are here in Zechariah 1 & 6 and in Revelation 6 (the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse), with the exception of the white horse described in Revelation 19 - Christ on a white horse and then later the armies of heaven on white horses.

Rather than being ridden as they are in Revelation, these horses are pulling chariots. They are also not in the same order.

Can the symbolism from Revelation be applied to these chariots?

'red horses' – Red horse also in (Zech. 1:8). In (Re. 6:4) red horse takes away peace from the earth.

'black horses' – Third seal of (Rev. 6:5) points to famine.

Scriptures:

Revelation 6:2 - And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Revelation 6:7-8 - When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."  
8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

<sup>3</sup> with the third chariot white horses, and with

the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong *steeds*.

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Notes:

'Strong steeds' – stronger than normal horses.

'white horses' – in (Rev. 6:2) was ridden by him who went out conquering and to conquer.

'dappled horses' – might relate to 'pale horses' in (Rev. 6:7-8).

Scriptures:

<sup>4</sup> Then I answered and said to the angel who

Notes:

talked with me, “What are these, my lord?”

Scriptures:

Psalm 104:4 - Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

Hebrews 1:14 - Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

1 Kings 22:19 - Then Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left.

<sup>5</sup> And the angel answered and said to me, “These

Notes:

‘spirits of heaven’ – only occurrence of this phrase.

Speaking of the Lord, the psalmist refers to angels as spirits of the Lord (Psa. 104:4) which is then quoted in (Heb. 1:7) to differentiate between Christ and the angels. They are sent by God to minister to God’s people (Heb. 1:14).

Angels have been created to serve God (1 Kin. 22:19).

are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their

H7307 - supernatural being n. — any immaterial, supernatural entity that is self-aware with powers to affect the course of human events.

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station before the Lord of all the earth.

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Scriptures:

Jeremiah 1:14 - Then the LORD said to me: "Out of the north calamity shall break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.

Eze. 1:4 - Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

<sup>6</sup> The one with the black horses is going to the

north country, the white are going after them,

and the dappled are going toward the south

country."

Notes:

'the north' – This is often where trouble comes from against the people of God ([Jer. 1:14](#); [Ezek. 1:4](#)). North would be the direction you would travel to go to Babylon.

Toward the south' – toward Egypt.

Scriptures:

<sup>7</sup> Then the strong *steeds* went out, eager to go,

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Notes:

What is the purpose of 'walking to and fro'?

'eager' – has the sense of seeking or searching. What are they looking for?

The sense is that they are agents of God's judgment. They are eager to go but cannot without direct permission from the Lord.




that they might walk to and fro throughout the

earth. And He  said, "Go, walk to and fro

throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro

throughout the earth.

Scriptures:

<sup>8</sup> And He  called to , and spoke to , saying,

Notes:

'given rest to My Spirit' - ??

Rest is possible only after the work of judgment is complete. Once sin has been done away with and Christ has established His kingdom on the earth, then there can be rest.

"See, those who go toward the north country

have given rest to  My  Spirit in the north country."

H5117 – to settle  
down



Scriptures:

<sup>9</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

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Scriptures:

<sup>10</sup> “Receive *the gift* from the captives—from

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H1473 - exiles

Notes:

‘captives’ – These are Jews who are still living in Babylon, in the place of exile. The word does not demand that these people are being held against their will. Many chose to stay in Babylon rather than return to Israel where life would have been harder.

Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come

from Babylon—and go the same day and enter

the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

Scriptures:

<sup>11</sup> Take the silver and gold, make

an elaborate crown, and set it on the head of

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Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Notes:

'an elaborate crown' – symbolizes sovereignty or rulership. At this point in history, the Jews did not have a king. Even when they did, there was a distinction made between the high priest and the king.

Queen Elizabeth of England (died September 8, 2022) was both ruler of England and the head of the Church of England.

Scriptures:

John 1:45 - Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Isaiah 11:1-2 -

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2 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.

Jeremiah 23:5 -

Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Isaiah 53:2 - For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,

And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no form or comeliness;

And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Matthew 16:18 - And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Hebrews 3:3 - For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

John 2:19 - Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD

of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is

the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out,

H6779 – to grow,  
to bear fruit,

and He shall build the temple of the LORD;

Notes:

Five messianic promises!

'the Man' = Jesus. Scriptures like this pointed to the coming of the Messiah ([John 1:45](#)).

Messianic Promise #1 - 'the Branch' – a name for the Messiah. A descendant of Jesse, David's father ([Isa 11:1-2](#)). He will bring judgment and righteousness ([Jer. 23:5](#)).

Messianic Promise #2 - 'branch out' – could also be interpreted as 'sprout up' – maybe referring to His childhood and His humble beginnings ([Isa. 53:2](#)).

Messianic Promise #3 - 'He shall build' – not the physical temple, but spiritual house ([Matt. 16:18](#); [Heb. 3:3](#)). Also points to the resurrection of the messiah ([John 2:19](#)).

Scriptures:

John 17:4-5 - I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

2 Samuel 7:12-13 - When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Psalms 110:4 - The LORD has sworn  
And will not relent,  
"You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek."

13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He

Notes:

"between them both" – who are the them? The offices of king and priest.

Messianic Promise #4 – 'sit and rule on His throne' – A descendant of David would rule on the throne forever (2 Sam. 7:12-13).

Messianic Promise #5 – king and priest (Psa. 110:4). Melchizedek – priest of the Most High God and King of Salem.

Jesus will exercise both roles when He returns to bring peace to the world.

Because the Messiah is described in many places in Scripture as either priest or king, it led some to believe that there would be two Messiahs.

shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His

H5375 – to have,  
to lift up

H1935 -

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throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne,

and the counsel of peace shall be between

H6098 - advice

H7965 – 'shalom'

them both." "

Scriptures:

14 “Now the elaborate crown shall be for

Notes:

‘memorial’ symbolizing or pointing to what? It would serve as a reminder of the gift. More importantly it would remind them to the coming Messiah who would be both king and priest.

a memorial in the temple of the LORD for Helem,

H2146 - reminder

Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

15 Even those from afar shall come and build the

temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that

the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And *this*

shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice

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H8085 - to heed  
v. — to listen,  
hear, or pay close  
attention to, and  
usually respond in  
conformity.

of the LORD your God.”

Notes:

The eight visions end with a reminder to walk in humble obedience to God. The visions tell the story of God's plan for the returned exiles – He would be with them as they rebuilt the temple. It goes on to call them to holiness and repentance. They remind them that God will restore the Jews in the Holy Land and deal with all their enemies. And then finally, God will send them the Messiah, who will sit on the throne of David as king and priest forever.

The crown is meant to keep the hope of the Messiah alive in heart and thoughts of the people. They had returned from the exile in Babylon and were trying to rebuild the temple, but things were not going that well.

When things are hard, it is our hope that sustains us and allows us to keep pressing forward in faith and obedience. And it is faith and obedience that grows our faith.

Life has a way for distracting us away from the hope we have in Christ.

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