

November 28, 2010
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Zechariah 6:9-15

The passage we are considering today marks the end of Zechariah's Night Visions, yet he is still serving the LORD as a prophet, note the change in language:

The language of a seer -

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. (Zechariah 1:18 NKJ)

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. (Zechariah 2:1 NKJ)

Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll. (Zechariah 5:1 NKJ)

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." (Zechariah 5:5 NKJ)

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. (Zechariah 5:9 NKJ)

Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. (Zechariah 6:1 NKJ)

The language of a prophet –

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: (Zechariah 6:9 NKJ)

I. What did the LORD tell Zechariah to do –

1. Receive the gift from the captives –

"Receive the gift from the captives-- from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon—(Zechariah 6:10a NKJ)

- A. God knew these men were coming with a gift
- B. These were Jews who had been captives in Babylon
- C. God had a purpose for their gift

2. Go to the house of Josiah - and go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah. (Zechariah 6:10b NKJ)

3. Make a crown (multiple crowns) with this silver and gold – "Take the silver and gold, make an elaborate crown,... (Zechariah 6:11a NKJ)

4. Set it on the head of Joshua the High priest - and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. (Zechariah 6:11 NKJ)

- A. This was not something normally done, a man who not be king and priest in Israel
- B. Joshua was not made king, this event is symbolic and prophetic (the prophetic message is also given to Zechariah by God)

II. What did the LORD tell Zechariah to say –

1. Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! (Jesus Christ)

A. This is the heart of what God wanted His people to see in Zechariah's visions

B. This is the heart of the Gospel –

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2:2 NKJ)

In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped. (Isaiah 4:2 NKJ)

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. (Isaiah 11:1-2 NKJ)

"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.⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jeremiah 23:5-6 NKJ)

^In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the

earth.¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this *is the name* by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' (Jeremiah 33:15-16 NKJ)

‘Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. (Zechariah 3:8 NKJ)

"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, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; (Zechariah 6:12 NKJ)

What should they (we) see in this BRANCH?

2. *He shall branch out - :12*

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,³² "which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32 NKJ)

3. *He shall build the Temple - :12-13*

"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. (Matthew 16:18 NKJ)

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJ)

4. *He shall "bear the glory" - :13*

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, (John 17:1 NKJ) see verses :1-5

5. *He will RULE as Priest and King –*

Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.'" (Zechariah 6:13 NKJ)

Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*.⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was* He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You."⁶ As *He* also says in another *place*: "You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; (Hebrews 5:3-6 NKJ)

And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."⁸ But to the Son *He says*: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your Kingdom."⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." (Hebrews 1:7-9 NKJ)

III. Zechariah's Instructions to them and us –

1. *The crown is a memorial - :14*

"Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. (Zechariah 6:14 NKJ)

A. *Obviously pointing forward to Christ as King*

B. *Yet, also mentioning those who had contributed to it –*

For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. (Hebrews 6:10 NKJ)

Application what we do for God or His people will not go unrewarded

2. *Those from afar ... shall come and build the Temple of the LORD - :15*

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:9 NKJ)

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers,¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; (Eph 4:11-12 NAS)

This is a work we are all involved in – see Zechariah 6:14 and Hebrews 6:10 above!

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