

The “Never Wrong”

Prophet Zechariah

Part 7

Chapter 5 of Zechariah begins with the the sixth vision (verses 1-4), which is the “flying roll” (or scroll). This is to show that those who sin openly will not hinder God’s work, because God’s judgment is upon them and they will not escape.

The vision indicates that when the Messiah returns in the future, He is going to pour out His judgment on all the world and will remove every sinner from the land. It calls for God’s righteous judgment of the sinner according to His standard clearly set forth in His Word.

Zechariah 5:1 KJV

5 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

Zechariah 5:1 AMPC

5 Again I lifted up my eyes and behold, I saw a scroll flying or floating in the air!

"Then I turned, and lift up mine eyes, and looked": The prophet turned himself from looking upon the candlestick and olive branches, having had a full and clear understanding of them, and looked another way, and saw another vision.

"And behold a flying roll": A volume or book flying in the air: It being usual for books, which were written on parchment, to be rolled up in the form of a cylinder; whence they were called rolls or volumes.

In the previous vision, we saw God and His church with a somber message to those who are still actively sinning. This is a vision seen in the heavens, this flying roll was like a scroll and what is written upon it is from God.

Zechariah 5:2 KJV

*2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is **twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.***

Zechariah 5:2 AMPC

*2 And the angel said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying scroll; its length is **twenty cubits or thirty feet and its breadth is ten cubits or fifteen feet.***

This flying scroll, unfurled (spread out from a rolled or folded state) for all to read both sides, exactly the size of the Holy Place in the tabernacle. The scroll represents a divine standard by which man is to be measured. **This scroll was 30 feet long and 15 feet wide. This is the very same dimension of the porch of Solomon's temple.**

1 Kings 6:1-3 KJV

1 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the Lord, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

*3 And the porch before the temple of the house, **twenty cubits was the length thereof,** according to the breadth of the house; **and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.***

***Note:** Solomon's Porch was the name of two porches associated with the temple in Jerusalem. The original temple, constructed by King Solomon, is described in 1 Kings: "As for the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was sixty cubits [90 feet] and its width twenty cubits [30 feet] and its height thirty cubits [45 feet]. The porch in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits [30 feet] in length, corresponding to the width of the house, and its depth along the front of the house was ten cubits [15 feet]" (1 Kings 6:2–3, NASB).*

***The reconstructed temple was later modified by King Herod, and it included an area also known as Solomon's Porch (Acts 5:12, KJV), Solomon's Portico (ESV), or Solomon's Colonnade (NIV).** This structure was on the east side of the temple and was covered with a roof, thus providing more protection from the weather than the temple courtyards. Passing west through Solomon's Porch (toward the temple) would place one in the Court of the Gentiles.*

The Jewish historian Josephus says this about the construction of Solomon's Porch, which he calls "cloisters" ("covered walks"): "[Solomon] encompassed this [temple] also with a building of a double row of cloisters, which stood on high upon pillars of native stone, while the roofs were of cedar, and were polished in a manner proper for such high roofs"

One winter, at the Festival of Dedication (or Hanukkah), Jesus was in Jerusalem, and John describes Him as "in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade" (John 10:23). The KJV says, "Solomon's porch." In Acts 5:12, Solomon's Porch was the gathering place for believers in Jerusalem before the Diaspora. Earlier, in Acts 3:11, Peter and John had healed a lame man at Solomon's Porch and preached to a large crowd that had gathered there.

Solomon's Porch, along with the rest of Herod's temple, was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.

The scrolls that Zechariah can see in verse 2 contain judgment's...

Revelation 18:5 KJV

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Revelation 18:5 AMPC

5 For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness and [her] crimes [and calls them up for settlement].

Zechariah 5:3 KJV

3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

Zechariah 5:3 AMPC

3 Then he said to me, This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land; for everyone who steals shall be cut off from henceforth according to it [the curse written on this subject on the scroll], and everyone who swears falsely shall be cut off from henceforth according to it.

“Curse”: The scroll, symbolizing the law of God, is a figure for a curse or punishment on all who disobeyed it (habitually) and for blessing on all who obeyed it (habitually) (Deut. 27:26; 28:15-68).

Deuteronomy 27:26 KJV

26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 27:26 AMPC

26 Cursed is he who does not support and give assent to the words of this law to do them [as the rule of his life]. All the people shall say, Amen.

A similar picture is presented (in Rev. 5:1-9; 10:1-11).

Revelation 5:1-9 AMPC

1 And I saw lying on the [a]open hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll (book) written within and on the back, closed and sealed with seven seals;

2 And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals?

3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents.

4 And I wept audibly and bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it.

5 Then one of the elders [[b]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!

6 And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders [[c]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God [[d]the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.

7 He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.

8 And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [[e]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints).

9 And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

“Every one that stealeth ... every one that sweareth”: Written on both sides, the scroll probably contained the Ten Commandments, not just two. The two singled out, the third and eighth, are most likely representative of all commands of God’s law, that Israel was guilty of violating (James 2:10).

James 2:10 KJV

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

James 2:10 AMPC

10 For whosoever keeps the Law [as a] whole but stumbles and offends in one [single instance] has become guilty of [breaking] all of it.

James 2:10 KJV

10 For whosoever shall keep the **whole law**, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

The Principle of the Whole Law:

James argues that the Law of Moses, with its numerous commandments, is a single covenant. Breaching any one commandment violates the entire covenant because they all stem from the same source, God's character and will.

Not About Equal Severity of Sins:

While James 2:10 doesn't deny that some sins are more grievous than others, it highlights the principle that even a seemingly minor transgression disqualifies a person from being righteous before God based on works alone.

Implications for Justification:

This verse underscores the need for grace and forgiveness, as human beings are incapable of perfectly fulfilling the law. It's not about earning salvation through obedience to the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, who perfectly fulfilled the law on our behalf.

Chapter 5 and Verse 3 has an immediate message to those of Zechariah's time that God will root out and destroy the sinners who reject His Word. But, it also has a future message for Israel and the world prior to Messiah's kingdom (Ezek. 20:33-38; Matt. 25:31-46).

Matthew 25:31-34 AMPC

31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory (His majesty and splendor), and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

32 All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [the people] from one another as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats;

33 And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.

34 Then the King will say to those at His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father [you [a]favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation], inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

This is very much like the handwriting on the wall (of Daniel chapter 5). This speaks of the sins being written down in heaven. The curse for stealing was written on one side of the scroll. The curse for swearing was written on the other side.

Daniel 5 AMPC

1 Belshazzar the king [descendant of Nebuchadnezzar] made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and he drank his wine in the presence of the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, while he was tasting the wine, commanded that the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple [out of the sacred area—the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies] which was in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought in the gold and silver vessels which had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

4 They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 Immediately and suddenly there appeared the fingers of a man's hand and wrote on the plaster of the wall opposite the candlestick [so exposed especially to the light] in the king's palace, and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the color and the [drunken] hilarious brightness of the king's face was changed, and his [terrifying] thoughts troubled and alarmed him; the joints and muscles of his hips and back gave way and his knees smote together. 7 The king cried aloud [mightily] to bring in the enchanters or soothsayers, the Chaldeans [diviners], and the astrologers. The king said to the wise men of Babylon, Whoever will read this writing and show me the interpretation of it will be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold put about his neck and will be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 And all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation of it.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly perplexed and alarmed and the color faded from his face, and his lords were puzzled and astounded.

10 Now the queen [mother], overhearing the exciting words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house. The queen [mother] said, O king, live forever! Do not be alarmed at your thoughts or let your cheerful expression and the color of your face be changed.

11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the holy God [or gods], and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—the king, I say, your father—appointed him master of the magicians, enchanters or soothsayers, Chaldeans, and astrologers,

12 Because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, clarify riddles, and solve knotty problems were found in this same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. And the king said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?

14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of the holy God [or gods] is in you and that light and understanding and superior wisdom are found in you.

15 Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me that they might read this writing and make known to me the interpretation of it, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter.

16 But I have heard of you, that you can make interpretations and solve knotty problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold put around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered before the king, Let your gifts be for yourself and give your rewards to another. However, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and greatness and glory and majesty;

19 And because of the greatness that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; whom he would he set up, and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his heart was lifted up and his mind and spirit were hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne and his glory was taken from him;

21 He was driven from among men, and his heart or mind was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses. He was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens until he learned and knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men and that He appoints and sets over it whomever He will.

22 And you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart and mind, though you knew all this [knew it and were defiant].

23 And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven, and the vessels of His house have been brought before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in Whose hand your breath is and Whose are all your ways you have not honored and glorified [but have dishonored and disgraced].

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from the presence of [the Most High God], and this writing was inscribed.

25 And this is the [a]inscription that was written, mene, mene, tekel, upharsin—numbered, numbered, weighed, divisions.

26 This is the interpretation of the matter: mene, God has numbered the days of your kingship and brought them to an end;

27 tekel, You are weighed in the balances and are found wanting;

28 [b]peres, Your kingdom and your kingship are divided and given to the Medes and Persians. [Foretold in Isa. 21:2, 5, 9.]

29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and Daniel was clothed with purple and a chain of gold put about his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 During that night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain,

31 **And Darius the Mede took the kingdom;** he was about sixty-two years old.

Back to verse 3....

Zechariah 5:3 KJV

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Swearing a lie was a very serious offense in the sight of God. In a court of law today, it is called perjury, and can carry a sentence of imprisonment. Stealing was and is, another very serious offense. This judgment was not just against those returned from captivity, but everyone everywhere who commits these sins today.

Matthew 26:69-75 KJV

69 Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 **But he denied before them all, saying,** I know not what thou sayest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 **And again he denied with an oath,** I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 **Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man.** And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:69-75 AMPC

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and [a]one maid came up to him and said, You were also with Jesus the Galilean!

70 **But he denied it [b]falsely before them all,** saying, I do not know what you mean.

71 And when he had gone out to the porch, another maid saw him, and she said to the bystanders, This fellow was with Jesus the Nazarene!

72 **And again he denied it and [c]disowned Him with an oath,** saying, I do not know the Man!

73 After a little while, the bystanders came up and said to Peter, You certainly are one of them too, for even your accent betrays you.

74 **Then Peter began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, I do not even know the Man!** And at that moment a rooster crowed.

75 And Peter remembered Jesus' words, when He had said, Before a [d]single rooster crows, you will deny and disown Me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Let's read what the Never Wrong Prophet Isaiah and Ezkeile wrote along with the Word of Jesus as He preached quoting the Never Wrong Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 29:13 AMPC

13 And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips but remove their hearts and minds far from Me, and their fear and reverence for Me are a commandment of men that is learned by repetition [without any thought as to the meaning],

Mark 7:6 AMPC

6 But He said to them, Excellently and truly [[a]so that there will be no room for blame] did Isaiah prophesy of you, the pretenders and hypocrites, as it stands written: These people [constantly] honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off and are far distant from Me.

Ezekiel 33:31 AMPC

31 And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as My people, and they hear the words you say, but they will not do them; for with their mouths they show much love, but their hearts go after and are set on their [idolatrous greed for] gain.

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