

"The Conclusion of the 8 Night Visions"

Part 10

Zechariah 6:9-15

Introduction: In our study today we have 7 verses that will close out Zechariah 6 and these verses are the entire conclusion of the 8-night visions that were given to Zechariah. The event listed here is a picture of a future event that is what each of the night visions looks forward to. The verses before us tell of the crowning of Joshua which is a picture of the crowning of Jesus Christ as King of His Millennial Kingdom.

On Sunday nights we have been studying the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ and we have been looking at how all of history points to the coming kingdom. When God created the world, he established a theocratic kingdom which is a kingdom where God rules through a human agent.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Adam was the Theocratic Administrator for God. Then you come to Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Satan came as a serpent because he desired to overthrow the hierarchy that God had established, and he did. When Adam and Eve sinned the Theocratic Administrator disappeared from the earth.

From that time forward God has been working to restore the Theocratic Kingdom to the earth. It was offered to Israel when Jesus came but they rejected Him and now the Kingdom is postponed. It will not be established until the Jews walk in obedience to God

Law and they accept Jesus Christ as their Messiah and King. This will all happen at the end of the Tribulation. What we are going to see in these verses in Zechariah are going to give us a picture of this.

Listen to the words of Charles L. Feinberg

"Here we have the end and consummation of all the prophetic Scriptures: the crowning of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is only after the dark night of world judgment and punishment is passed, that the glorious light of Christ's coronation day will follow. This is one of the sublimest passages in the Scriptures on the Person and work of the Messiah."

➤ **The Offering**

Notice Zechariah 6:9-11a

Here we see that these men who had returned from the captivity were to give their finances. What for? They were to give to support the building of the temple. Ezra speaks of an offering to support the temple project.

Ezra 1:2-4

² *Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.*

³ *Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.*

⁴ *And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.*

Everyone was to contribute to the temple project but here we see that there are 3 men who are singled out. This raises a question, "WHY ARE THESE 3 SINGLED OUT? We are not told the reason, but I want to give you a few things to consider. Probably these 3 men were faithful in their giving and God was fully aware of that.

Matthew 25:21-23

²¹ *His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

²² He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

²³ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

When we are faithful in what God has entrusted to us, we can expect to see more doors open. God will reward faithfulness when we stand before Him, and He does reward faithfulness today by entrusting us with more opportunities.

John 6:11-13

¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

¹² When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

¹³ Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

➤ The Coronation

Notice Zechariah 6:11

The silver and gold that was given was to be used to make crowns for Joshua the high priest. Now if you know the Old Testament then you know that there seems to be a problem here. A priest could never be a king and a king could never be a priest. Anytime these two offices were mixed the person involved was in great trouble. Why? If the two offices were mixed the political power would eventually begin to control the worship and that was to be governed by God.

You can read of two men in the Bible that mixed the offices and experienced severe consequences. Saul in 1 Samuel 13 and Uzziah in 2 Chronicles 26. Saul lost the kingdom and Uzziah was struck with leprosy.

So when we read verse 11, we know that there is something here that is different. Joshua was to be crowned because he was a picture of Jesus Christ, and we know that right now He is functioning as our Great High Priest and when He returns, He will be crowned King.

Hebrews 4:14-15

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Revelation 19:11-13

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

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.

¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Jesus can be both King and Priest because He is perfectly righteous.

➤ The Branch

Notice Zechariah 6:12

Here we see that Joshua is a picture of Jesus Christ for the Branch is a reference to Jesus.

Isaiah 11:1

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Jeremiah 23:5-6

⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Why is Jesus called the Branch? There are several reasons, but one is because He is raised up when it appears as though there is no hope or life. At the end of the Tribulation He will come upon the earth when it looks like Israel has been all but exterminated and He will bring forth life. There have been times when it looked like there was no hope for Israel but because there is a Branch that means there is life.

Notice Zechariah 6:12 again.

The phrase "he shall grow up out of his place" speaks of His humble beginning. The first time He came He was crowned with a crown of thorns. But when He returns, He will wear many crowns. This verse also tells us that He will build the temple. What temple is this? This is the temple that will exist in the Millennial Kingdom. This will be the 4th temple.

1. **Solomon's temple (Kings and Chronicles)**
2. **Zerubbabel's post captivity temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)**
3. **Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)**
4. **Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)**

Jesus will have this 4th temple built after His 2nd coming at the end of the Tribulation. This 4th temple is not in the eternal state. This 4th temple will be destroyed with the earth at the end of the Millennial Kingdom.

Revelation 21:22-23

²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

➤ **The King Priest**

Notice Zechariah 6:13

There is something wonderful that I want you to see here. When the 2 offices are brought together, that is King, and Priest there will be a counsel of peace between the two offices. This peace has 3 aspects.

1. **Peace with God.**

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. **Peace of God.**

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷ *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

3. Universal Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *Of the increase of his government **and peace there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

➤ The Memorial

Notice Zechariah 6:14

The crowns were a memorial for those who gave of their finances. Many were not willing to give but these people were. This was a reminder of how God uses the sacrifices of ordinary people to bring about His will. The names of the men are forever recorded in heaven.

Haggai 1:2-6

² *Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.*

³ *Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,*

⁴ *Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?*

⁵ *Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*

⁶ *Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.*

God cares about memorials.

- **Genesis 9** the Rainbow is a reminder.
- **Joshua 4** the memorials at the Jordan River.
- **1 Corinthians 11** the remembrance of the suffering of our Lord.

- Ezekiel 43 the sacrifices in the Millennial Temple.
- The Testimony

Notice Zechariah 6:15

This verse looks to the Kingdom when the Gentiles will come from far away to contribute to the temple building.

Isaiah 60:3-4, 9-10

³ *And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

⁴ *Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.*

⁹ *Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.*

¹⁰ *And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.*

Conclusion: This prophecy was to stir these people into building. Prophecy should also has a great influence on our lives as well.

2 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

¹¹ *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

¹² *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*