

## STUDY PACK 5

### ZECHARIAH Visions Seven Through Ten

“The fifth and sixth visions symbolized inner salvation. The high priest Joshua, clothed in dirty garments which God replaced with clean garments, tells the story of a people brought back to the land for a purpose, but they can’t be used in their sin. They will have to be cleansed; but they cannot cleanse themselves, and their religion won’t do it. The cleansing has to come from someone outside themselves. “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18). God Himself provides the redemption “... with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (I Peter 1:19). The cleansing is actually salvation, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Titus 3:5).

~~ McGee, p 920-921 ~~

#### I. THE CANDLESTICK AND THE OLIVE TREES (4:1-7)

- A. Zechariah fell asleep, exhausted by the first six visions. He is wakened by the interpreting angel (v. 1).
- B. He sees a candlestick like the one in the tabernacle or temple (v. 2).
  - 1. This was a seven branched lampstand. It was solid gold. There were three branches coming off each side of the main stem. On top of each were bowls made to look like open almond flowers. The bowls held oil for the candlestick. There was one bowl on top which served as a tank for the other bowls.
  - 2. The candlestick is a picture \_\_\_\_\_, the oil is a picture of \_\_\_\_\_. In the Old Testament, the candlestick is associated with Israel. In the New Testament, it is associated with \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 1:13-20).
- C. Zechariah also sees \_\_\_\_\_ near the candlestick (v. 3).
- D. Zechariah does not understand the vision ( vv. 4-5).
- E. The angel tells him that this is a message for Zerubbabel to lay the foundation of the temple. He will enable him to finish the job (vv. 8-9). Charles Feinberg describes the importance of Zerubbabel:

“I am afraid that Zerubbabel is very little more than a grotesque name to most Bible-readers, so may I be allowed a word of explanation as to him and as to the original force of my text. He was \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, and the civil leader of the first detachment on returning exiles. With Joshua, the high priest, he came, at the head of a little company, to Palestine, and there pathetically attempted, with small resources, to build up some humble house that might represent the vanished glories of Solomon's Temple. Political enmity on the part of the surrounding tribes stopped the work for nearly twenty years. During all that time, the hole in the ground, where the foundations had been dug and a few courses of stones been laid, gaped desolate, a sad reminder to the feeble band of the failure of their hopes."

~~ Feinberg, P. 275 ~~

- F. The candlestick is the official symbol to the new nation of Israel. Israel is God's light to the world.

## II. GOD WILL ENABLE ZERUBBABEL (4:8-10)

- A. God had made it possible for Zerubbabel to lay the foundation of the temple. He will enable him to finish the job (vv.8-9).
- B. The eyes of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ will make it possible for Zerubbabel to finish the building and to do it right.
- C. The eyes of the Lord are referred to several times in the Scripture (Proverbs 15:3, 5:21; II Chronicles 16:9; Amos 9:8; I Peter 3:12; Deuteronomy 11:12; Psalms 33:18; Revelation 4:5, 5:6).

## III. THE OLIVE TREES EXPLAINED (4:11-14)

- A. Zechariah asks the angel about the meaning of the two olive trees (vv. 11-13).
- B. He is told that they are the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14). Anointed comes from root words that mean "son of oil."
1. Joshua and Zerubbabel for now.
  2. This is prophetic of the two witnesses (Revelation 11:3).
- C. The phrase "the Lord of the whole earth" is prophetic of the millennium (v. 14).

"An interesting adaptation of the two olive trees is found in Revelation 11:3-4. If these two in Revelation are Moses and Elijah, there are the civil and religious powers represented as with Zerubbabel and Joshua. Contrast them with the Roman beast (civil power) and the false prophet (religious power) of Revelation 13. Needless to say, the ultimate fulfillment of verse 14 is the Messiah, who is both King and Priest (6:11-13). May we ever follow the wisdom of the Spirit of God and ever keep Him in full view."

~~ Feinberg, P. 292 ~~

#### IV. THE FLYING ROLL (5:1-4)

- A. Zechariah sees a flying roll. The roll (or scroll) is \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 1) (Ezekiel 2:9-10).
- B. This is a very large roll, about 30 feet by 15 feet (v. 2).
1. A normal roll for Isaiah was 30 feet by 10 inches.
  2. This roll is the same size as the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 26:15-25) and as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (The Holy of Holies) in the Temple (I Kings 6:3).
- C. All over the earth those that don't obey the Word of God \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3).
- D. Judgment will begin \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4) (I Peter 4:17).

#### V. THE WOMAN IN THE EPFAH (5:5-11)

- A. An ephah is a Jewish weight of measurement similar to an American bushel. It is also called a bath. An omer held 10 ephahs. A basket that held an ephah was also called an ephah.
- B. An ephah with a woman in it has gone forward over the whole earth (vv. 5-7).
1. The woman is a symbolic \_\_\_\_\_. Other names for mystery Babylon are:

Queen of Heaven	Mother Earth
Semiramis	Ishtar
Astheroth	Diana
Shing Moo	The mother goddess
Gaia	
  2. The ephah is a symbol \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. An unholy alliance between apostate religion and commercial power influences the whole earth. (see Revelation 17:1-7, 18:1-24; also James 5:1-6).
- C. The woman will be borne by two "flying women" (\_\_\_\_\_) to Shinar (vv. 8-11). Babylon is the headquarters \_\_\_\_\_.

#### VI. THE VISION OF THE FOUR CHARIOTS (6:1-8)

- A. Zechariah sees four chariots coming from between two mountains (v. 1)
1. The mountains are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The mountains are brass, which always symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_  
(see the brazen altar and the laver of brass).
3. The chariots.

“We know that there are chariots in the spirit realm. Elijah was transported to heaven in such a vehicle (II Kings 2:11). Elisha saw them in great numbers protecting the people of God (II Kings 6:17). In fact, they are linked with the ministry of angels and number at least 20,000 and possibly 20,000,000 (Psalms 68:17). These chariots will accompany the Lord at \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 66:15; Habakkuk 3:8).  
 ~ ~ Knox, p. 95 ~ ~

B. Zechariah sees the four spirits of heaven (vv. 1-5).

1. These are spirits of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They are the same spirits as seen in Revelation 6:1-8, 7:13.
3. They are prepared to bring judgment.

## VII. THE SYMBOLIC CROWNING OF JOSHUA (6:9-15)

A. Zechariah is told to take a delegation from Babylon to the house of Josiah (vv. 9-10).

B. There they are to crown Joshua with silver and gold crowns (v. 11)

1. The gold crown is the crown of \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 28:36-28, 39:30).
2. The silver crown represents \_\_\_\_\_. The true High Priest will be our King (We have no king but Jesus.). This is prophetic of the great high priest.

C. The Prophecy of the Branch (vv.12-15).

1. The Branch is clearly not Joshua.
2. A new temple will be built by the Branch.
3. He will rule \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The delegation from Babylon is to know that people can still come to help in the current building of the temple.