

Visions 6&7

Zecharia 5

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will be purged away according to [d]the writing on the other side. ⁴ I will make it go forth," declares the LORD of hosts, "and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and consume it with its timber and stones."⁵ Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes and see what this is going forth."⁶ I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the [e]ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their [f]appearance in all the [g]land ⁷ (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah."⁸ Then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its [h]opening. ⁹ Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. ¹⁰ I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?" ¹¹ Then he said to me, "To build a [i]temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

Visions 6&7 address the most profound and most inexorable source of discouragement plaguing God's People.

This reality in the hearts of His Remnant is revealed in Ch. 1

¹¹ So they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees and said, "We have [b]patrolled the earth, and **behold, all the earth is [c]peaceful and quiet.**"

This is not encouraging news for the remnant. This is devastating.

¹² Then the angel of the LORD said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will You have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant these seventy years?" ¹³ The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with [d]gracious words, comforting words.

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This is God praying to God

The Angel Of The Lord was interceding for his people when they heard- "We have [b]patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth is [c]peaceful and quiet."

Where Is God's Righteous Judgement?

Where is Your Judgment against their evil?

Why did You allow them to do this to us?

A Psalm of Asaph.

*73 Surely God is good to Israel,
To those who are pure in heart!*

*2 But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling,
My steps [a]had almost slipped.*

*3 For I was envious of the [b]arrogant
As I saw the prosperity of the wicked.....*

*17 Until I came into the [c]sanctuary of God;
Then I perceived their end.*

*18 Surely You set them in slippery places;
You cast them down to [s]destruction.*

19 How they are [t]destroyed in a moment!

*21 When my heart was embittered
And I was pierced [v]within,*

*22 Then I was senseless and ignorant;
I was like [w]a beast [x]before You.*

*23 Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.*

*24 With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me ^[y]to glory.*

VISIONS 6,7&8 Answer the Primary Cry of Their Hearts from Ch. 1.

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The scroll is the curse ???

Gal. 3:10 For all who **rely on the works of the law are under a curse**, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."^[e] ¹¹ Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "**the righteous will live by faith.**"^[f] ¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them."^[g] ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Duet. **28** If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

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Then

¹⁵ However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

¹⁶ You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

¹⁷ Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.

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*everyone who steals **will be purged away***

#7 Ex. 20:15 "You shall not steal.

*and everyone who swears **will be purged away***

#3 Ex.20:7 You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

*the one who swears falsely by My name **will be purged away***

strongs -nâqâh, naw-kaw'; a primitive root- **unpunished** (11x),
acquit (2x)

1. to hold innocent, acquit
2. **to leave unpunished**

and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and consume it with its timber and stones."

Nothing is hidden from God's Righteous Judgments, and nothing goes unpunished.

In God's House, the punishment fell on the Son.

In a man's house, the punishment consumes it.

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⁹ Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.

¹⁰ "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "To build a [t]emple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

He responded, "It's a measuring basket going out." He also stated, "It represents the people's sins in all the land."

Every sin is weighed

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Why The Feminine?

Sin Rules Gen. 3:16 Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

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Not only is every sin measured, but humanity's love of sinning is constrained.

2 Thes. 2:7 "He who constrains is taken out of the way"

a phrase from the Bible, specifically, which refers to the idea that a powerful force currently holding back evil and lawlessness will eventually be removed, allowing wickedness to fully manifest itself; often interpreted as the Holy Spirit's restraining influence before the end times. (got questions)

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¹¹ Then he said to me, "To build a [i] temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

"They are going to Babylonia to build a temple [L house] for it," he answered. "When the temple [L it] is ready, they will set the basket there in its place [or on its base/pedestal]."

There Are Two Houses

God's House	Babylon's House
Righteousness Exalted	Wickedness Exalted
There is Life inside	There is death inside

Who should feel envious of whom?

Exalting wickedness?

Rom. 1: ²⁸ *And just as they did not see fit [u]to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, [v]haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*

The Church And Wickedness

1 Cor. 5 ⁹ *I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰ not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister^[c] but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.*

¹² ***What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God will judge those outside. “Expel the wicked person from among you.”***

The Holy Spirit inspired writers to use the word *ekklesia* because it unmistakably means the Church is a body of individuals who have been called out, called forth, and separated for the purposes of God. (Rick Renner)

2 Cor. 6: ¹⁷ *Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”*

Rev. 18:4 "Come out of her, (Babylon)my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; ⁵ for her sins have ^[h]piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Rev. 22: ¹⁰ And he *said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ **Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.**"

¹² "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man ^[a]according to what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things ^[h]for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

The Godly response to evil is

Rom.:12. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"^[d] says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."^[e]

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Remnant Have No Chance Whatsoever Of Responding this way.

When will the Judge of Heaven and Earth issue righteous judgment?

Notice the order in which Yahweh deals with their hearts.

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VISIONS 5&6-The Flying Scroll and The Woman in a Basket

The Source of Their Discouragement-God’s Enemies Are Winning

Yahweh’s Answer- Sin against the Almighty is Weighed, Measured, and Judged Even as Wickedness is Exalted.

THIS IS HOW

1 PET. 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house^[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.....

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

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3:9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing,
