

## Session 2: **God....Is Always in Control!**

**Last Session: The Sovereign Lord spoke...and the people carrying God's banner needed to**

listen and pay  
attention!

**Note: Zechariah 1:4-6**

**Today...the Lord is speaking through His word and through His servants....and we better**

**Stop, look, Listen...and pay attention!**

Last Session...Zechariah's visions (#6 and 7) were revealed in a mysterious scroll and a woman sitting in a basket which was transported to the wilderness (Babylon).

- Scroll = representative of God's Covenant people dishonoring God's covenant...and God's purging of His people in preparation of His presence.
- Woman in a basket.....carried off to Babylon = Woman: representing sin and the carrying off of the basket to Babylon representative of God's intervention and the removal of evil to the ancient source of evil.

Mercy and grace given to a covenant people who does not deserve to be loved.

**Remember...a vision or a revelation coming to a prophet is revealed only to:**

- Motivate to action...the person receiving the revelation or some other individual, congregation, or nation,
- Encourage a nation or individual,
- Strengthening for an upcoming event (disaster or a great work),
- Warn individuals or nations of future problems,
- Promote the authority and ownership of God...for His created people, place or thing.

**Last week we left with the understanding that God intervenes in our lives...**

**As we are sinners by nature...He still pursues us and loves us even in our sin.**

**He did it for Israel..and He will do it for us!**

Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Grace....the unmerited favor of God!

**Some things we must understand as wise, yet humble, students of the Word:**

- ✓ Zechariah was merely the agent of this prophecy and not its source,

- ✓ The word of the Lord came to him as it did to other true prophets before him.  
Hosea 1:1; Joel 1:1; Micah; 1:1; Jonah 1:1...Zechariah 1:7
- ✓ **The source of all true prophecy is not the prophet, but God Himself.**

**Test the spirits!**      1 John 4:1

**Zechariah's 8<sup>th</sup> and Final Vision (Zechariah 6:1-8)**

**Climax of all previous visions...complements the original vision (1<sup>st</sup> vision) of the four horses.**

**The message of the vision:  
God will certainly judge all nations which  
have opposed His people and His program.**

**As acknowledged in the 1<sup>st</sup> vision...God is the controlling force of all history.**

**God has a plan...and it will be carried out.** God does not randomly move about taking care of this problem and that...not knowing what is going in the world. Nor does He randomly try to take care of your problems...shaking His head as to what to do next to remedy your problems...or the person across the street.

His plan originated before time began...God does not live by the timetable set by man. He is going by His eternal plan as He lives in eternity...not giving in to the thought: "If I do this...then the problem might be solved."

His Plan is not open for change...He will reign...and He will pronounce judgment on the one that deceives you and the nations....and judgment on the ones that follow Satan.

## God Is In Control!

4 chariots coming out of 2 Bronze Mountains...

4 chariots = chariots of war going out into the world.

2 Bronze mountains = symbolizing the righteous, divine judgment of God against sin.

taking      **Bronze..Representative of the Messianic King Jesus' (Our Redeemer's) feet  
Him into the world to judge the world of sin (Revelation 1:25 and 2:18).**

The four horses...red, black, which and dappled (Seen also in Revelation 6:2-8)

White Horse = The Conqueror (Rev. 6:2)

Red Horse= power to take peace from the earth (6:3)

Black Horse=famine and pestilence (6:5)

Pale Horse=death and hell (6:8)

All representing final judgment on a sinful world!

The angel states, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world."

He is Sovereign and Reigns as King!

Four spirits= representative of the angels of divine judgment; the power of God to accomplish His judicial purpose.

“...The Lord of the Whole World.”

Our Messiah, King Jesus, is the reigning King...He will conquer the nations that go against His people and will be the avenger for the wickedness of mankind.

He rules and will rule...He is in  
control

At the conclusion of the eight (8) visions....God was satisfied! (His Spirit was at rest...)

**Zechariah 6:9-15**

God instructed Zechariah... (Through Word of the Lord)...to symbolically crown Joshua, the High Priest, with a crown made of gold and silver)

Joshua wearing the crown = symbolizing the Messiah to come.

The Branch (6 verses)

Jesus, the Messiah, King of Kings, Lord of Lords....Son of the Most High God!

He is everything one could ever want or need....yesterday, today, or tomorrow!

Interestingly enough....Joshua and Yeshua are often used interchangeably in the Bible.

This is a picture of the future 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple built by Messiah.

The crowning has significance in that it pointed forward to the Messiah as King-Priest...like (in the order of) Melchizedek centuries earlier.

The high priest, Joshua, actually had little to do with the building of the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple...

It was the work of Zerubbabel.

The Temple to be built by Joshua (this passage) is prophetic and relates to a future Temple of Messiah...confirmed by this description:

“It is He who will build the Temple of the Lord, and He will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on His throne. And He will be a priest on His throne, and there will be harmony between the two.” (verse 13)

The last phrase (priest sitting on the throne....) = refers to the office of Messiah as Priest-King.

A Levitical priest could never become a king and sit on the throne.

But...the Lord is in perfect harmony with God....and is worthy to be both priest and King

**Is this word (Zechariah’s Visions) still relevant for us today?**

After more than 2,500 years, these words have not lost their relevance.

**The Church (the believers) occupies a special place in the Lord’s heart...**

**We have been grafted in as Gentiles.**

## Relevance:

- When God's people are oppressed, He may not always intervene but He is far from being indifferent (He cares)....Vision 1.
- For every opposing force or power that tries to discourage, God has a suited instrument to deal with it in due course....Vision 2.
- We can be assured of God's keen interest in the weakest effort to be a testimony to Him...Vision 3.
- The Lord will provide for His people in view of their defilement and failure (if judged), as well as in view of the weakness of those involved....Vision 4 and 5.
- However....We must never assume that God tolerates evil. Whether it be against our neighbor (vision 6) or against Himself (vision 7).....He will judge it!
- We are to respect God's ways of providence and be aware that He governs and directs all things perfectly according to His plans...Vision 8.

### **What do we need to do?**

- ✚ Confess our sins...and He is faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- ✚ **Think right...Do right...and Flee from All Appearance of Evil!**

Fearing the Lord is a quality we need to have in our lives....

Proverbs 8:13, "To fear the Lord...is to hate evil."

**Today's world and the events happening around us point to the coming of the Messiah!**

**Where is the center focus of all the events taking place today?  
Israel!**

The last Book, the Last chapter, the last words of the Lord (written in red)...  
Revelation 22:12, "**Behold, I am coming soon!** My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End"  
And His last word confirms this.... "**Yes, I am coming soon.**"

And all nations, and all powers, and every creature will bow down and acknowledge... "At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven, and earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11