

**BOOK OF ZECHARIAH
THE VISION OF THE FOUR CHARIOTS
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Introduction

We've seen how **ZECHARIAH'S first five VISIONS** were encouraging ones of **HOPE** for the **FUTURE** in the **MESSIANIC KINGDOM**.

The **sixth, seventh, and eighth VISIONS** concern the **JUDGMENTS** that will come upon **ISRAEL** as well as the rest of the world before **MESSIAH** returns in **GLORY** to **REIGN** in **JERUSALEM!**

In **Chapter 5** we saw **6th VISION... THE VISION OF THE FLYING ROLL (SCROLL)** and **7th VISION... THE VISION OF THE EPHAH** relating to the **SINS OF THE NATIONS..**

Now in **Chapter 6** we see the eighth and last night **VISION** that **ZECHARIAH** tells us about. Let's read the verses relating to this eighth **VISION**.

WE SEE THE APOCALYPTIC JUDGMENT OF THE ENDTIMES.
(*Zechariah 6:1-8*)

We see here that **APOCALYPTIC JUDGMENT** is **GOD'S RESPONSE** to the **INCREASING UNGODLINESS** found in **ECONOMICS, POLITICS, and RELIGION** and the **alignment of the NATIONS** against and mistreatment of **GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE ISRAEL**.

There are **FOUR CHARIOTS** mentioned in *Vs 1-3* that are carrying **DIFFERENT COLORED HORSES**.

In *Vs. 5* we are told that these **FOUR CHARIOTS** are **FOUR SPIRITS OF THE HEAVENS** that have come forth from **STANDING BEFORE THE LORD!** Which leads us to surmise that they are some of the **LORD'S ANGELS** who have been sent by **HIM** to **POUR OUT HIS JUDGMENT** on the **WORLD**—esp. **ISRAEL'S ADVERSARIES**.

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The number **FOUR** is the number associated with **CREATION** and marks **GOD'S CREATIVE WORKS**. It is a signature of the **WORLD**. There were **FOUR DIVINE ACTS** on the first day of **CREATION**. (**GOD SAID, GOD SAW, GOD DIVIDED, GOD CALLED**—*Gen. 1:5*)

FOUR regions: North, South, East, West
FOUR elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water
FOUR seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter
FOUR kingdoms: mineral, plant, animal, spiritual
FOUR divisions of our day: morning, noon, evening, night

FOUR GREAT WORLD POWERS were revealed to the **PROPHET DANIEL!** (**BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, ROME!**)

We'll see more about this when we get to **BIBLICAL NUMEROLOGY** in our midweek **BIBLE STUDY** on **BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION!**

Now, both **CHARIOTS** and **HORSES** are often mentioned in the **BIBLE** in connection with **POWER, WAR, and JUDGMENT** (*Cp. Revelation 6, Jeremiah 46:9-10, Joel 2:3-11 and Nahum 3:1-7*).

Our **LORD'S** return is described in *Revelation 19*, where it is prophesied that **HE** will come for **JUDGMENT** with **HIS HEAVENLY ARMIES** on **HORSES** to establish **HIS KINGDOM!** (*Revelation 19:11-16*)

These **ANGELS OF JUDGMENT** written about here in *Zechariah 6* came from before the **LORD** and between **TWO MOUNTAINS** (*verse 1*) which are believed to refer to **MOUNT MORIAH** and the **MOUNT OF OLIVES** because they are directly connected with **CHRIST'S RETURN**. The **VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT** lies between the **TWO MOUNTAINS**, which is also mentioned often in **SCRIPTURE** in connection with the **LORD'S JUDGMENT** upon the **NATIONS**.

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Joel 3:1-2- 1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, When I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will also gather all nations, And will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, And will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.
(*Jehoshaphat* means "*Jehovah Judges*" (a/k/a "*the valley of decision*")

The two mountains are described as **BRASS**, referring to a **STRENGTH** and **STABILITY** which nothing can shake (it also refers to **JUDGMENT**):
Isaiah 2:2- "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it"

The **CHARIOTS** go off for **JUDGMENT** in three separate directions:

- The **BLACK** and **WHITE HORSES** go **NORTH** (*verse 6*).
(*Rome, Assyria, Babylon always attacked Israel from the North. In the North is also Gog and Magog*)
BLACK is indicative of **CALAMITY** and **DEATH!**
WHITE is indicative of **VICTORY** and **JOY!**

- The **GRISLED (SPOTTED) HORSES** go **SOUTH** (*verse 6*)
GRISLED is indicative of **PLAGUES** and **PESTILENCE** (*Egypt*)

- The **BAY HORSES** (meaning **STRONG COLORED** or **RED**) go all over the earth (*verse 7*).
RED is indicative of **WAR** and **BLOODSHED**.
These are not limited to going in one direction as they were to walk to and fro through the earth!

Each of these went forth to accomplish **GOD'S WILL** in **JUDGMENT!**

This picture fits the description of the **JUDGMENTS ON THE NATIONS** in the **TRIBULATION PERIOD**.

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According to **Daniel 11:40** and following, the kings of the **NORTH** and **SOUTH** will arise to wage war against **ISRAEL**.

Again, the **NORTH** is believed to refer to **BABYLON (IRAQ)**, which has always attacked **ISRAEL** from that direction. It also refers to **ASSYRIA (SYRIA)**, which lies north of **ISRAEL**. If we extend the definition of "**NORTH**" a little farther, it stands for the power of **GOG** from the land of **MAGOG** in the far **NORTH**. **Ezekiel 38 and 39** explain that **GOD** will destroy this power.

Micah 5:6 also says: "*And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.*"

The king of the **SOUTH (EGYPT)** will be overcome and judged by the **LORD**. **Zechariah 10:11**: "*...And the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.*"

According to the book of **REVELATION**, the **APOCALYPTIC JUDGMENTS** will come upon the entire world which is indicated in **vs 7**. But only when the **CHARIOTS** go to the **NORTH COUNTRY** does the **ANGEL'S SPIRIT** find rest (*verse 8*). Why? Because **GOD'S JUDGMENT** upon the **NATIONS** will end, and the **LORD** will return.

Therefore, the **NORTH COUNTRY** includes "**BABYLON**," which was the basis for a world-ruling power, the godless collaboration of the **NATIONS** in rebellion against **GOD** (the **TOWER OF BABEL**).

NIMROD was the founder of **BABYLON** (**Genesis 10:8-10**) and the first despot on earth. However, all the ungodly powers and the power of the last

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despot on earth will ultimately be united under the term "**BABYLON**" (*Revelation 17-18*).

ISRAEL was always attacked from the **NORTH** by her enemies, even by the **ROMANS**. Therefore, *verse 8* can be seen as a summary which says that **JUDGMENT** over all enemy nations opposing **ISRAEL** and the **ANOINTED** (*Psalm 2*) have reached their ultimate fulfillment.

Subsequently, the **ANGEL'S SPIRIT** has been quieted because the **LORD'S** jealousy for **HIS PEOPLE** will have been quieted. Remember how the **LORD** said in *Zechariah 1:14-15* : "*I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease.*"

The **LORD** will appear in **HIS GLORY** now that **JUDGMENT** has been fulfilled and the **LORD'S SPIRIT** and **JEALOUSY** have been quieted. **ISRAEL** will be led to **REST** in the **KINGDOM** of her **MESSIAH JESUS**.

Hebrews 4:9— "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God"

The **NATIONS** will also enter into **HIS REST**:
Isaiah 11:10— "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious"

Practically all of **GOD'S** endtime **JUDGMENTS** on earth are mentioned in *Zechariah 5:1— 6:8*:

- the judgment upon the people of the end-times;
- the judgment upon end-time Babylon;
- the judgment upon the enemies from the north of Israel;
- the judgment upon the south; and
- the judgment upon the entire earth.

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But, whoever believes on **CHRIST** and gives his life to **HIM** will not come into **JUDGMENT!** The **LORD** said this in *John 5:24*:
"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation (or judgment); but is passed from death unto life."