

Zechariah 5

Zechariah 5.1-4

V1 – Beginning of the sixth vision

- Wouldn't it be great if someone could draw small picture of the eight visions?
- What did Zechariah see at the beginning of the sixth vision?** A flying scroll (a piece of parchment, maybe like a flying rug)

V2 – **What was the size of the scroll?** Twenty-five by fifteen feet

V3 – **Who is being cursed by the scroll?** All who steal and swear (falsely) in Jerusalem

- Why were these two sins particularly bad for Jerusalem?** They were trying to reestablish civilization, and these two sins were harming that effort

V4 – Swears falsely (perjury, etc.)

- Some think that ancient curses were placed on the house of the guilty
- Message: God will purge the guilty people from the land

Zechariah 5.5-11

V5 – Beginning of the seventh vision

- What did the angel tell Zechariah to do?** Look up at the extinct bison

V6 – Ephah was a unit of measure – it was a small barrel with a lead top

- “Their” = all evil people in any country

V7 – The woman repeated the wickedness

V8 – Apparently the woman tried to escape but was pushed back down into the barrel (and the lead top was put back on)

V9 – **What did Zechariah see next?** Two women coming from inside who had long wings like storks

- What did these two women do?** Carried the barrel away

V10 – **What did Zechariah ask?** Where are they taking the woman in the barrel?

V11 – **Where were the two women taking the woman in the barrel?** To the land of Shinar

- Shinar: another name for Babylon (*Genesis 11.2, Isaiah 11.11*)
- Message: Evilness and wickedness will be removed from land of Israel (and sent to be where it came from)

Lessons from Chapter 5

- Continued support from God for His people
- God could not tolerate evil in this new land
- Remember: There are many parallels between Israel here and the New Testament Christians

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