

Zecharia 6

He was standing among the myrtle trees in the bottom.

*1:13 b The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me
with gracious words, comforting words.*

CH.1-6 The **gracious words, comforting words**, Are the 8-Night
Visions

Vision One: Horses among Myrtle Trees (Zechariah 1:7-17)

The Source Of Their Discouragement-The LORD is angry and has abandoned us.

Yahweh's Answer. - *He was standing among the myrtle trees at the bottom, bringing His Mercy and His Grace!*

I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, My house will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem."

Vision Two: Four Horns and Four Carpenters (Zechariah 1:18-21)

The Source Of Their Discouragement –Gentile powers are crushing us.

Yahweh's Answer –I have perfectly crafted solutions!

Vision Three: A Man Measuring Jerusalem (Zech 2:1-13)

The Source Of Their Discouragement-limiting Yahweh to human measurements.

Yahweh's Answer-exchange your measuring line for His Measuring Line.

Which is The LORD Himself. ⁵ *For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire [c]around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'*

Vision Four. Joshua, the high priest, standing accused in filthy garments before the Judge of Heaven and Earth (Zecharia 3)

The Source Of Their Discouragement - We are unclean and have no standing before The Judge on His Throne.

Yahweh's Answer: *I have chosen you, pulled you out of the fire, and cleansed you from sin, both its guilt and its power.*

Vision Five -a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lamps on it

The Source Of Their Discouragement- Our labors and testimony have produced no fruit and utterly fail to Glorify God's Dwelling Presence among us.

Yahweh's Answer- *'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,'* says the LORD Almighty.

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.

Vision 8

Now I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming forth from between the two mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains. ² With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, ³ with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong dappled horses. ⁴ Then I spoke and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵ The angel replied to me, "These are the four

spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth, ⁶ with one of which the black horses are going forth to the north country; and the white ones go forth after them, while the dappled ones go forth to the south country. ⁷ When the strong ones went out, they ^[a]were eager to go to ^[b]patrol the earth." And He said, "Go, ^[c]patrol the earth." So they ^[d]patrolled the earth. ⁸ Then He cried out to me and spoke to me saying, "See, those who are going to the land of the north have ^[e]appeased My wrath in the land of the north."

⁹ The word of the LORD also came to me, saying, ¹⁰ "Take an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon.

¹¹ Take silver and gold, make an ornate crown and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. ¹² Then say to him, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is ^[i]Branch, for He will ^[g]branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. ¹³ Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two ^[h]offices." ¹⁴ Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah and ^[j]Hen the son of Zephaniah. ¹⁵ Those who are far off will come and ^[k]build the temple of the LORD." Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place if you completely obey the LORD your God.

Visions 6,7&8 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

^{1:8} I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees which were in the ravine, with red, sorrel and white horses behind him. ⁹ Then I said, "My lord, what are these?" And the angel who was speaking with me said to

me, "I will show you what these are." ¹⁰ And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are those whom the LORD has sent to [a]patrol the earth." 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.

This world has destroyed *Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.*

This is why they are spiritually depressed and adrift from Him. (1:3-
'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,')

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.**

*Jer. 52:*³ What follows is a record of what happened to Jerusalem and Judah because of the LORD's anger when he drove them out of his sight.[d] Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. ⁴ King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came against Jerusalem with his whole army and set up camp outside it.[e] They built siege ramps all around it.

¹ Chron. 36: Finally the LORD got very angry at his people and there was no one who could prevent his judgment.[v] ¹⁷ He brought against them the king of the Babylonians, who slaughtered[w] their young men in their temple.[x] He did not spare[y] young men or women, or even the old and aging. God[z] handed everyone over to him. ¹⁸ He carried away to Babylon all the items in God's temple, whether large or small, as well as what was in the treasuries of the LORD's temple and in the treasuries of the king and his officials. ¹⁹ They burned down God's temple and tore down the wall of Jerusalem. They burned all its fortified buildings and destroyed all its valuable items. ²⁰ He deported to

Babylon all who escaped the sword. They served him and his sons until the Persian kingdom rose to power. ²¹ This took place to fulfill the LORD's message spoken through Jeremiah^[aa] and lasted until the land experienced^[ab] its sabbatical years.^[ac] All the time^[ad] of its desolation the land rested in order to fulfill the seventy years.

1:14 "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. ¹⁵ But I am very angry with the nations who are at ease; for while I was only a little angry, they ^[e] furthered the disaster."

2: ⁸ For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After ^[e] glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the ^[f] apple of His eye. ⁹ For behold, **I will wave My hand over them** so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

Given 7 visions they need more

#8 A Two-Part Vision

Chariots	Coronation
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Chariots- *before me were four chariots coming out from between two mountains—mountains of bronze.*

Four chariots-four in prophetic language is usually worldwide (4 corners-E,W,N,S,) 5b- *going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world.*

Four in the context of the 8-night visions.

<i>1:18 [f] Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there were four horns</i>	<i>20 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.</i>
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Horns describe nations everywhere that have beaten and kept down the nation Israel. 1:20b- *These are the horns which have scattered Judah so that no man lifts up his head;*

four chariots coming out from between two mountains— mountains of bronze.

Bronze represents God's judgment. The altar of bronze, the bronze serpent on a pole. Jesus' feet -Rev. 1: 15 *His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace,*

Two mountains of opposition to Israel have gone into God's furnace.

Babylon / Babylon the Great

Rev. 18:2 "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a dwelling for demons..... "Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! In one hour your doom has come!"

With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, ³ with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong dappled horses.

Chariots-Is. 66: ¹⁵ See, the LORD is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For with fire and with his sword, the LORD will execute judgment on all people, and many will be those slain by the LORD.

6:5- "These are the four spirits^[a] of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world.

1: ¹⁴ Then the angel who was speaking to me said, "Proclaim this word: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, ¹⁵ and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.'

This vision of 4 chariots represent His Angels executing His Judgment on His enemies.

2:9 For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves

*2 With the first chariot were **red horses**, with the second chariot **black horses**, 3 with the third chariot **white horses**, and with the fourth chariot strong **dappled horses**.*

red horses Rev. 6:4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. **WAR**

black horses there before me was a **black horse!** Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds^[a] of wheat for a day's wages,^[b] and six pounds^[c] of barley for a day's wages,^[d] and do not damage the oil and the wine!" **FAMINE**

white horses there before me was a **white horse!** Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. **VICTORY**

dappled horses- before me was a **pale horse!** Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. **A Mixture of DEATH and DESTRUCTION.**

"These are the four spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth, four angels (Heb. 1:14) assigned to different parts of the world to do God's bidding. The angel-driven chariots of God are "thousands of thousands" (Ps. 68:17). The presence of chariots suggests battle, and this implies judgment. Wiersbe Study Bible

8 Then He cried out to me and spoke to me saying, "See, those who are going to the land of the north have ^[e]appeased My wrath in the land of the north

Hab. 1:5 "Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. **For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.**⁶ I am raising up the Babylonians,^[a] that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth.....

¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;
you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.
Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?
Why are you silent while the wicked
swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

2² Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald^[b] may run with it.

³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it^[c] will certainly come
and will not delay.....

^{3:18} yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.

<p>Hab. 1:5b For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.</p>	<p><i>“See, those who are going to the land of the north have ^[e]appeased My wrath in the land of the north.”</i></p>
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God has judged Babylon.

God is at rest.

**I AM is Fighting for them, inviting His Children
to enter His Rest**

To enter His rest, they needed more.

Coronation

⁹The word of the LORD also came to me, saying, ¹⁰“Take *an offering* from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon.

- **Heldai:** "the Lord's world"
- **Tobijah:** "the Lord is good"
- **Jedaiah:** "the Lord knows"
- **Hen:** Gracious One

The Symbolic Crowns or Crown

¹¹ Take silver and gold, make an ornate crown and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. ¹² Then say to him, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, a man whose name is [] Branch, for He will [a] branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. ¹³ Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two [h] offices.” ¹⁴ Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah and [] Hen the son of Zephaniah. ¹⁵ Those who are far off will come and [] build the temple of the LORD.” Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place if you completely obey the LORD your God.

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Jehozadak, the high priest.*

The Priestly Line	The Kingly Line
From Aaron thru Levi	From David thru Judah

A Crown on a Priest?

3:5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head."

A King and Priest Named Branch

12 Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch,

Is. 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

Jer. 33: ¹⁴ "The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ "In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it^[e] will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'

¹⁷ For this is what the LORD says: '**David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel, ¹⁸ nor will the Levitical priests ever fail to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.**'"

The Word from Zecharia is to place the crown on the priest, a descendant of Levi, not Zerubbabel, a descendant of David.

He will [g]branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. ¹³ Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD,

John 2: ¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.

The King is the Passover Lamb!

and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne.

Offering Himself as He Reigns over all.

Heb. 10: ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two [h]offices."

8 Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.

¹⁵ Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the LORD, and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

*Eph. 2:*¹¹ Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh.....¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who **used to be far away** have been brought near by the blood of Christ.^[aa] ¹⁴ For he is our peace, the one who made both groups into one^[ab] and who destroyed the middle wall of partition, the hostility, ¹⁵ when he nullified^[ac] in his flesh the law of commandments in decrees. He did this to create in himself one new man^[ad] out of two,^[ae] thus making peace, ¹⁶ and to reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by which the hostility has been killed.^[af] ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ so that^[ag] through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household, ²⁰ because you have been built^[ah] on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,^[ai] with Christ Jesus himself as^[aj] the cornerstone.^[ak] ²¹ In him^[al] the whole building,^[am] **being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,** ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Whose name is branch

This will happen if you diligently obey the LORD your God."

*Zech. 12:*⁸ On that day the LORD himself will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the weakest among them will be like mighty David, and the dynasty of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them.^[l] ⁹ So on that day I will set out to destroy all the nations^[m] that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ **"I will pour out** on the kingship^[n] of David and the population of Jerusalem **a spirit of grace and supplication** so that they will look to me,^[o] the one they have pierced. They will lament for him as one laments for an only son, and there will be a bitter cry for him like the bitter cry for a firstborn.^[p] ¹¹ On that day the lamentation in Jerusalem will be as great as the lamentation at Hadad Rimmon^[q] in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² The land will mourn, each clan by itself—the clan of the royal household of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the clan of the family of Nathan^[r] by itself and their wives by themselves; ¹³ the clan of the descendants of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; and the clan of the Shimeites^[s] by itself and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴ all the clans that remain, each separately with their wives.

Rom. 11: A partial hardening has happened to Israel^[c] until the full number^[s] of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ **And so^[u] all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:

***“The Deliverer will come out of Zion;
he will remove ungodliness from Jacob.
²⁷ And this is my covenant with them,^[u]
when I take away their sins.”^[v]***

²⁸ In regard to the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but in regard to election they are dearly loved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

CH.1-6 The *gracious words, comforting words*, Are the 8-Night
Visions

VISION 8—Heavenly war chariots and two bronze mountains.

The Source of Their Discouragement- Why did the Almighty do this to us, and where is His Judgement for the hate and evil perpetrated by His enemies against His People?

Yahweh’s Answer- -*“Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD. ¹³ Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne.*

Gracious words, Comforting words.

Words to Rest in.