

The “Never Wrong”

Prophet Zechariah

Part 9

Zechariah chapter 6

Verses 6:1-8

The eighth and final vision completes the cycle and connects with the first vision. It pictures 4 chariots with the horses introduced in the first vision (1:8), symbolizing God’s angelic agents (verse 5), swiftly carrying out His judgment on the nations just prior to the establishment of the messianic kingdom.

The eighth vision, the vision of the “four chariots,” shows that God’s judgment has finally and fully rested on Babylon. Even though there might be a flare-up, which was realized in the fifth year of Darius’s reign (just three years later). They need not let that deter them from building the temple, which was not completed until the sixth year of Darius’s reign.

God has all things under complete control. The chariots reveal to future Israel when the Messiah will reign universally over all the world, all enemies are judged and none can rise up against the authority of the King.

Zechariah 6:1 KJV

6 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

Zechariah 6:1 AMPC

6 And again I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of firm, immovable bronze.

“Two mountains ... brass”: Representing the reality of God’s judgment on the nations who attack Israel. The two mountains are probably Mt. Zion and the Mt. of Olives, where the Lord will return and judge (Joel 3:2, 12, 14; Zech. 14:4).

This valley, called Jehoshaphat (“Jehovah judges”), could refer to the Kidron Valley between these two mountains. Jews, Christians, and even Muslims have long taught that the last judgment will be there.

The bronze has a symbolic relationship to judgment as in the case of the bronze serpent (Num. 21:9), and/or the bronze altar (Exodus 27:2), where sin was dealt with by God.

"Brass" symbolizes judgment and the number "4" symbolizes universal. This speaks of universal judgment of the sinners and the chariots speak of war. We saw in the last chapter, how the sins were carried out of Zion (church), and were carried into Babylon (sinful world). This is God's judgment on the sinful world, they cannot hide from God.

The judgment scene is further dramatized by these chariots and horses. In chapter 1 of Zechariah he first spoke of horses and now the addition of “black” horses which represents famine and death.

A similar picture is found (in Rev. 6:1-8), where the horsemen of the apocalypse appear in judgment imagery, riding forth in vengeance on the nations.

Revelation 6:1-8 AMPC

1 Then I saw as the Lamb broke open one of the seven seals, and as if in a voice of thunder I heard one of the four living creatures call out, Come!

2 And I looked, and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer.

3 And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, Come!

4 And another horse came out, flaming red. And its rider was empowered to take the peace from the earth, so that men slaughtered one another; and he was given a huge sword.

5 When He broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, Come and look! And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance).

6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine!

7 When the Lamb broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, Come!

8 So I looked, and behold, an ashy pale horse [[a]black and blue as if made so by bruising], and its rider's name was Death, and Hades (the realm of the dead) followed him closely. And they were given authority and power over a fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and with wild beasts of the earth.

Zechariah 6:2 KJV

2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

Zechariah 6:2 AMPC

2 The first chariot had red or bay horses, the second chariot had black horses,

In the first vision (Zechariah 1), there were horses only, with their riders, to go to and fro to enquire. Here they are war-chariots with their horses, to execute God's judgments, each in their turn. This vision may represent the ways of Providence in the government of this lower world. Whatever the providences of God about us are, as to public or private affairs, we should see them all as coming from between the mountains of brass.

The immoveable counsels and decrees of God. His providences, decisions or will move swiftly and strongly as chariots... all are directed and governed by His infinite wisdom and sovereign will.

The red horses signify war and bloodshed. The black, signify the dismal consequences of war, famines, pestilences, and desolations. (See Revelation 6)

The judgments are taking place on the earth!

Zechariah 6:3 KJV

3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

Zechariah 6:3 AMPC

3 The third chariot had white horses, and the fourth chariot had dappled, active, and strong horses.

The white horses signify the return of comfort, peace, and prosperity by making everyone conform to the New World order following the chaos by the rapture of the church.

The mixed color (green or grizzled or grisled), signify events of different complexions, a day of prosperity and a day of adversity. In order for some to prosper other's have to die as a result of not following the New World order, lack of food, islam ruling governments etc.

The angels go forth as messengers of God's justice and mercy. All the events which take place in the world spring from the unchangeable counsels of the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:12 AMPC

12 Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

Matthew 24:5-12 AMPC

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [[a]appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;

8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the [b]birth pangs [of the [c]intolerable anguish].

9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 And then many will be offended and repelled and will [d]begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.

11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.

12 And the love of [e]the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity,

Zechariah 6:4 KJV

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

Zechariah 6:4 AMPC

4 Then I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord?

"Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me": After he had seen the chariots come out, and had observed the different colors of the horses in them.

"What are these, my lord?" That is, what do they signify? What is the meaning of this vision? This is Zechariah asking the angel to explain this to him.

Zechariah 6:5 KJV

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

Zechariah 6:5 AMPC

5 And the angel answered me, These are the four winds or spirits of the heavens, which go forth from presenting themselves before the Lord of all the earth.

"Four spirits of the heavens": This imagery represents divine angelic agents sent out to execute judgment on behalf of the "Lord of all the earth," a millennial title designating the universal rule of the Messiah in the Kingdom age (Zech. 4:14; Micah 4:13). The four spirits here, many Bible scholars believe mean the 4 angels, they do whatever God commands them to do...these spirits are ministering spirits.

Hebrews 1:7 KJV

7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

They stand before God, waiting to do His wishes upon the earth.

Zechariah 6:6 KJV

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

Zechariah 6:6 AMPC

6 The chariot with the black horses is going forth into the north country, and the white ones are going forth after them [because there are two northern powers to overcome], and the dappled ones are going forth toward the south country.

Israel is the center of the compass... these judgements are being sent to to their enemies just as the Bible said the attack would come from: the North and the South.

Zechariah 6:7 KJV

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

Zechariah 6:7 AMPC

7 And [the chariots with] the strong [horses] went forth and sought to go that they might patrol the earth. And [the Lord] said to them, Go, walk to and fro through the earth and patrol it. So they walked about through the earth [watching and protecting it].

"And the bay went forth, and sought to go": As did the Roman Empire who sought to go out of their own places into other countries.

"That they might walk to and fro through the earth": Without restriction and overrunning inside the Roman Empire, and set up ten kingdoms in it. (The horns from Revelation)

"And he said": That is, the Lord of the whole earth, before whom they stood.

"Get ye hence, walk to and fro through the earth": Being filled with indignation or anger at them, and yet suffered them or allowed them, gave them power to go and subdue lands.

"So they walked to and fro through the earth": Through Israel, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Russia - just as the Roman Empire did. Either the land of Judea, as the Romans did, and made it a Roman province.

This represents Rome Papacy, the influence it will and has had which is part of Mystery Babylon, set up and supported by the above areas. This is al part of the 7th and 8th Beast or Empire of Rome, which has reigned over the kings of the earth. To whom the ten kings give their kingdom and power when a Pope unites with an Islamic leader or antichrist.

Zechariah 6:8 KJV

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

Zechariah 6:8 AMPC

8 Then He summoned me and said to me, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted My Spirit [of wrath] and have caused it to rest in the north country.

"Quieted my spirit": As a result of God's judgment of His enemies, His wrath can rest. God has been avenged by this action; particularly in regard to the power from the north being judged finally. This refers to the final Babylon or Mystery Babylon, the last Empire before the Stone Kingdom. (Rev. 17 and 18).

Until this judgment is done and God's wrath rests, the kingdom can't be established (see Rev. chapters 19 and 20), with the Messiah on His throne.

Verses 9-15

Joshua served as an illustration of the Messiah in this passage in that Zechariah's crowning of Joshua, the high priest, was a miniature, advance illustration of the future coronation of Messiah, the Branch. Who will unite the two offices of priest and king (verse 13). This appendix or extension supplements visions (4 and 5; 3:1-10; 4:1-14), and culminates the series of eight visions with the climax of history, the coronation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 6:9 KJV

9 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

Zechariah 6:9 AMPC

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The visions being closed, Zechariah marks the change by adopting the usual formula, with which the prophets authenticated, that they spake not of themselves, but by the Spirit of God.

This is a symbolic act, pointing and summing up and interpreting the visions, as some of the visions had been already expanded by fresh revelations following immediately upon them.

This is a break in the vision...a new subject begins. ***“The Word of the LORD comes to me (Zechariah)”***.

Zechariah 6:10 KJV

10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

Zechariah 6:10 AMPC

10 Accept donations and offerings from these [as representatives of the] exiles, from Heldai, from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon; and come the same day and go to the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

“Take of them of the captivity”: Jewish exiles who remained in Babylon, but who had come bearing gifts for the building of the temple are identified. Zechariah was told to meet them that same day and receive their gifts. Some of them that were returned from the captivity of Babylon, and who are mentioned by name. ***“Even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon”:***

Either with Zerubbabel and Joshua, when they came from there; or who were now just come from those that remained there.

“And come thou the same day”: This very day in which they were come from there. ***“And go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah”:*** Where the above persons were; or where they were to go along with him.

This Josiah might be either a goldsmith, and therefore the prophet is sent to him to make the crowns later mentioned or he might be a treasurer belonging to the temple, who had gold and silver in his hands, which had been put there for the use of it.

Take of those who had been or ***“come from Babylon (sinful world)”:*** This is calling them out of this sinful place. ***“Heldai”*** means worldly. ***“Tobijah”*** means “the Lord is good. ***“Jedaiah”*** means Jehovah knows. ***“Josiah”*** means Jesus saves. They had been left in Babylon and now they are called out of Babylon.

Zechariah 6:11 KJV

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

Zechariah 6:11 AMPC

11 Yes, take from them silver and gold, and make crowns and set [one] upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

“Make crowns”: Zechariah was to make not a high priest’s crown or turban, but an ornate crown, one constructed of many circlets. A majestic crown (like the one on the returning Messiah in Rev. 19:12).

This crown was to be set on the head of the high priest, Joshua. In the Old Testament, the kingly and priestly offices were kept rigidly distinct. The office of king belonged only to the house of David, while the office of priest was only for the house of Levi.

Uzziah’s mingling of the two brought about his death (2 Chronicles 26:16-23). But here, this act is ordered by God to depict the coming King/Priest Messiah.

The name Joshua is the same word as Jesus. Jesus is the High Priest that all the others are a type and shadow of. He will wear a crown of Gold, when He reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 19:12 KJV

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Revelation 19:12 AMPC

12 His eyes [blaze] like a flame of fire, and on His head are many kingly crowns (diadems); and He has a title (name) inscribed which He alone knows or can understand.

Verses 12-15

In this brief section, 8 facts are given about Messiah, the Branch:

- 1.He will come from Israel (verse 12);
- 2.He will build the millennial temple (verses 12b, 13a);
- 3.He will be glorious (verse 13);
- 4.He will be king and priest (verse 13);
- 5.He makes peace (verse 13);
- 6.He opens the kingdom to Gentiles (verse 15a);
- 7.He will corroborate God's Words (verse 15b); and
- 8.He demands obedience (verse 15c).

After Israel believes, the Messiah will come to set up His kingdom (12:10 – 13:1; 14:9-21). Faith and cleansing must come first. “He shall build the temple of the LORD”: The building of the restoration temple was promised to Zerubbabel (4:9-10). The building of this temple, promised to Messiah, points to the construction of the millennial temple (Isa. 2:2-4; Ezek. Chapters 40 – 43; Hag. 2:6-9).

Zechariah 6:12 KJV

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord:

Zechariah 6:12 AMPC

12 And say to him, Thus says the Lord of hosts: [You, Joshua] behold (look at, keep in sight, watch) the Man [the Messiah] whose name is the Branch, for He shall grow up in His place and He shall build the [true] temple of the Lord.

“Name is The Branch”: Though the crown was placed on the head of Joshua, the high priest (verse 11), the act was a symbol of that future crowning of Messiah, the Branch (3:8). In Messiah, the offices of king and priest will be united.

This BRANCH is the One we know as Jesus.

Mark 14:58 AMPC

58 We heard Him say, I will destroy this temple (sanctuary) which is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, made without hands.

John 2:21 AMPC

21 But He had spoken of the temple which was His body.

1 Corinthians 3:9 AMPC

9 For we are fellow workmen (joint promoters, laborers together) with and for God; you are God's [a]garden and vineyard and field under cultivation, [you are] God's building.

Ephesians 2:20-22 AMPC

20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.

21 In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord].

22 In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Zechariah 6:13 KJV

13 Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Zechariah 6:13 AMPC

13 Yes, [you are building a temple of the Lord, but] it is He Who shall build the [true] temple of the Lord, and He shall bear the honor and glory [as of the only begotten of the Father] and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a [a]Priest upon His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between the two [offices—Priest and King].

"Even he shall build the temple of the LORD": Which is repeated, for confirmation sake. ***"And he shall bear the glory":*** That is, of building the temple. This phrase denotes that the glory of it shall be upon him, shall be hung upon him (as in Isaiah 22:24).

This will be visible, it will be weighty and heavy, he having many crowns on his head, put there by all the saints, who every one of them ascribe glory to him. This will not pass away like the glory of this world and He alone will bear it; not Joshua, nor Zerubbabel, nor the ministers of the word, nor members of churches, nor any other, but himself. He, and He alone, shall be exalted.

"And shall sit and rule upon his throne": In heaven, having done his work on earth, where he is at ease and rest, and exercises power and authority. He rules over the whole world and the kings of it in general and in particular over his saints, by his Spirit, word, and ordines, feeding, protecting, and defending them.

"And he shall be a priest upon his throne": He is both Priest and King, and exercises both offices at one and the same time, and even now in heaven. Having offered himself as a sacrifice on earth, by which he has put away sin forever, and perfected his people. He is set down upon his throne, as a King crowned with glory and honor and forever lives as a Priest on the throne, to make intercession for them; by appearing in the presence of God for them. By presenting his blood, sacrifice, and righteousness, to his divine Father.

"And the counsel of peace shall be between them both": Not between Joshua and Zerubbabel, who should agree together, as they did, in the administration of government belonging to their distinct offices. Rather between the priestly and kingly offices of Christ.

Not by the council of peace between the Father and the Son, concerning the salvation of the elect; for that was past in eternity. But better the Gospel of peace, called the whole counsel of God. Which, in consequence of Christ being a Priest on his throne, was preached to both Jews and Gentiles.

Which brought the glad tidings of peace and salvation by Christ to both, and was the means of making peace between them both. The temple of the LORD is made up of all the believers in Christ. He is the High Priest forever. All believers are priests, subordinate to Him... Jesus Christ will be both High Priest and King... He brings peace to all the earth. ..He is the King of Peace.

Colossians 1:18-20 KJV

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Colossians 1:18-20 AMPC

18 He also is the Head of [His] body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place [stand first and be preeminent].

19 For it has pleased [the Father] that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him [a]permanently.

20 And God purposed that through ([b]by the service, the intervention of) Him [the Son] all things should be completely reconciled [c]back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, [the Father] made peace by means of the blood of His cross.

Zechariah 6:14 KJV

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the Lord.

Zechariah 6:14 AMPC

14 And the [other] crown shall be [credited] to Helem (Heldai), to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to the kindness and favor of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, and shall be in the temple of the Lord for a reminder and memorial.

The crown was not to be kept by Joshua, but was to serve as both a memorial to the devotion of the men who came from Babylon and, more importantly, as a reminder of the coming of Messiah and the ultimate hope of Israel.

“Helem ... Hen”: Helem is apparently another name of Heldai, and Hen another name for Josiah the son of Zephaniah (see verse 10). This is speaking of those faithful, who remain unto the end. They shall receive a crown of glory.

Zechariah 6:15 KJV

15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Zechariah 6:15 AMPC

15 And those who are far off shall come and help build the temple of the Lord, and you shall know (recognize and understand) that the Lord sent me [Zechariah] to you. And [your part in this] shall come to pass if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Those that come from afar off are speaking of the Gentiles who come to Christ. They, along with the Jews that believe in Christ, make up the temple of God. His church is the temple of God.

Jesus is the chief Corner Stone and we are the lively stones.

1 Peter 2:5 AMPC

5 [Come] and, like living stones, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

John 17:21 AMPC

21 That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.

The following verses speak of both Jew and Gentile being one in Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-22 AMPC

13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were [so] far away, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been brought near.

14 For He is [Himself] our peace (our bond of unity and harmony). He has made us both [Jew and Gentile] one [body], and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us,

15 By abolishing in His [own crucified] flesh the enmity [caused by] the Law with its decrees and ordinances [which He annulled]; that He from the two might create in Himself one new man [one new quality of humanity out of the two], so making peace.

16 And [He designed] to reconcile to God both [Jew and Gentile, united] in a single body by means of His cross, thereby killing the mutual enmity and bringing the feud to an end.

17 And He came and preached the glad tidings of peace to you who were afar off and [peace] to those who were near.

18 For it is through Him that we both [whether far off or near] now have an introduction (access) by one [Holy] Spirit to the Father [so that we are able to approach Him].

19 Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.

20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.

21 In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord].

22 In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.



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