



HOPE IS KINDLED

A Study in the Book of Zechariah

“A Kingly Priest”

Zechariah Chapter 6

WEEK 4 – June 29

Zechariah Outline

2nd Year of Darius – Word and Visions

- **The First Word – 1:1-1:6**
- **Eight Visions – 1:7-6:8**
 1. **Horsemen**
 2. **Horns and Craftsman**
 3. **Measuring Line and Jerusalem**
 4. **Joshua the High Priest**
 5. **Lampstand and Olive Trees**
 6. **Flying Scroll**
 7. **Woman in a Basket**
 8. **Four Chariots**
- **Priest on His Throne (Performance) – 6:9-6:15**

4th Year of Darius – Word and Oracles

- **Instruction and Warning (fasting) – 7**
- **Encouragement and Hope (feasting) – 8**
- **The First Oracle – 9-11**
- **The Second Oracle – 12-14**

Zechariah Visions in History

- **Post-Exilic – 520BC, After Babylon, During Persia (Darius I), Before Greece**
- **From Jerusalem, to the Jews who had returned from captivity**
- **19 years since their return, Temple construction is stalled**



Purpose of these Visions

- To motivate that generation and future generations to forsake the things of men and to get busy with the things of GOD by informing, instructing, encouraging, admonishing, and warning them.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Summary of Visions: 1 & 2

- **V1 – God will turn back to Judah and Jerusalem and cast judgement on the nations that are at ease – comfort and prosperity will overflow in Jerusalem**
- **V2 – Judgement on the nations who tried to annihilate the jews**

Summary of Visions: 3

- V3 – Thematically similar, (God choosing Jerusalem and judging the nations) but with more detail and an eye towards ultimate fulfillment
 - “I will be to her a wall”
 - “I will dwell in your midst”
 - “I will shake my hand over them”
 - Many nations will join themselves....

Summary of Visions: 4 & 5

- V4 – Joshua, the High Priest “plucked from the fire” - iniquity removed and righteousness given “in a single day,” along with a new heart filled with the Spirit – New Covenant
 - Stone with 7 eyes - *Born of the Spirit*
- V5 – Zerubbabel, the Governor, given power by the Anointing (oil) of the Holy Spirit (Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the LORD)
 - Lampstand with 7 lamps - *Walk by the Spirit*

Summary of Visions: 6 & 7

- V6 – A warning for God's people that God will completely destroy those who continue to steal or swear falsely by his name (not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel)
- V7 – An admonishment to God's people to put off all wickedness and filthiness of men, and to forsake the ways of Babylon



8th Vision – Zech 6:1-8

- **4 horse drawn chariots come out from between 2 bronze mountains**
 - **Red, black, white, dappled (gray)**
 - **Strong and Impatient to patrol the earth**
- **Present themselves to The Lord of the earth, they are told to “Go patrol the earth”**
- **They go out to “The Four Winds of Heaven”**
 - **Black and white go North, Dappled go South**
 - **The northbound horses “set God’s Spirit at Rest”**

Compare V1 with V8

- Red, White, and Bay
- Standing among Myrtles
- Returning from patrol
 - Reporting back, after
- Earth remains at rest
- Beginning state
 - promises made
- Red, White, Black, Gray
- Charging in from Bronze Mountains
- Going out on Patrol
 - Reporting in, before
- God's Spirit is put to rest
- End State
 - promises kept

Four Sets of Horses

- Same colors as Revelation 6 (seals 1-4)
 - White = conqueror
 - Red = war
 - Black = economic want and famine
 - Gray = death
- “Strong” and Chariots – aggression, war,
God executing His Judgment

Four Winds of Heaven

- Winds of Heaven – refers to the wind in the physical sky (heavens)
- Four – North, South, East, West
- Usually associated with “Scattering to” or “Gathering from” in relation to Israel or The Church (from the perspective of Judah)
 - *Jer 49, Dan 7, Dan 8, Dan 11, Mat 24, Mark 13*



Set My Spirit at Rest

- The northbound horses set God's Spirit at rest
- These horses execute God's Judgment on the nations
- His Spirit is at rest when his work is completed – Judgment is complete

Bronze Mountains

- **2 Bronze Pillars at the entrance of Solomon's Temple?**
- **Jesus legs and feet of burnished bronze in Dan 10 and Rev 1 Visions?**
- **Image In Nebuchadnezzar's dream from Daniel 2?**

Daniel 2:36-40 (to Nebuchadnezzar)

“This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

HEAD
Gold
Babylonian empire
605 BC - 539 BC



BREAST & ARMS
Silver
Medo-Persian empire
539 - 331 BC



BELLY & THIGHS
Bronze
Greek empire
331 BC - 146 BC



LEGS
Iron
Roman empire
146 BC - 476 AD



8th Vision Fulfillment

- **NEAR TERM** - The conquering of the nations by Alexander the Great?
- **ULTIMATE** – Judgement of the nations through the Great Tribulation
 - White, black and gray horses (Antichrist, famine, plague, death)
 - God's work of judgement is complete, his Spirit is at rest

Vision Themes Summarized

- 1. God's Promise to Bless His people**
- 2. God's Promise to Judge the Nations**
- 3. God's Promise to gather His people (more than just Israel) in prosperity and Dwell with them in safety**
- 4. God (Joshua) Justifying His people by His Spirit**
- 5. God (Zerubbabel) Sanctifying His people by His Spirit**
- 6. God's warning of Judgement for His household**
- 7. God putting away wickedness from His household**
- 8. God's work of Judgement complete (Spirit at rest)**

Prophetic Drama – Zech 6:9-15

- Zechariah told to get his fellow exiles and go to the house of Josiah
 - Jediah is named as a priest in Ezra
- Collect silver and gold from them and make a royal crown (as opposed to a priestly turban)
- Set it on Joshua's head
- Gives the meaning of the drama, then the crown would remain in the Temple as a reminder

Meaning of Zech 6:9-15

- Culmination of the Visions from the 11th month
- A man's whose name is Branch shall "branch" out and build the Temple of the Lord
 - Branch from the 4th vision about Joshua
 - Building the Temple from the 5th vision about Zerubbabel
- This man will bear royal honor (splendor, majesty) and sit and rule from his throne – "a priest on his throne"
- The "Counsel of Peace" between the two offices

Numbers 18:7 – Who can be a Priest

But only you (Aaron) and your sons may serve as priests in connection with everything at the altar and inside the curtain. I am giving you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone else who comes near the sanctuary is to be put to death.

Gen 49:10 – (Also 2 Sam 7)

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

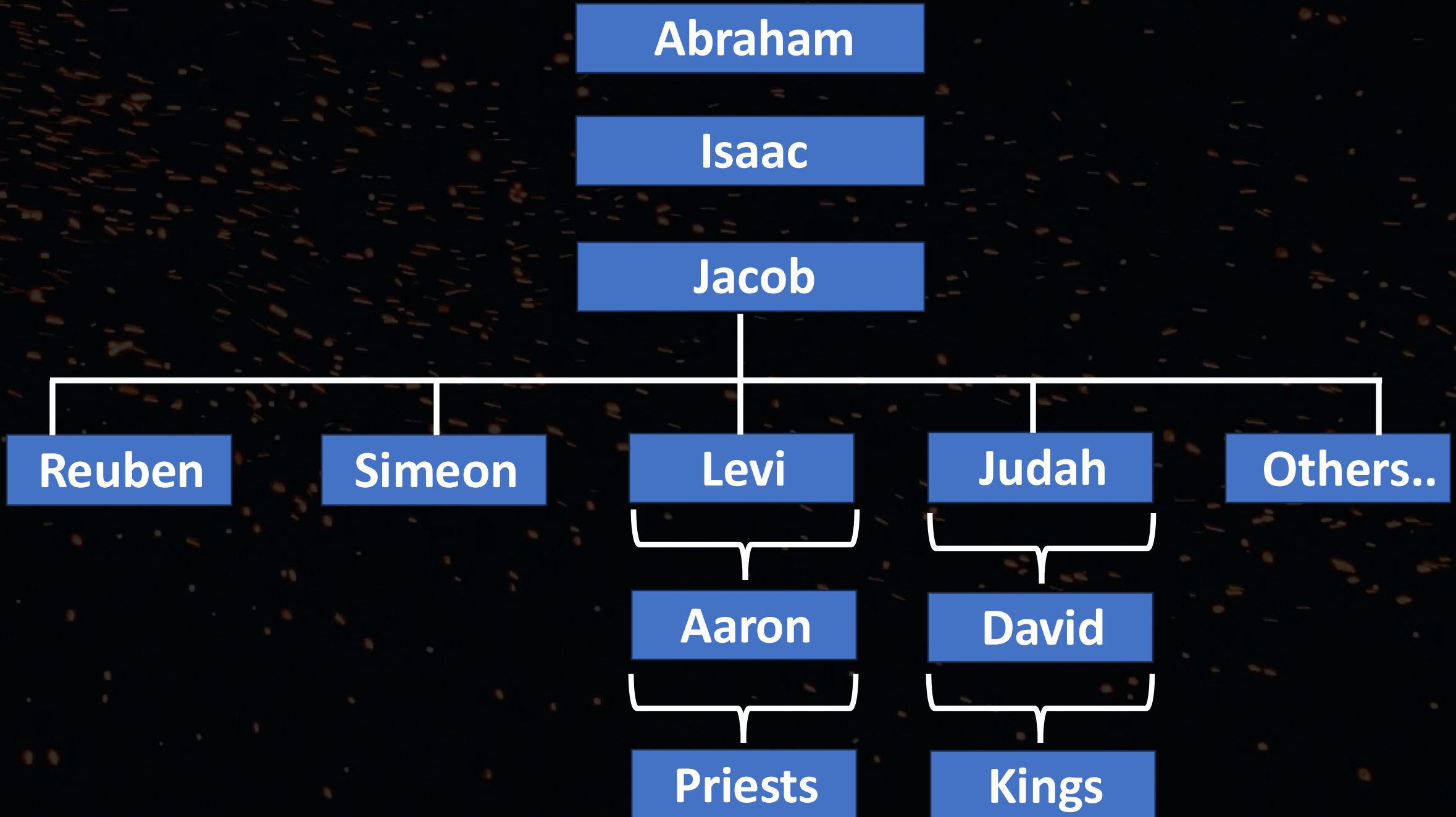
Others..

Aaron

David

Priests

Kings



Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Melchizedek

- Appears suddenly (don't know his lineage)
- Priest King of Salem which mean "Peace"
 - Early Jerusalem, city without walls
- Blesses Abram (the greater blesses the lesser)
- Receives tithe from Abram (the lesser tithes to the greater)
- Name means "KING of RIGHTEOUSNESS"

Prophetic Drama – Zech 6:9-15

- Concludes with prophecy that the Temple shall be completed with the help of those who are “far off”
 - Returning Exiles from Babylon
- Promise appears conditional upon obedience

NEXT WEEK

WEEK 5 – July 6
“Fasting to Feasting”
Zechariah 7-8