

Zechariah 6

Zechariah 6.1-8

V1 – Beginning of the eighth vision

- What was the first vision? Four horsemen patrolling the earth
- What did Zechariah see in the eighth vision? Two mountains made out of bronze

V 2-3 – What were the colors of the horses with each chariot? Red, black, white, dappled

V 4 –What did Zechariah say? He asked the angel for an explanation

- Notice the use of the word "lord," but not in the sense of God (since this was an angel)

V 5 – Answer of the angel? Four spirits of heaven

- Where had the spirits been? Standing before God

V 6 – Which chariots were going north? The ones pulled by the black and the white horses

- What country was to the north? Babylon
- So the chariots would punish of the Babylonians because of the seventy years of captivity (to execute God's judgment against Babylon)
- Where did the dappled horses go? South (to Egypt)
- No reference to where the red horses went
- Why no horses to the east? There was no enemy there threatening Jerusalem
- Why no horses to the west? Mediterranean Sea

V 7 – What was the purpose of the chariots? To patrol the earth

V 8 – What had the chariots going to the north done? Appeased the wrath of God (in other words, the vengeance of God had been carried out)

Zechariah 6.9-10

V 9 – God again spoke to Zechariah

V 10 – What was Zechariah to do? Make an offering to God

Zechariah 6.11-15

V 11 – What was Zechariah told to do? Take the offering of silver and gold, and make a crown out of it

- What was he to do with the crown? Place it on the head of Joshua (the high priest)
- According to the *Beacon Bible Commentary*, V, 372, this is a scribal error. The copyist wrote Joshua, but should have copied Zerubbabel
- Zerubbabel would be in accordance with *Zechariah 6.12b-13a* and *Zechariah 4.9*

V 12 – There would be a "Branch" coming

- What temple would the branch build? The church of the New Testament

V 13 – **What two offices would be filled by the “Branch”?** The priest and King
-Jesus Christ was priest and king
-Priest according to Melchizedek, king of the Jews and king over his kingdom

V 14 – **What was the purpose of the crown?** To be a reminder to the Jews in Zechariah’s day

V 15 – **“Those who are far off”?** A reference to the Gentiles
-**When did the Gentiles enter the kingdom?** *Acts 10* with Cornelius

Lessons from Chapter 6

- Gentiles would be brought into the temple (temple = the New Testament church)
- Jews of Zechariah's day could look forward to the coming of the Messiah (the branch)

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