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# O.T. Israel's National Leadership

Israel's history from Abraham to Jesus divide neatly into four periods

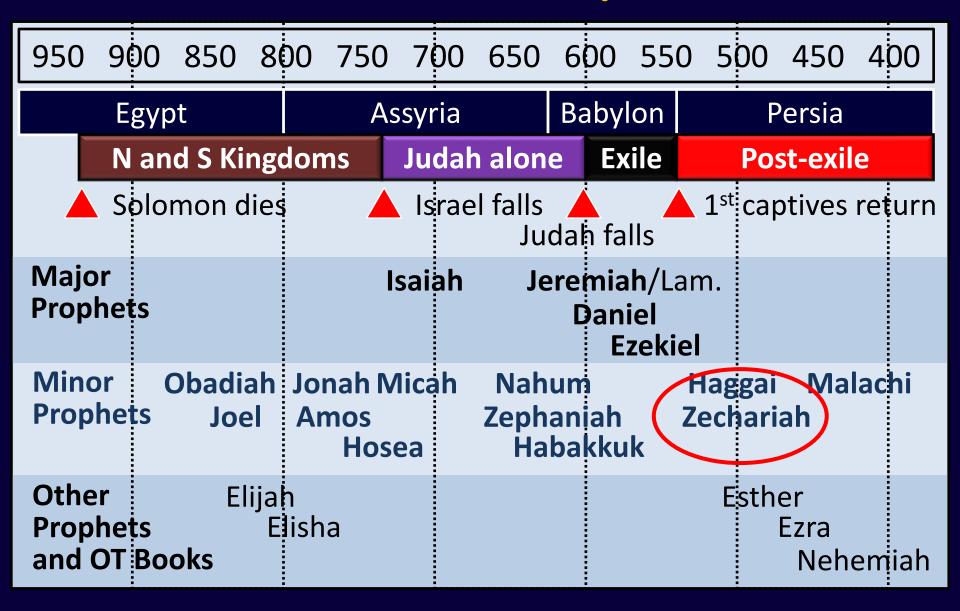
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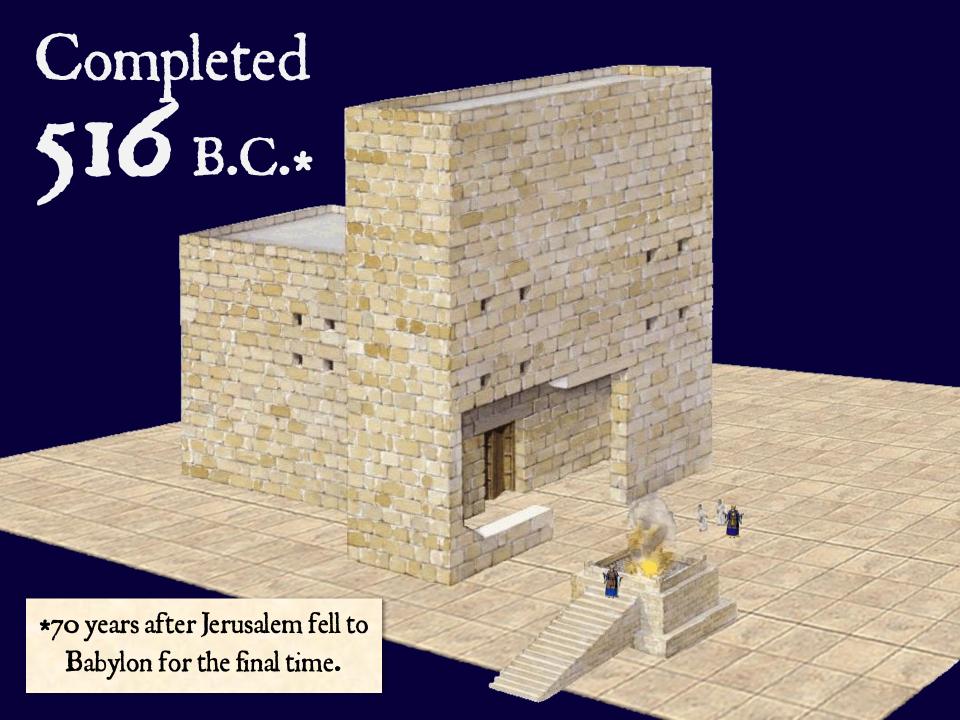
From 2000 to 1500 BC, the Israelites were led by the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

- From 1500 to 1000 BC, freed by Moses, unity under Joshua devolved to judges until Samuel settled things.
- From 1000 to 500 BC they were led by kings or princes (Saul to Zedekiah).
- But from 500 BC to the coming of Jesus, they were led by priests.

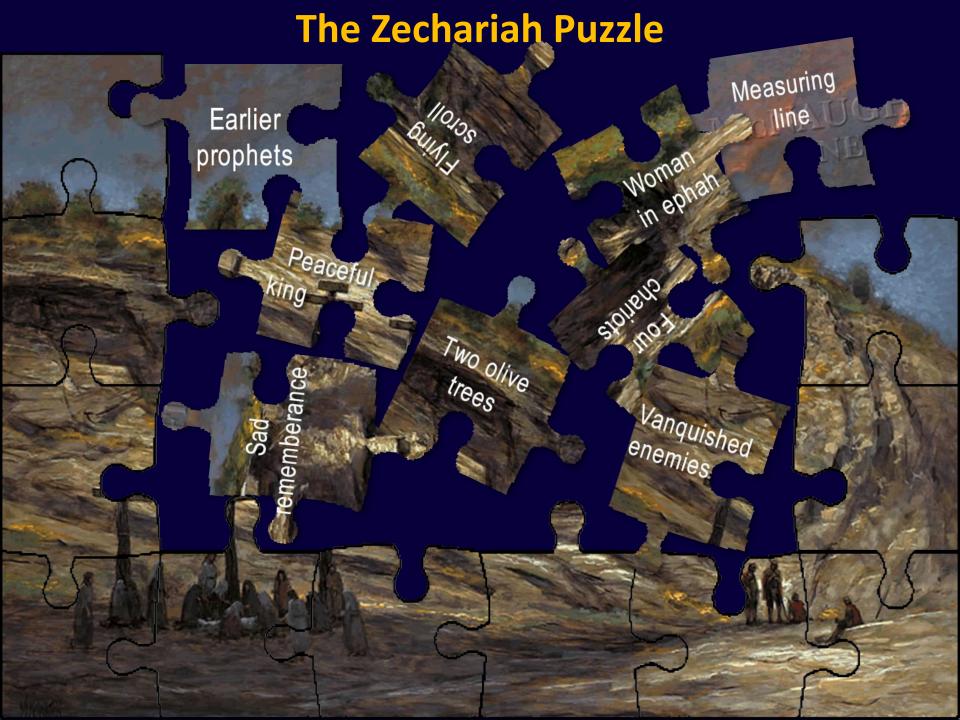


# **Timeline of the Prophets**









# The Apocalypse of the Old Testament

# The longest and most frequently quoted of the Minor Prophets.

(71 quotes or allusions in the NT; 31 in Revelation)

# The Most Messianic book in the Old Testament

# Zechariah's Message

# Theme:

God's jealous concern for Jerusalem and the Jew

# Key verse:

<sup>14</sup> So the angel who spoke with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal." ' "

Zechariah 1:14

Zion

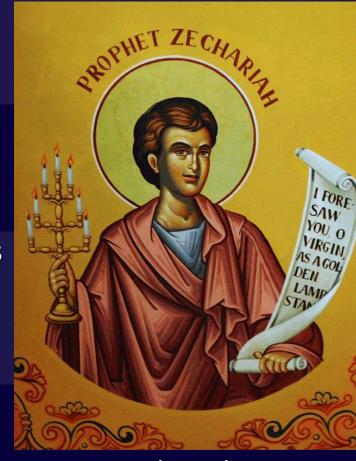
Site of the Jebusite fortress captured by David
The hill of Jerusalem upon which the city of David was built
A land of future promise for exiled Jewish people

Zion means "highest place"



# **Zechariah, Priest and Prophet**

- Zechariah ("Whom YHWH Remembers"), was a postexilic Levite priest and prophet born in Babylon (Neh. 12:1, 16).
- Zechariah was son of Berechiah ("YHWH Blesses") and (grand) son of Iddo ("The Appointed Time").
- In 538 BC he accompanied contemporaries Haggai the prophet, Zerubbabel the governor, and Joshua the high priest to Jerusalem (Ezra 5:1-2; Zech 3:1; 4:6; 6:11).
- Zechariah was murdered in the sanctuary (Neh. 12:4; Matthew 23:35, Josephus' Wars of the Jews, iv. 5, 34).
- Per Jewish tradition, he was a member of the Great Synagogue, a 120-member council originated by Nehemiah.



Zechariah, son of Berechiah, Son of Iddo (Priest and Prophet)

# **Outline**

- Messages given during building of the Temple
- God calls His people to repent (Zech. 1:1–6)
- God encourages His people to trust Him (Zech. 1:7—6:15)
  - Eight night visions (Zech. 1:7—6:15)
  - The crowning of Joshua: Messiah will reign (Zech. 6:9–15)
- God instructs His people (Zech. 7:1—8:23)
  - About true fasting (Zech. 7:1–7)
  - About obedience to the word (Zech. 7:8–14)
  - About Jerusalem's future (Zech. 8:1–23)
- After Temple was built
- God redeems His people (Zech. 9:1—14:21) two oracles
  - The rejection of Messiah (Zech. 9:1—11:17)
  - The return and reign of Messiah (Zech. 12:1—14:21)

# **General Organisation**

- Chapter 1. The Riding One
- Chapter 2. The Measuring One
- Chapter 3. The Cleansing One
- Chapter 4. The Empowering One
- Chapter 5. The Judging One
- Chapter 6. The Crowned One
- Chapter 7. The Rebuking One
- Chapter 8. The Restoring One
- Chapter 9. The Kingly One
- Chapter 10. The Blessing One
- Chapter 11. The Shepherding One
- Chapter 12. The Returning One
- Chapter 13. The Smitten One
- Chapter 14. The Reigning One

Night Visions

Historical Interlude

First Burden (Advent)

Second Burden (Coming)

# **Outline**

Zechariah's Night Visions (in one night)

Historic Interlude First Burden: First Advent of Christ Second Burden: Second Coming of Christ

The Riding One
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The Reigning One

Chapters

1-6

Chapters

7-8

Chapters 9-11

Chapters 12-14

# ZECHARIAH

The book of Zechariah is a true gem that gives an unbelievably clear focus on the spiritual world behind the Scriptures.

God reveals battle in the Spiritual Realm that runs side by side with this physical world. What happens there is real, what takes place here is symptomatic.

# ZECHARIAH

God calls His people
To repent
(Zechariah 1:1-6)



<sup>1</sup>In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"The LORD has been very angry with your fathers. <sup>3</sup> Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Return to Me,"

says the LORD of hosts,

"and I will return to you,"

says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup> "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying,

'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds." '

But they did not hear nor heed Me,"

says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> "Your fathers, where *are* they? And the prophets, do they live forever? <sup>6</sup>Yet surely My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they returned and said:

'Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, according to our ways and according to our deeds, so He has dealt with us.' "'"





# ZECHARIAH

God encourages His people to trust Him (Zechariah 1:7-6:15)

# ZECHARIAH



Eight Night Visions

(Zechariah 1:7-6:8)



# Zechariah's 8 Night Visions

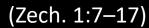


# The Horsemen Four Horns and Four Smiths Measuring Line

The horseman: God watches the nations The four horns and four smiths: nations judged

The measuring line: Jerusalem restored







(Zech. 1:18-21)



(Zech. 2:1–13)



The Horsemen
Four Horns and Four Smiths
Measuring Line
High Priest

Zechariah's Night Visions

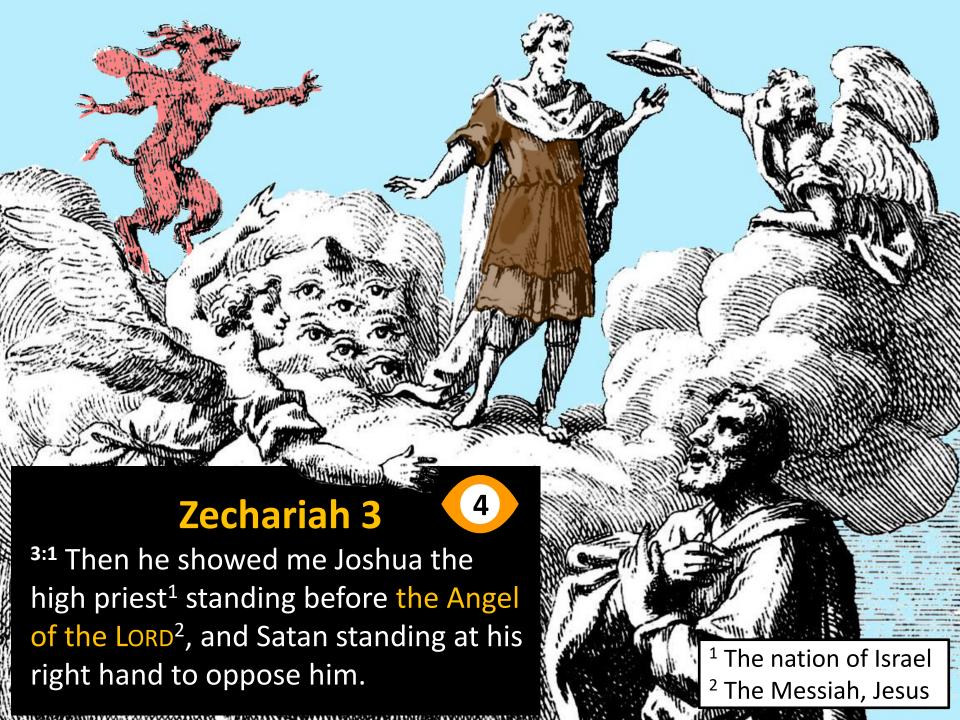
Lampstand and Olive Trees
Flying Scroll
Woman in the Ephah

**Four Chariots** 



The spiritual level of the remnant in Jerusalem was very low. Most were born and raised in Babylon without extensive religious training.

The trying conditions in Jerusalem tested their faith.



<sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan,

"The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! *Is* this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy<sup>1</sup> garments, and was standing before the Angel.

ZACH . III. Visio Zachariæ, sub typo Josuæ.



Jestrophet sach III. 1, 10. Velicht den Nohen priettes John daf? Erde Gerentlieber des Herstein Schillepe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1.</sup> The Hebrew אוֹצ, (tso) implies "excrement-covered".

Then He [the LORD] answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him."

And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."



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5 And I [Zechariah] said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head."

So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD [the Messiah] stood by.



- <sup>6</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD [Messiah] admonished Joshua, saying,
- <sup>7</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'If you will walk in My ways,

And if you will keep My command,

Then you shall also judge

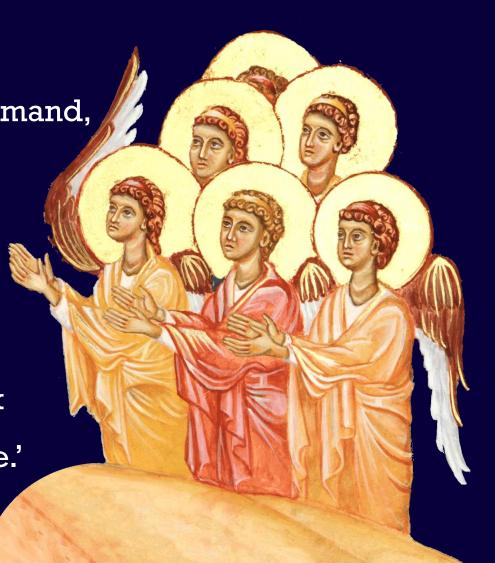
My house,

And likewise have charge of

My courts;

I will give you places to walk

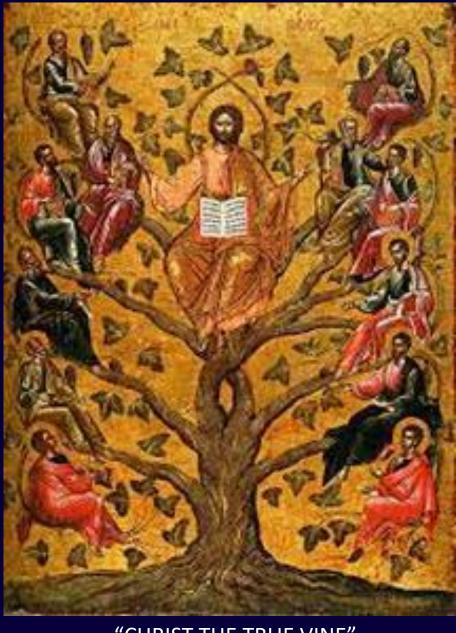
Among these who stand here.'



'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you [future Israel], For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.

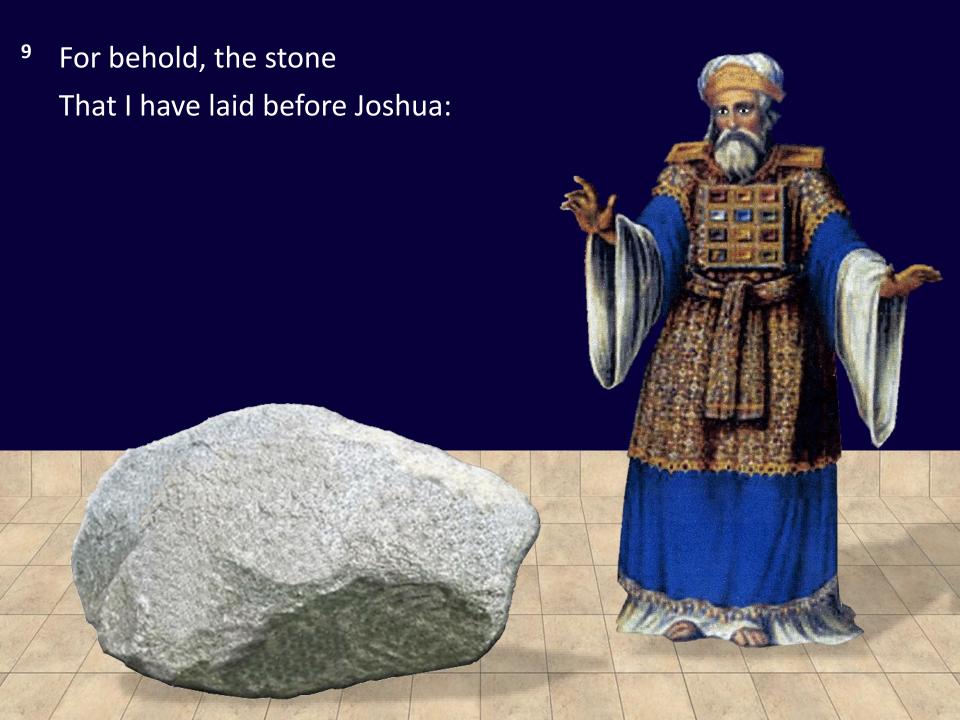
# Images of the Messiah found in the prophets and the gospels

- Matthew (Gospel of the King)
   "Branch of righteousness for David"
- Mark (Suffering Servant)"My Servant the Branch"
- Luke (Son of Man)
   "The Man whose name is Branch"
- John (Son of God)"The Branch of the Lord"



"CHRIST THE TRUE VINE"

16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY GREEK ICON.



<sup>9</sup>For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua:

# "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone"

(Ps. 118:22–23; Matt. 21:42; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:19–22; 1 Peter 2:4-7; Zech. 10:4; et al.)

# <sup>9</sup>For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua:

the cornerstone
(Ps. 118:22–23; Matt. 21:42;
Luke 20:17; Eph. 2:19-22; 1
Peter 2:7; Zech. 10:4)

# the everlasting Rock

(Isa. 26:4)

# the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel

(Gen, 49:24)

### a tested stone

(Isa. 28:16)

## the rejected stone

(Ps. 118:22–23; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11)

# a stone cut without

hands (Dan. 2:34-35,45)

# a stone of stumbling

(Isa. 8:14; 1 Peter 2:8; Rom. 9:32–33)

# the rock of my refuge

(Isa. 17:10; Psa. 94:22)

### the Rock of salvation

(Deut. 32:15; Psa. 95:1; 89:26)

# a living stone rejected

by men (1 Peter 2:4)

### the smitten stone

(Ex. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4)

# a spiritual rock

(1 Cor. 10:4)

### a rock of offense

(Rom. 9:33' 1 Peter 2:8)

### a stone to strike

(Isa. 8:14)

### the Rock of Israel

(2 Sam 23:3; Psa 42:9; Isa. 30:29)

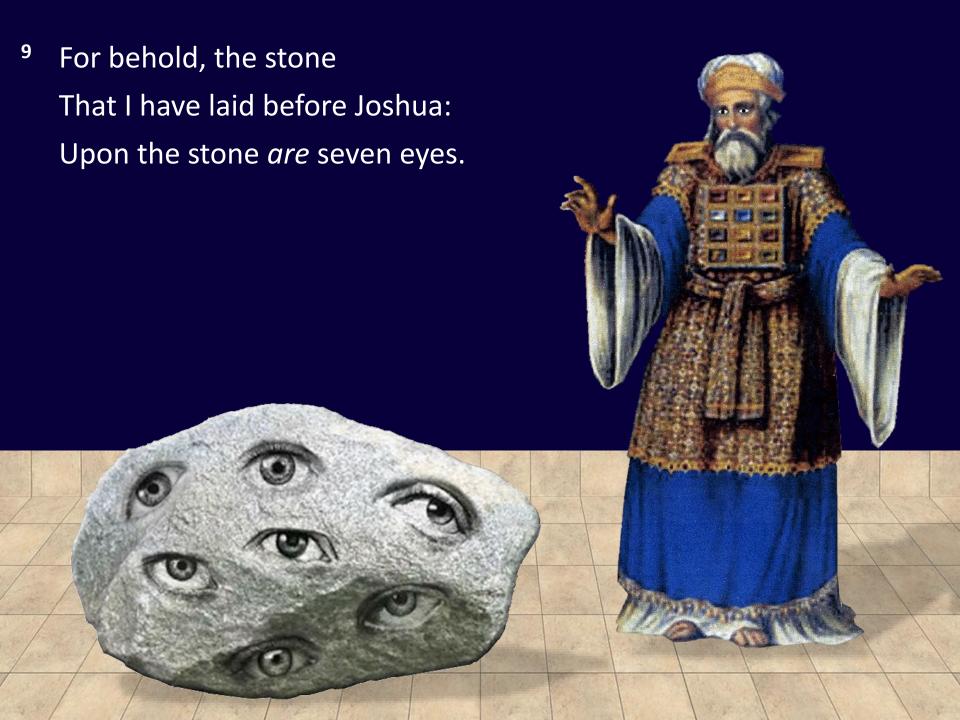
## a choice and precious

**stone** (1 Peter 2:4,6)

### the smiting stone

(Dan. 2:34-35)

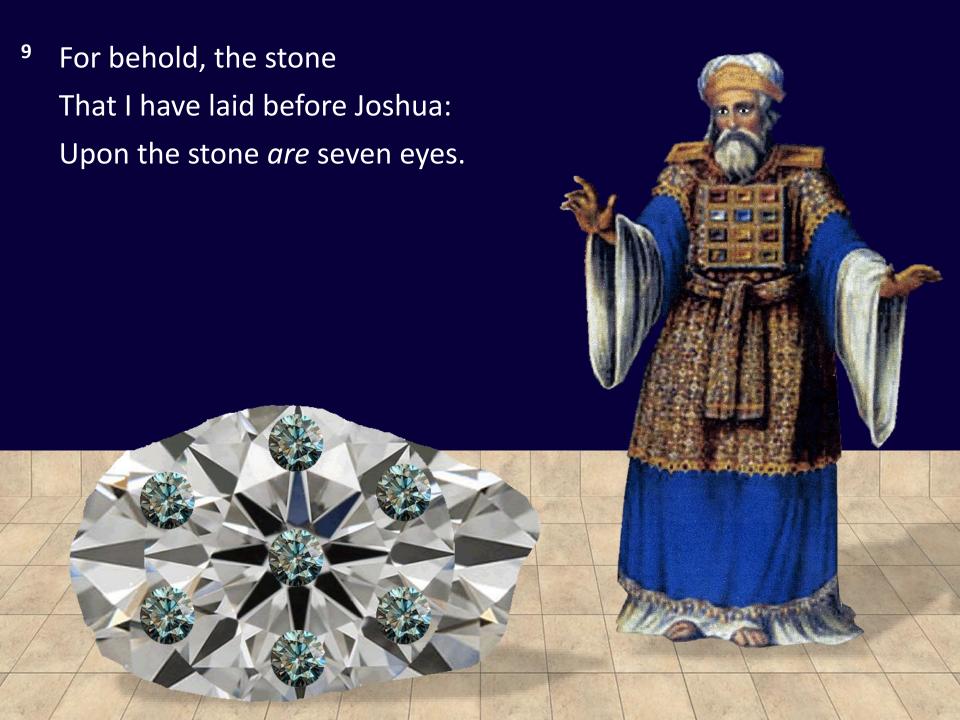
# the foundation stone of the church

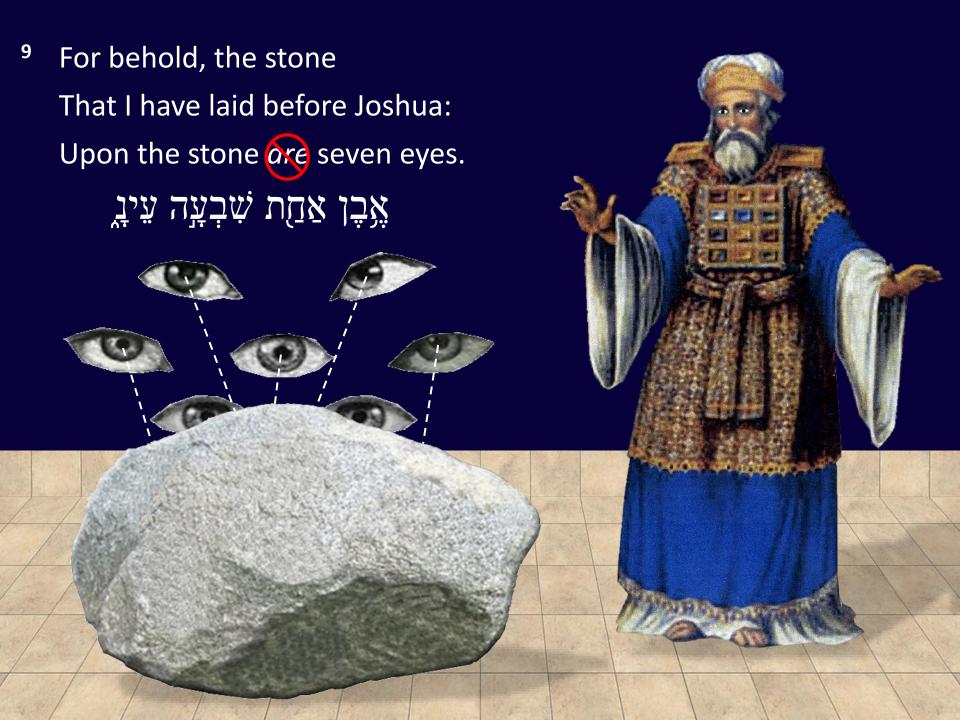


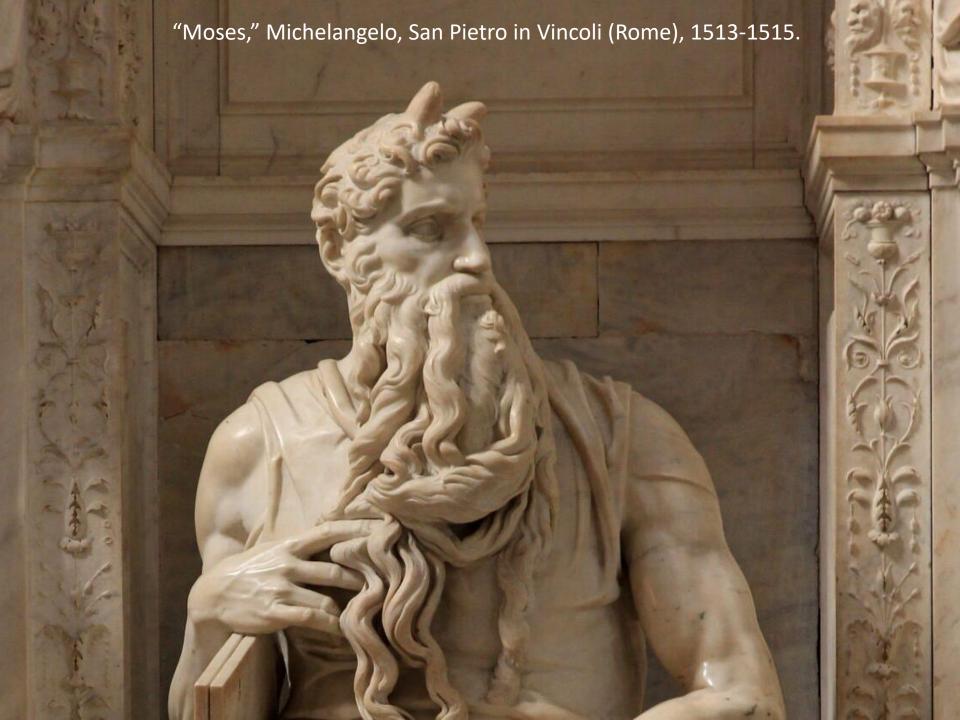
For behold, the stone
That I have laid before Joshua:
Upon the stone *are* seven eyes.

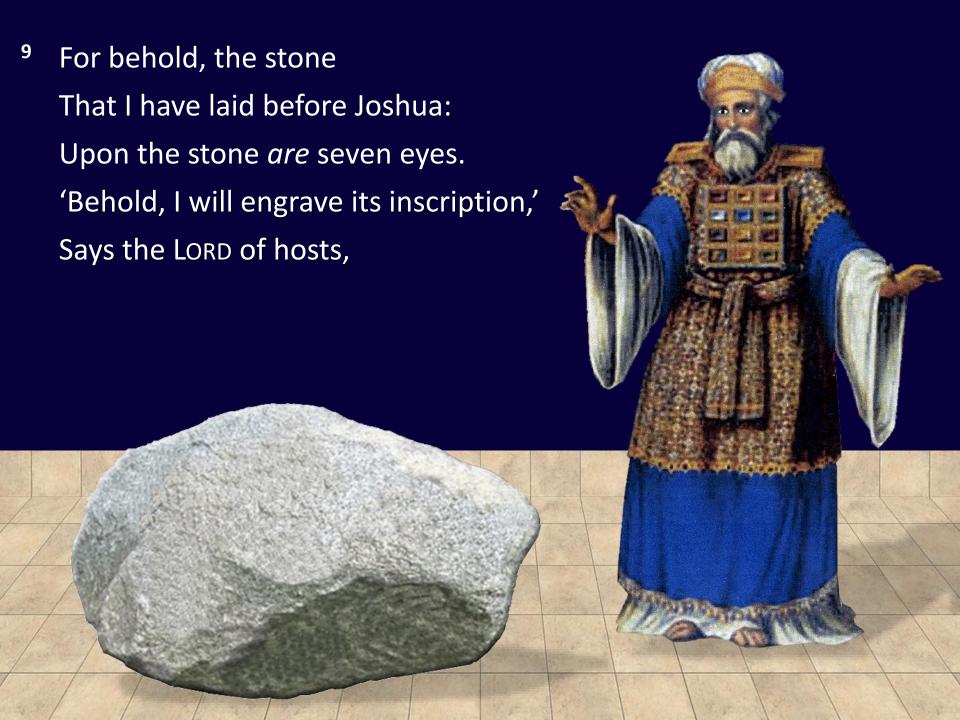
"And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth." (Revelation 5:6)

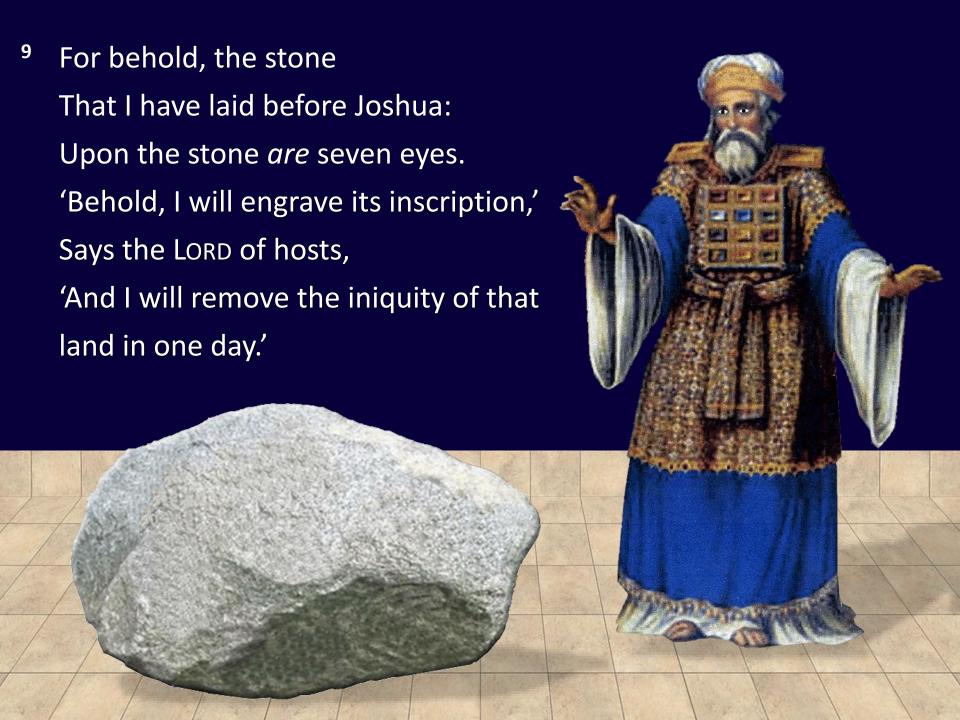








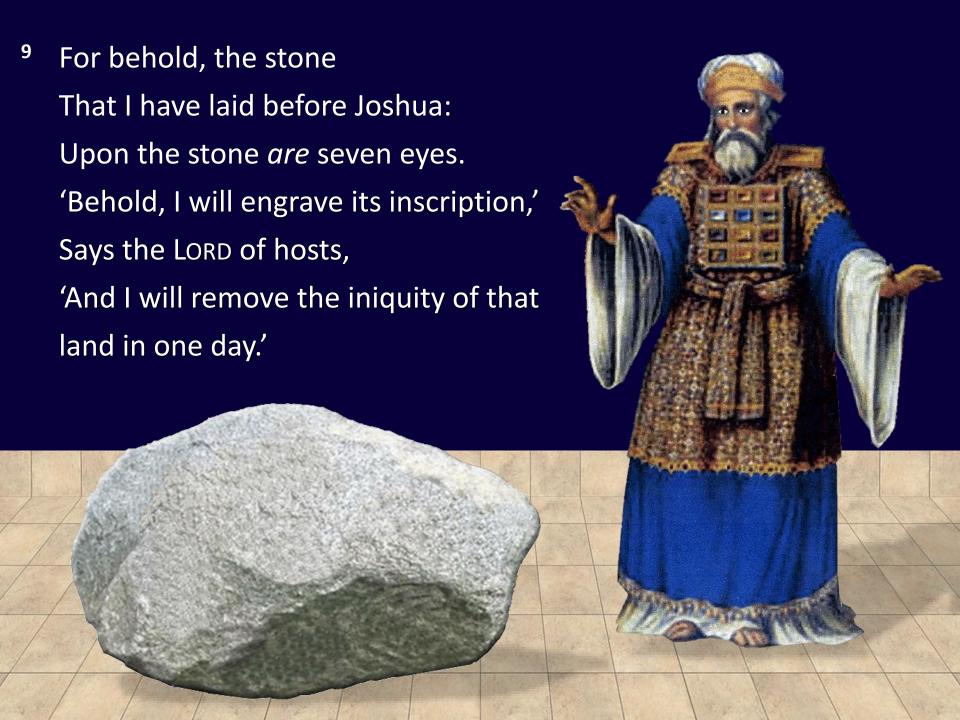














"In that day," says the LORD of hosts, "Everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree."

The high priest

#### **Zechariah 4**



# Vision of the Lampstand and Olive Trees



- Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.
  <sup>2</sup> And he said to me, "What do you see?"
  - So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. <sup>3</sup> Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." <sup>4</sup> So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?"
- Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?"
  And I said, "No, my lord."

<sup>6</sup> So he answered and said to me:

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.



תְּיֵל , *chayil*: external force, army might, wealth, resources.

But Israel had no army.

- ក្នុង, koach: inner strength, will, vigor, moral authority.

  But Zerubbabel was getting old and his strength was waning.
- קֹם, ruwach: wind, breath, spirit, Spirit of God. Don't despair! For "My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!" (Haggai 2:5)





# Zechariah's 6th Vision: The Golden Lampstand

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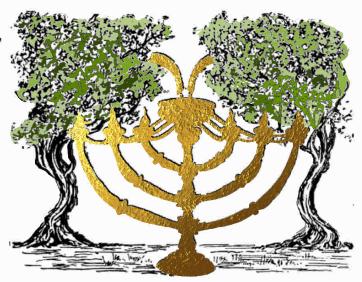
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3 Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." 4 So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?"

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6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:

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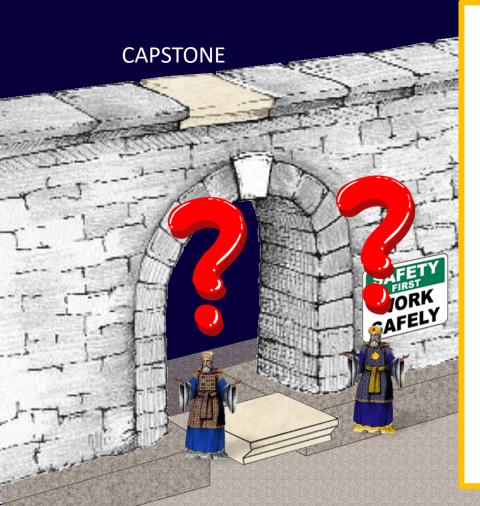
- So he answered and said to me:

  "This is the word of the LORD to
  Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by
  power, but by My Spirit,' Says the
  LORD of hosts.
- Who are you, O great mountain?

  Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' "



- <sup>8</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:
- "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it.



#### **Points to Ponder**

- Zerubbabel was the governor.
- He was the only royal present (blood descendent of David).
- He was already mature when they left Babylon.
- Twenty hard years had passed.
- Now he was supposed to haul the massive capstone to the top of the temple and place it by HIMSELF? Are you kidding?

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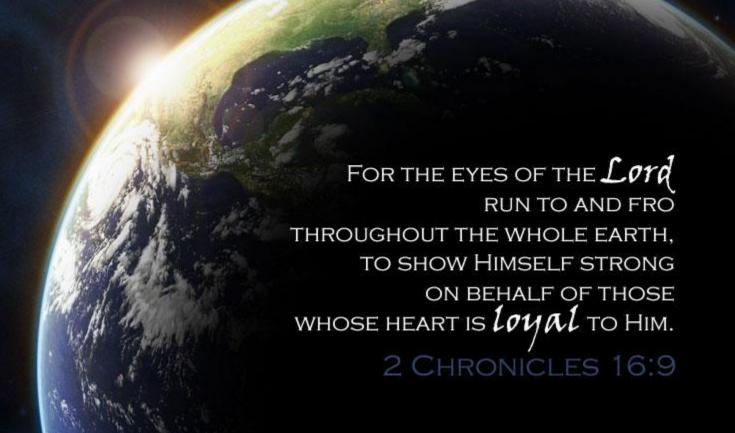
That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.



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- "Not by might nor by power...."

For who has despised the day of small things?
For these seven rejoice to see
The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.
They are the eyes of the LORD,
Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."



- Then I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?"
- 12 And I further answered and said to him, "What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?"
- Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these are?"

  And I said, "No, my lord."
- 14 So he said, "These are the two "anointed ones," \* who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."



#### "Annointed Ones" in the Tenakh

- Moses and Elijah both had unique powers in the Old Testament:
  - Elijah called fire from heaven (1 Kgs 18:37; 2Kgs 1:10, 12 (Jer 5:14)) and shut heaven from rain (1 Kgs 17:1; Lk 4:25; Jas 5:17).
  - 500 years earlier, Moses had turned water into blood (Exodus 7:19) and brought down plagues (Exodus 8-12).
- Two earthly ministries were unfinished:
  - Moses: Numbers 20:12; Deuteronomy 3:26-28.
  - Elijah: 1 Kings 17:1; 19:13-16; 2 Kings 2:11.
- Talmudic Jews expected three in the End Time: John 1:20,21 [, etc.]:
  - The Messiah: Malachi 3:1-3, 5-6.
  - Elijah: Malachi 4:5-6 (Last words in the Old Testament).
  - Moses: Deuteronomy 18:15-19.
- John the Baptist was asked if he was the expected one; "I am not" (John 1:19, 20; Matthew 11:14; 17:10-11). Jesus confirmed he was.
- 🌞 James, John and Peter saw transfigured Jesus with Elijah & Moses.

**Moses** (1571- 1451 BC)

- Turned water into blood (Exodus 7:19)
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Anointed ones who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth

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**Zerubbabel** (Zechariah 4:14)

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(Malachi 4:5-6)

James, John and Peter witnessed at Mount of Transfiguration

Moses

The Messiah

Elijah

Two Tribulation Witnesses at the Temple in Revelation

Moses

Elijah

# Zechariah's visionary lampstand

- While the Tabernacle lampstand had to be filled with oil by the priests, this lampstand in the vision was automatically filled with an endless supply of oil without human agency.
- This is indicated by three significant and peculiar features:
  - 1. A bowl for storing oil was suspended over the lampstand (Zech. 4:2);
  - 2. Oil was transported by gravity from the bowl through seven channels or conduits to each of the seven lights of the lampstand, apparently 49 conduits in all (v. 2);
  - 3. The lampstand was flanked by two olive trees which were tapped by two gold pipes through which golden oil flowed constantly into the bowl (vv. 3, 11-12).

## Biblical significance of oil

- Oil as the Holy Spirit is one of the most clearly defined symbols in the Bible. (Ex 27; Acts 2:16; Joel 2:28-32; etc.)
- Seven attributes of oil speak of the Holy Spirit:
  - 1. Oil is a source of light; it illuminates.
  - 2. Oil soothes, heals.



- 4. Oil warms.
- 5. Oil invigorates.
- 6. Oil adorns; emblem of adornment (especially in sorrow or grief).
- 7. Oil polishes. He's not finished with any of us yet.



# Vision of the Flying Scroll

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



#### **Zechariah 5**

# Vision of the Flying Scroll

- Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll.
- And he said to me, "What do you see?"

So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits." [30 feet x 15 feet; 9 metres x 4.5 metres]





#### **Zechariah 5**

# **Vision of the Flying Scroll**

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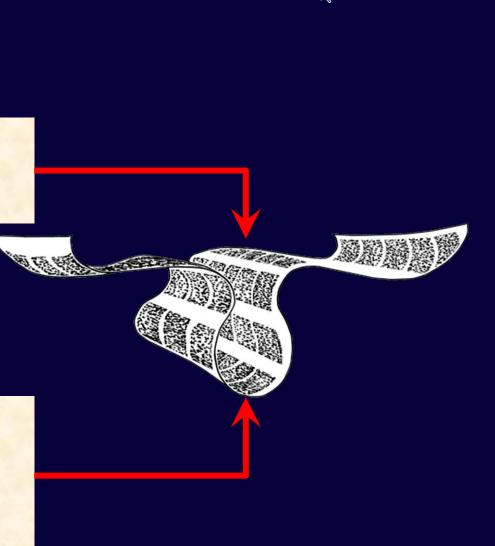
Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth:

'Every thief shall be expelled,' according to this side of the scroll; [Exodus 20:15]

You shall not steal.

and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according to that side of it." [Exodus 20:7]

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold guiltless who takes His name in vain.



"I will send out the curse," says the LORD of hosts;

"It shall enter the house of the thief

And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name.

It shall remain in the midst of his house

And consume it, with its timber and stones."











# Vision of the Woman in a Basket



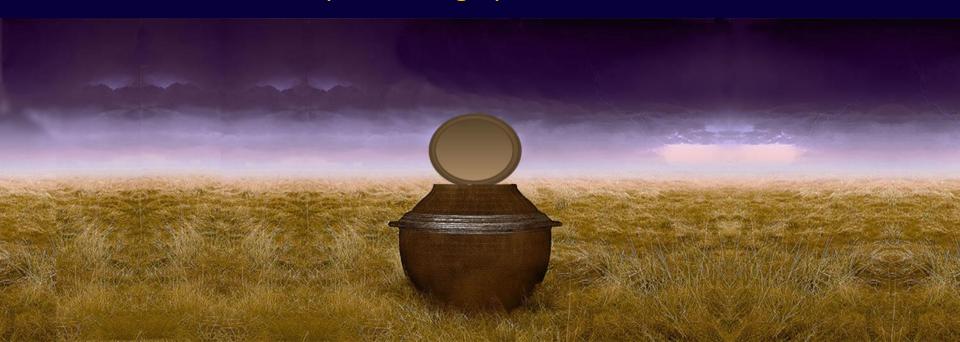
- Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this *is* that goes forth."
- <sup>6</sup> So I asked, "What *is* it?"





- Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this *is* that goes forth."
- So I asked, "What *is* it?" And he said, "It *is* a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This *is* their resemblance throughout the earth:

Refers to the previous vision of sins being ferreted out. Cyril and Herome saw the ephah filling in the measure of sins.

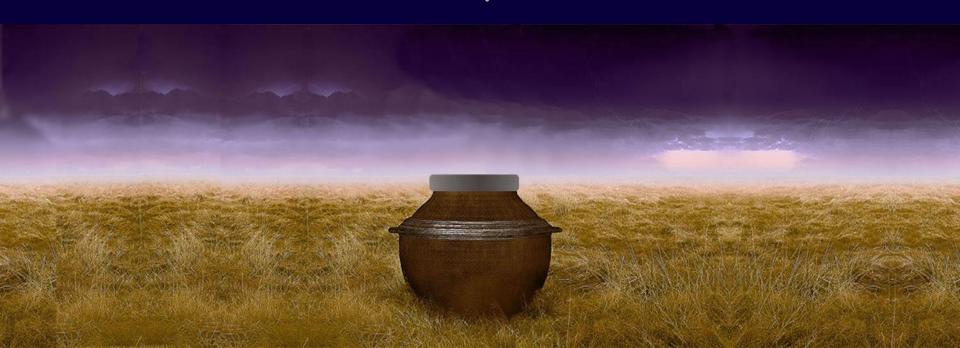


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- So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth: <sup>7</sup> Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; <sup>8</sup> then he said, "This is Wickedness!"





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- So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth: <sup>7</sup> Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; <sup>8</sup> then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth.



Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. <sup>10</sup> So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"

And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

Jerusalem Woman in ephah





#### **Zechariah 6**

## **Vision of the Four Chariots**

Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains\* of bronze\*\*.





#### **Zechariah 6**

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# **God Judges the Nations**

- Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains\* of bronze\*\*. 2 With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, <sup>3</sup> with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong *steeds*.
- Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"



And the angel answered and said to me, "These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup> The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country."

Four chariots

Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.

And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country."

<sup>\*</sup> White = politics, conquest; red = bloodshed war; black = famine, inflation; dappled = pestilence, death.

# ARIAI NEXTWEEK The crowning of Joshua: Messiah will reign (Zechariah 6:9-15)

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