

"The 8 Night Visions"

Part 10

Zechariah 1:7-6:15

Introduction: So far, we have looked at 7 of the night visions given to Zechariah.

1. Riders & horses (Zech 1:7-17)
2. Four horns & four carpenters (Zech 1:18-21)
3. Man with the measuring line (Zech 2)
4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (Zech 3)
5. Lampstand & olive tree (Zech 4)
6. Flying scroll (Zech 5:1-4)
7. Woman in the ephah (Zech 5:5-11)

Today we have come to the last of the 8-night visions.

I. The Vision

This vision has a wealth of information to unpack.

Notice Zechariah 6:1

This vision would prove to be very encouraging for the Jews. This vision is all about God's judgment on the Gentile nations that have persecuted the Jews.

This vision contains 4 chariots which symbolize great power and authority, and 2 brass mountains and brass is symbolic of judgment.

➤ **Chariots**

Isaiah 66:14-15

¹⁴ *And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.*

¹⁵ *For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.*

➤ **Brass**

Numbers 21:8-9

⁸ *And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.*

⁹ *And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.*

Notice Zechariah 6:1 again.

The chariots are literal, and they will go to literal geographical locations therefore so are the mountains literal. This is probably a reference to Mount Zion and the Mount of Olives. In between the 2 is the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

Listen to the words of Charles L. Feinberg;

"Since the chariots go forth to actual geographical designations, as we shall see later, just so the mountains from whence they proceed are to be taken as representing a specific geographical locality. The mountains, in all probability, are Mount Zion and the Mount of Olives...Between these two mountains in Israel lies the Valley of Jehoshaphat, which is related in Scripture to the judgment of the nations."

Notice Zechariah 6:2-3

Here we see that each chariot is being pulled with a specific-colored horse.

- **Red**
- **Black**
- **White**
- **Grisled and bay**

Each of these colors are very important for they tell us of the judgment of God on the nations.

Revelation 6:2-8

² *And I saw, and behold a **white horse**: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

³ *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*

⁴ *And there went out another **horse that was red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

⁵ And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

⁷ And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

⁸ And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Here we can see what the different colors mean.

- **White - victory**
- **Red - war and blood shed**
- **Black - famine and starvation**
- **Grisled/pale - Sickness and disease**

This is what the nations will face, and this will be completely fulfilled in the future during the Tribulation.

II. The Interpretation

Notice Zechariah 6:4-5

These are 4 spirits that are going to go into all the earth. This will be GLOBAL judgment. How do we know this? Because the number 4 in the Bible speaks of GLOBAL.

Revelation 7:1

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

The number 4 speaks of North, South, East, and West.

Daniel 4:

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

² Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

³ *And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.*

Jeremiah 49:36

³⁶ *And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.*

Notice Zechariah 6:6

It is very interesting to note that these horses go to the North and to the South but never the East and the West. Why is this? First of all they are going out of Jerusalem which in God's eyes is the center of the world.

Ezekiel 5:5

⁵ *Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.*

Listen to the words of Charles L. Feinberg

"An interesting phrase is employed to define the place where God's people will be dwelling. It is called the middle (literally, the navel) of the earth as explained in Ezekiel 5:5. The land of Israel is in the center of the earth as far as God's purposes for the world are concerned (cf. Deut. 32:8). Rabbinic literature states: 'As the navel is set in the center of the human body, so the land of Israel is the navel of the world...Situated in the center of the world, in Jerusalem in the center of the land of Israel, and the sanctuary in the center of Jerusalem, and the holy place in the center of the sanctuary, and the ark in the center of the holy place, and the foundation stone before the holy place, because from it the world was founded.'"

So, God will send this judgment out from Jerusalem and because of Jerusalem. It will go North and South. Why not East and West? Because the North and the South are the directions which Israel's enemies attacked. To the West is the Mediterranean Sea and to the East is Arabian Desert. The North is where Babylon came in.

Jeremiah 6:22-23

²² *Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.*

²³ *They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.*

To the South would be Egypt. God's judgment would not just be against Babylon and Egypt but against all nations who would come against Israel. Let us remember that this is a GLOBAL judgment.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Notice Zechariah 6:7

Let us notice that this BAY horse and rider SOUGHT to go out.

Application:

I need to make an application here for us. How can we know the will of God for our lives? Herein lies the answer. When God calls us to do something He puts within us a desire to do it.

Nehemiah 2:

¹¹ So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

¹² And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

But there is more. Not only does God place a desire with us but He also places a burden for the work to be done.

Nehemiah 1:2-4

² That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

³ *And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.*

⁴ *And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven.*

Notice Zechariah 6:8

Now I want you to notice that the North country is mentioned again. This is very important. God would certainly judge the Babylonians with the Persians but there is yet another judgment to come. That will be in the Tribulation when God judges Babylon again as we looked at the last time in the previous vision. Wickedness will reside in Babylon during the Tribulation. It will reside in Religious Babylon and in Commercial Babylon.

Revelation 17:16-17

¹⁶ *And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.*

¹⁷ *For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

Revelation 18:1-4, 8

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

² *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

³ *For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

⁴ *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*

⁸ *Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.*

Conclusion/Application:

So what does all of this mean for the Jews? They were struggling against the opposition and God was letting them know that He was in complete control and He would avenge their enemies.

What does it mean for us?

God is in complete control of all that happens in our lives. He permits people to go so far to accomplish His purpose and there will come a day when He will avenge our enemies.

Romans 8:28-32

²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

²⁹ *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

³⁰ *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

³¹ *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

³² *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

Romans 12:17-21

¹⁷ *Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*

¹⁸ *If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

¹⁹ *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

²⁰ *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*

²¹ *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

God is working His plan and we are to just serve Him and magnify Jesus in the midst of it all.