



**Sermon Series:** Unquenchable Hope Part 7

**Sermon Title:** Rest Assured

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### **Zechariah 6:1–15**

In Zechariah 6 we find a voice of authority that looks to the future, when Jesus returns to establish his kingdom & Temple.

**Big Idea:** Rest assured, for Jesus will clear the way to reign on earth.

There are 2 great reasons why we can “rest assured.”

**1<sup>st</sup> Reason:** Jesus Will Clear the Way (*Zech 6:1-8*)

Zechariah sees 4 war chariots and horses. They come from between 2 mountains of bronze – a symbol of judgment that we find in the book of Revelation [1:15, 2:18].

The colors of the horses in *Zech 6:2-3* resemble the 4 horses of *Rev 6:1-8*.

These 4 charioteers have a mission to set in motion events that will gather in all Israel, and Jesus begins His reign on planet earth. In the process He will strip all authority from Satan.

God first prepares the world with a time of deep famine, authoritarian conquest, and pandemics. It is global in its scope. *Zechariah 6:6-7*. Are we now experiencing part of this?

We can't know for sure, but Jesus does tell us to watch for “wars, and rumors of wars,” famines, pestilence, and earthquakes. Labor pains (*Mt 24:8*) that will precede the Rapture of the church, the 7 yrs of Tribulation, and the return of Christ to establish His reign. What do we know for sure? We are to watch, to be ready. (*Mark 13:33*)

God will experience something akin to a sigh of satisfaction because the angelic chariot drivers will have executed His judgment. *Zechariah 6:8*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reason:** Jesus will reign on earth (*Zech 6:9-15*)

Zechariah receives a delegation from Babylon bearing silver and gold. He is to fashion a crown for Joshua (Heb: Yeshua), the High Priest, who also foreshadows another Great High Priest named Yeshua *who* will wear the

crown on Millennial Earth. **Zechariah 6:9–11**

The “crown” in vs 11 is plural, referring to a double-ringed crown that signifies both priesthood and kingship. Just as Jesus, our great High Priest, is also as the One who reigns on the throne of David.

Zechariah 6:12 is the prophetic fulfillment of... **Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15–16**

Then we read...

**Zechariah 6:12b** he will branch out from his place...

The Millennium will not just be for Jews. It will fulfill... **Isaiah 2:2–3**. All nations... blessed!

He will build a new Temple. **Zechariah 6:12b-13a**

Jesus will be both Priest and King. **Zechariah 6:13b**. Jesus is the Great High Priest who, after the sacrifice for sin, sat down at the right hand of the Father (Hebrews 10:12). And He will come the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to sit down on a physical throne in the Jerusalem, the capital of Millennial Earth.

Zechariah fashioned a crown and at the dedication of the temple in 515 BC, the crown was set in its Holy Place. (**Zechariah 6:14**) It would testify to a coming day when a Priest-King will reign. Then, the startling prediction in **Zechariah 6:15** *Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the LORD, and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the LORD your God.*

This is an aspect of Zechariah’s prophecy that can only refer to the future Millennial Temple that the prophets Isaiah and Micah both foresaw (**Isaiah 2; Micah 4**).

The endeavor will enlist Gentiles – non-Jews – from all over the world. They will all help build the Temple. The passage ends with a reminder that repentance leads to salvation, and obedience to God’s great blessing.

Zechariah 6 is a picture of the work Messiah will accomplish at the twilight of this age and the dawn of a new one. Not only will there be a new Temple; He will unify the offices of Priest and King. He will remove the guilt of sin in a single day. He will restore the nation of Israel. Messiah will subdue then unify the nations under His reign. Jesus will sit on His throne in Jerusalem as the undisputed King of the whole world. What a Day that will be!

### Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Matthew 24:8 talks about the beginning of birth pains for the events of the end times. Do you think that we are experiencing those birth pains now? Why or why not?
- How does the assurance of Jesus reigning on earth affect you personally in light of current events in the world?
- Zechariah 6:6-7 and Revelation 6 describe horses and their riders executing judgement on the earth. Do you think these horses are symbolic or do you believe that there are animals in heaven?

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