

Zechariah 1 Pt 2 vv 7-21

Jesus

vv. 1-5 Call to Turn to God.

- **Message:** Don't be like your fathers who forsook God
- **Next:** Visions/Pictures/Symbols. How do we interpret?

We know what is explained by God in these visions- but **do not know** what is not explained...yet there is the **Law of Expositional Constancy** [Smith]

- **Expositional:** To uncover meaning
- **Constancy:** Pattern withing Scripture

Expositional Constancy: Symbols in the Bible are used **consistently**—that they represent the same thing **whenever** they are used in allegories, parables, visions, and dreams

- **E.g. Parable of Seed**

1. **Seed** Continue to represent **Word of God**
2. **Sower** Continue to represent **Jesus**
3. **Birds** Continue to represent **evil**...later also in Wheat/Tares

Mark 4:13 Don't you not understand this parable? **How then will you understand all the parables?**

- **Oil** Holy Spirit
- **Horn** Strength
- **Sea** Gentile Nations

Revelation 19:10 For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy

The true spirit of prophecy always shows itself in bearing witness to Jesus. "Any teaching of prophecy that takes our minds and hearts away from Him is not being properly communicated. [Hocking]

This means that prophecy at its very heart is designed to unfold the beauty and loveliness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." [Walvoord]

Q. Did the Prophets understand what they wrote? **A.** Some

1 Peter 1:12 To **them it was revealed** that, not to themselves, but **to us they were ministering** the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—**things which angels desire to look into.**

- **IOWs** The Church has greater ability to understand prophesy than the Prophets

II. Vision of the Horses Patrolling the Earth

⁷ On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son

of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet: ⁸I saw **by night**, and behold, a **man riding on a red horse**, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him *were* horses: **red, sorrel, and white.**

- **Man on Red Horse** At night in a valley among Myrtle trees
 - **Behind man on Red Horse** 3 other horses/riders
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- 1. **Man on Red Horse** Jesus Red speaks of Blood
 - 2. **Myrtle Trees** Israel Myrtle translated means Esther
 - 3. **3 other Horses/Riders** Angels Not horseman of Revelation
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- 1) **Red Horse**
 - 2) **White Horse**
 - 3) **Sorrel Horse** Different colors signify different ranks

9 Then [Zechariah] said, "My lord, **what are these?**" So the angel who talked with me said to me, "I will show you what they *are*." ¹⁰And the man who stood among the myrtle trees [same] answered and said, "**These are the ones** whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth." ¹¹So they answered the **Angel of the LORD**, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have **walked to and fro** throughout the earth, and behold, all the **earth is resting quietly.**"

v11 Man on Red Horse: **The Angel of the Lord**
Unlocks rest other verses...

- Zechariah to Jesus Who are these other three riders?
- Jesus to Zechariah Those the Father sent to patrol the earth
- **Riders to Jesus...**

We have patrolled the earth... Resting quietly

Just as Satan walks about the earth for evil [Job 1:7, 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8], so the Lord Jehovah has His representatives walking up/down in the earth to examine the affairs of men. [Luck]

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the **eyes of the Lord** run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Zechariah 3:9 ... the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are **seven eyes.**

Zechariah 4:10b ...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."

- **Seven Eyes represent God's Omnipresence:** All-seeing Spirit of God

Revelation 5:6 ...seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

- **God constantly monitoring the earth:** Earth resting quietly, i.e. no war
- **200 years** of world peace in **5000 years** of recorded history. **Why?**

The world can never have permanent peace until Jesus is reigning in Jerusalem. [JV McGee]

- **Three Riders to Jesus:** We have patrolled the earth/Resting quietly...

III. The Lord Will Comfort Zion

12 Then the **Angel of the LORD** answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, how long **will You not have mercy on Jerusalem** and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these **seventy years?**"

- Angel the LORD to God the Father...**Why is there peace?**
 1. **How long** before You the judge the Nations?
 2. **How long** before You restore Your people Israel?
- **Jesus did not know** the time of the coming Kingdom?

Mark 13:32 ...of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, **nor the Son, but only the Father.**

How could Jesus not know that day and hour? Did not He, as God, know all things? Jesus did not know this, but it was not because He gave up His omniscience [all knowing ability] — He is the unchanging God. It was because He voluntarily, in submission to God the Father, **restricted His knowledge of this event.** [Guzik]

He was pleased to take [only] from the **revelation of the Spirit**, by which he yet knew not this, but the Father only knows it... [Henry]

How long before You judge nations...Restore Your people?

13 And the Lord answered the angel who talked to me, with **good and comforting words.**

Good/Comforting Words **from** the Father **to** the Son **for** God's people...

14 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.** **15** I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease; For I was a little angry, And they helped—but with **evil intent.**"

Good/Comforting Words received by Jesus from the Father

- **I am zealous for My people** NKJ Jealous: heb. *kaw-naw'* Turn intensely red
- **I am angry with the Nations** Scattered my people/Not yet been judged

Genesis 12:3 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.

Nations are Judged in relation to how they treat Israel.

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory [Context: Post trib], and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to **one of the least of these My brethren**, you did it to Me.' [To the Goats] **...45b** Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you **did not do it to one of the least of these**, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Nations of the Trib: Judged by how they treat Jesus Brethren...Israel

- **Second Coming**

1. Jesus exceedingly angry at the Nations
2. God merciful **to Israel the Apple of His eye...**

16 'Therefore thus says the Lord: "**I am returning to Jerusalem** with mercy; **My house shall be built in it,**" says the Lord of hosts, "And a **surveyor's line shall be stretched** out over Jerusalem." ' 17 "Again proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "**My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;** The Lord will again comfort Zion, And will again choose Jerusalem." ' "

Dual Prophecy: Near/Distant

- **Near:** God/His people return Jerusalem rebuild Temple **4 yrs. after this**
- **Distant:** Jesus will return to build His Millennial Temple **At 2nd Coming**

v16 **Surveyors Line stretched out...Ready to Break Ground**

Revelation 11:1 [John] Then I was **given a reed like a measuring rod.** And **the angel stood,** saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But **leave out the court** which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been **given to the Gentiles** [Dome of Rock].

John speaks of 3rd "temple" ready to be built...today

- **Four Temple Total:**

1. **Solomon's** Temple 1000 BC
2. **Zerubbabel/Herod's** Temple 500 BC and 70 AD
3. **Anti-Christ** Temple Worship Center Today

4. **Jesus** Millennial Temple

7 Years later C.f. [Ezekiel 40-48]

- **Jesus will rebuild the Fourth/Final Temple**

Acts 15:16 'After **this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David**, which has fallen down; I will **rebuild its ruins**, And I will set it up; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.'

v17 **My cities shall again spread out through prosperity**

The Lord will again comfort Zion...again choose Jerusalem

IOWs: The city of Jerusalem and the Temple will be rebuilt in Zachariah's day and subsequently destroyed in 70 AD. Jerusalem and the Jesus temple will be rebuilt at the 2nd coming of Jesus after the Tribulation. [NJC]

- Comfort for Israel/Judgment for enemies...

IV. Vision of Four Horns

18 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there *were* **four horns**. **19** And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What *are* these?" So he answered me, "These *are* the horns that **have scattered** Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

- **Horn:** Strength mostly of gentile powers
- **Who are the four horns** who scattered Israel?
 1. Babylon
 2. Medo Persia
 3. Greece
 4. Rome

Summary Vision Four Horns: Different than following vision...

V. Vision of Four Craftsmen

- Not same as Vision of Four Horns above/Two separate but related visions

20 Then the LORD showed me **four craftsmen**. **21** And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These *are* the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the **craftsmen are coming to terrify them**, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up *their* horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

- **God desired to temporarily chastise His people**
- **Nations wanted to annihilate them forever. So...**

God judged Nations He used to judge Israel
God used Four Craftsman to Smash/Repair Nations for His purpose

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| 1. Medo-Persia | ...smashes/repairs Babylon | Builds Medo-Persia |
| 2. Greece | ...smashes/repairs Medo-Persia | Builds Grecian Empire |
| 3. Rome | ...smashes/Repairs Greece | Builds Roman Empire |

- **Q.** So, Who smashed/Repaired Rome?
- **A. No one yet.** Rome has not been smashed yet

Rome never conquered. New Roman Empire will be rebuilt by AC
 So ...Who is the **Fourth Craftsman** that will smash/repair New Roman Empire?

4. **Jesus Rock of Ages**...smashes/repairs **AC Neo-Roman empire**

Jesus smashes the last Kingdom of man Establishes His Kingdom on Earth

- **Daniel 2:** Interprets Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream of Great Image of a man

1. Head	Gold	Babylon
2. Chest/Arms	Silver	Medo-Persia
3. Belly/Thighs	Bronze	Greece
4. Legs	Iron	Rome
5. Feet	Iron/Clay	Neo-Roman Empire

Daniel describes the demise of the fifth/final kingdom of man on earth
 Stone cut w/out hands smashes AC Kingdom to Establish His own...

Daniel 2:34 [Dan to Neb]You watched while a **stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces... 41** Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, **they will mingle with the seed of men;** [Genesis 6] but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. 44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall **never be destroyed;** and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. **The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” Jesus Kingdom is sure.**

I will use Craftsman to Terrify Nations who Scattered Judah in the Past

- **Medo Persia** will destroy Babylon and build Medo Persia Empire
- **Greece** will destroy Medo Persia and build Grecian Empire
- **Rome** will destroy Greece/fade away till AC rebuilds new Roman Empire
- **Jesus** will destroy AC New Roman Empire/Establish His Kingdom earth

Zechariah: Sleeper Apocalyptic minor-prophet