

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers
"The Crowning of Messiah"
Zechariah 6:9-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. The 70 years of captivity are over.

a) **Jeremiah 25:12**

2. Why were they in captivity? Immorality and Idolatry

a) **1 Kings 11:1-2**

b) **1 Kings 11:3-4**

c) **1 Kings 11:5-8**

1) **Ashtoreth** - was the goddess of the Sidonians

2) **Milcom** - the abomination of the Ammonites

3) **Chemosh** - the abomination of Moab

4) **Molech** - the abomination of the Ammonites

d) **THAT IS WHY THEY WENT INTO CAPTIVITY!!!**

3. Ezra 1:1-4

a) The 70 years of captivity are over, and Cyrus King of Persia gives the Jew who were in captivity the green light to go back home and rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and the Temple of the Lord.

b) There were millions of Jews in captivity, but only about 50,000 returned to their homeland.

c) **Why do you think that was?**

4. Revelation 17:1-6

a) **Zechariah 5:5-11**

5. Vision #8

a) The 8 Night Visions come to a conclusion with the Final Judgment on the enemies of God.

6. Zechariah 6:1-8

a) This is the *Second Coming* of Jesus.

b) The 2nd Coming is God's judgment on the nations.

7. Zechariah 6:1-3

a) **Four** - Universal

b) **Chariots**

- 1) First chariot Red horses - war and bloodshed
 - 2) Second chariot Black horses - death and hell
 - 3) Third chariot - White horses - victory
 - 4) Dapple chariot - Pestilence and starvation
- c) **2 Mountains of bronze** - Mt. Zion and Mount of Olives

8. Vs 4-8

a) Joel 3:1-3

9. This is God's coming judgment on the nations.

10. Revelation 19:11-21; 20:1-6

THREE ASPECTS OF THE CROWNING OF KING JESUS

I. THE FORESHADOWING OF MESSIAH - Vs 9-11

A. A DIVINE ILLUMINATION

1. Vs 9

a) *"And the word of the LORD came to me:"*

B. A DIVINE COMMAND

1. Vs 10

a) *"take from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, (remnant Jews) who have arrived from Babylon, and go the same day to the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah.*

2. Vs 11

a) *"Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown"*

1) The fact that Zechariah was instructed to take gifts from these exiles of Babylon was a foreshadowing of future Gentile inclusion.

b) *"and set it on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest."*

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Why wasn't Zerubbabel the one crowned?

a) After all Zerubbabel was in the lineage of David?

4. **LISTEN UP:** I think it's clear that Jehovah God didn't want any confusion or distraction as to the dual purpose of Messiah.

II. THE DIVINE IDENTITY OF MESSIAH - Vs 12-13

A. THE BRANCH

1. Vs 12

- a) "the man whose name is BRANCH" emphasizes a distinct prophetic figure, not Joshua himself.

- b) **Isaiah 4** describes a future time when God restores Zion after a time of judgment (**Isaiah 4:4**) and when the Branch (or Shoot) of the Lord brings forth fruit: "In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel" (**Isaiah 4:2**).

2. **BRANCH** symbolizes growth, sprouting, and continuity from Davidic roots.

- a) The Branch is the righteous heir who builds God's temple.
- b) This Branch will unite the priestly and kingly offices and brings peace.

B. THE BRANCHES MESSIANIC ROLES

1. Vs 13

- a) It is He who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on His throne.

2. Messiah's Roles: Vs 13

a) **KING** - Vs 13a

- 1) He bears Royal Honor
- 2) Sits on the throne
- 3) Exercises sovereign rule

b) **HIGH PRIEST** - Vs 13b

- 1) "*And there shall be a priest on his throne.*"

c) **COUNSEL OF PEACE** Vs 13c

- 1) "*and the counsel of peace shall be between them both*"

- a. There will be perfect harmony between the two offices.
- b. Righteousness will prevail

3. The Branch will construct a temple not constrained to Zerubbabel's rebuilding.

4. Ezekiel chapters 40-47

III. MESSIAH'S MEMORIAL CROWN

A. IMMEDIATE SIGNIFICANCE

1. Vs 14

2. So, after Zechariah placed the crown on Joshua's head, he was then to take It off and place it in the temple, after the temple's completion.

3. Vs 14

a) *"as a reminder to Helem, Tobijah, Jediah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah."*

B. GLOBAL PARTICIPATION

1. Vs 15

a) *"And those who are far off"*

1) Those who were **"far off"** referred to Israelites dispersed throughout distant lands in exile.

2) Those afar off will also include saints among the Gentiles who will help the Jews return home.

b) *"shall come and help build the Temple of the LORD"*

2. Vs 15b

a) *"And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you."*

b) *"And this will diligently come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."*

CONCLUSION:

1. Only those who obey the Word of God will inherit His Kingdom.

2. *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

3. Those who reject His Word will not be permitted to enter.