

# **Zechariah's Four Pairs of Visions**

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## **Zechariah, chapters 1-6**

Suggested References

Expanded Biblical Comments

Meggison Notes

*Bible Study Monthly*, 1968 May – 1969 July, *or* 2018 Jan. *ff*

# How Zechariah's Nine Visions are Related

- | Zechariah     | Vision             | Introduction                   | Meaning                                 |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| • 1:8-11.     | Horses             | I saw in the night             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent to God's Kingdom |
| • 1:12-18-21. | Horns              | I lifted up mine eyes, and saw | Fleshly Israel                          |
| • 2:1-5-13.   | Measuring line     | I lifted up mine eyes, and saw | “                                       |
| • 3:1-5-10.   | Joshua             | he showed me                   | True church                             |
| • 4:1-14.     | Lampstand          | the angel... waked me          | “                                       |
| • 5:1-4.      | [Sc]roll           | I lifted up mine eyes, and saw | False church                            |
| • 5:5-10.     | Ephah [0.6 bushel] | the angel... said unto me      | “                                       |
| • 6:1-8.      | Horses             | I lifted up mine eyes, and saw | True church victorious                  |
| • 6:9-15.     | Crowns             | the word of Jehovah came       | “                                       |

# Zechariah's 1<sup>st</sup> Vision: Horses

- 1:8. Q. Who is the man on a red horse? (*cf.* Rev. 19:11-16?)
  - A. Jesus Christ who died for all, resurrected in power.
- Q. What do horses represent? (They take us faster and farther)
  - A. Doctrines? [C316?], Spirit of God?, 4 Attributes? [Meggison Notes]
- Q. Why is this not just a vision beginning a sequence of visions?
  - A. In 6:8, horses quiet only the north country (heavenly calling); Here in 1:11 they walk thru the earth and **all** the earth is at rest. Therefore this is an **overview** from 1<sup>st</sup> Advent to God's Kingdom.
- Q. Why 3 colors? Red, Sorrel [tan? Speckled?], White.
  - A. Beginning with Christ's Ransom sacrifice, there may be a progression towards perfection.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Pair of Visions: **Fleshly Israel**

Zechariah 1:12-18-21; 2:1-13

- Four horns scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem. (*cf.* Dan. 8:8)  
Maybe: Macedonia, Egypt, Syria, and Thrace/Rome  
Or perhaps Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome? [vision ~519 B.C.]
- Four smiths (or carpenters?), able to de-horn a beast. 4 attributes?  
Perhaps Power, Justice, Lovingkindness, and Wisdom in that order?
- A measuring line (or measuring tape) is used for building. Here Israel is to return to Jerusalem and rebuild it. (6.9 million already returned)
- “I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith Jehovah. And many nations shall join themselves to Jehovah in that day, and shall be my people” (2:10-11).

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Pair of Visions: **Spiritual Israel – True Church**

Zechariah 3:1-10; 4:1-14

- Q. Who does Joshua the high priest standing in filthy garments signify?  
A. The angel of Jehovah signifies our Lord Jesus Christ. The high priest in filthy garments can only represent the church, called in imperfection. We cannot defend ourselves from Satan's accusations, but Jesus can: "Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan..."
- Q. How does this account compare to Jude 9? What is the lesson for us?  
A. "Michael the archangel [Jesus], when contending with the devil [Satan] he disputed about the body of Moses [body of Christ], durst not bring against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."  
We are **not** to defile the flesh, **nor** to rail against evil-doers [Jude 8ff.].
- Lampstand w. 7 Lamps (*cf.* Rev. 1:11-13, 20): Zerubbabel [Christ] builds the Temple. He commissions us to be the light of the world.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Pair of Visions: **Spiritual Israel** – Details

Zechariah 3:1-10; 4:1-14

- “In that day” – the Millennial day [3:10]. (*compare* 2Peter 3:8)
- “...under *the* vine and under *the* fig tree” – Christ with the church and the nation of Israel [3:10]. (suggested in Meggison Notes)
- Zerubbabel, grandson of the last living king of Judah, and therefore heir to the throne. Name means “born in Babylon” – suggesting Jesus Christ first was born into the world before becoming king. [4:6-10]
- “The day of small things” – the Gospel Age, in contrast to Millennial Age, which will be a day of great things for the whole world [4:10].

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Pair of Visions: **False Church**

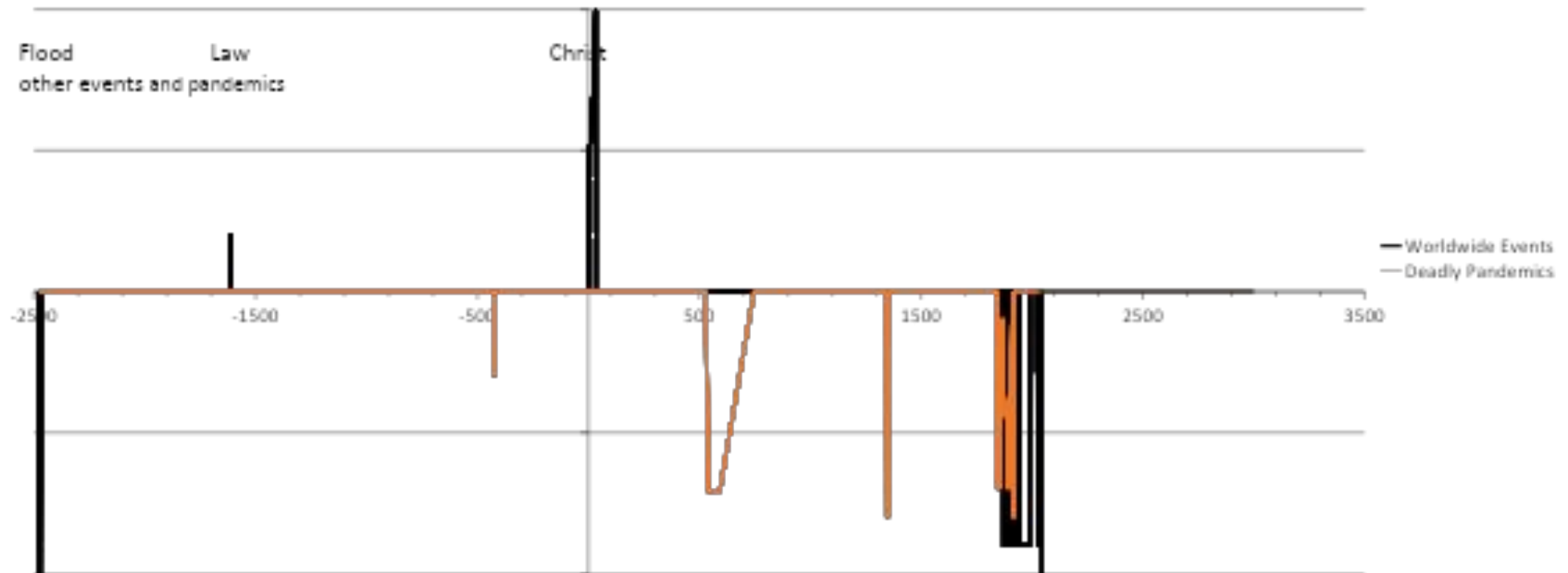
Zechariah 5:1-4; 5:5-10

- The flying roll is the scroll (Ezek. 2:8-3:3, Rev. 6:1-8:1) put into action. 10×20 cubits (15×30 feet) is enormous and is also the dimensions of the porch before the Temple; a porch was where Solomon gave judgment (1Kings 6:3, 7:7). Thus, the [sc]roll is for judgment – here unfavorable.
- The woman named Wickedness is “Jezebel” and “Babylon.” She is put into an ephah (0.6 bushel; so she is small) with a talent of lead (~75 lb.; it imitates silver – pseudo-spiritual) on top. She is removed from Israel and taken to Shinar (Sumer, south region of Babylon).

**Is Babylon being judged today?**

# Modern Worldwide Calamities are the Worst Since Noah's Flood

Major Worldwide Events – Most are in Last 150 Years





# 4<sup>th</sup> Pair of Visions: True Church Victorious

Zechariah 6:1-8; 6:9-15

- 4 chariots coming from between the two copper mountains (kingdoms of Adam and of Christ?) may represent God's four attributes (it is not clear what 4 doctrines could be intended). The black and white horses going north might suggest a progression from sin to righteousness in the way of the heavenly calling. Evidently they bring peace to the faithful.
- Joshua [*Greek*, Jesus] receives crowns first. He is the prophesied Branch [*or*, Shoot; *cf.* 'netzer' in Isaiah 11:1]. He builds the temple of Jehovah, "which temple are ye." But crowns are to be given also to the Christian faithful, who come out of Babylon. Lastly, the world will come from far off to "build [their characters] **in** the temple of Jehovah" [6:15].

# Last Vision: **True Church Victorious** - Names

Zechariah 6:9-15

- Heldai/Helem – Strong
- Tobijah – Jehovah is good
- Jedaiah – Jehovah knows
- Josiah – Healed by Jehovah

- Perhaps suggesting: Jesus Christ is the **STRONG** One.

The church is represented by more than one. We must recognize that: God is good (whether or not we are). Jehovah knows how to heal us. If we are faithful, we will be healed by Jehovah.