

Zechariah 4-6 – 23 July 2026

“Envisioning God’s Unstoppable Plan: Part 2”

Introduction

*Zechariah is the 2nd of 3 post-exilic prophets, prophesying at the same time as Haggai

*Zechariah begins with a call from God for the people to accept ***the unstoppable nature of His plan***

*Zec 1-6 are 8 visions in a chiastic structure pointing to the middle for emphasis

These 8 mirror each other toward the middle

The highlight is the center point

*We see this thru Bible like Gen 6-9 w/ Noah

*In Zec 1-3 we saw the 1st 4 of 8 visions

1st Vision – Four Men On Horses: Providing For Israel’s Reestablishment (Chap 1:7-17)

2nd Vision – Four Horns & Craftsmen: Protection From The Enemy (Chap 1:18-21)

3rd Vision – A Man With A Measuring Device: Preparing For The Influx Of People (Chap 2:1-13)

4th Vision – The High Priest & Branch: Exalted Rule of the pure One (Chap 3:1-10)

Today, we see the final 4 of 8 visions given by God that show His unstoppable plan to bring salvation

5th Vision – Gold Lampstand: Empowerment of the Spirit (4:1-14)

Read 4:1-3

1. This would remind them of the same golden 7-fold Menorah in the Tabernacle
2. Two differences stand out
 - a. This one had a bowl to hold oil on its way down the pipes to the 7 lamps
 - b. This one had two olive trees right beside – which is what's used to get the oil for lamps

Read 4:4-5

1. We're shown time and again that the flesh cannot understand spiritual things, they must be explained from a spiritual source (I Cor 2:12-14)

Read 4:6-7

1. Zerubbabel is seen as being directly empowered by the Holy Spirit (ie trees hooked to the Menorah)
2. No mountain or obstacle can stand in his way to prevent God's plan being executed thru him
3. If chap 3 shows priest Joshua made pure; chap 4 shows Zerubbabel the civil leader needing power

Read 4:8-10

1. So the fulfillment of this empowerment is that Zerubbabel will be able to complete the Temple
 - a. This will be the way to verify Zechariah's prophetic veracity
2. We spoke in Haggai about feeling down when doing a small work or project for God
 - a. We've all been there – we must look ahead to what God can & will do thru the small work
 - b. Even if 1 soul comes to Jesus, it's worth it
3. Seven eyes were pictured in chap 3 of Jesus
 - a. Jesus is pleased to see Zerubbabel pick up the plumb line and get to work on the Temple

Read 4:11-14

1. In this context the 2 ‘anointed ones’ empowered by the Spirit in this day are Joshua (chap 3) & Zerubbabel (chap 4)
2. God often uses two together empowered by Him
 - a. Moses/Aaron, Joshua/Caleb, Elijah/Elisha
 - b. God will again in the future use two men (Read Rev 11:3-4) to prophecy
 - c. Key: they’re powered by God (Read Rev 11:6)

6th vision – Flying Scroll: Expiation of the People (Purification) (5:1-4)

Read 5:1-2

1. Seems the scroll was open to get the size
2. This 30’x15’ is the size God had the Holy Place in the Tabernacle be make
 - a. Holy Place contained Lampstand & more

Read 5:3-4

1. A scroll is always associated w/ God’s Word

- a. Scroll's size associates it w/ Tabernacle
- b. So, God's Word to them is don't lie & steal
2. The whole 10 Commandments can be summed up in 'don't lie & don't steal'
3. It's interesting that lying & stealing is the part of the Commandments that people think are minor
4. God is very interested in the people's purity

7th vision – Women in a Basket: Extradition of the Enemy (5:5-11)

Read 5:5-8

1. An ephah is a unit to measure grain, a basket
2. There's a woman called wickedness inside the basket imprisoned w/ a lead (immovable) lid
 - a. This is a picture of idolatry & false religion
 - b. Rev 17 shows Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots accompanying Anti-Christ
3. Here in Zec, we have the women prepared to be taken out of the land of Israel

Read 5:9-11

1. Wickedness women, idolatry is taken out of Israel & into the land of Babylon
 - a. To be established there later in end times
2. These women seem to be angels w/ stork wings
 - a. The stork is an unclean bird (makes sense to carry wickedness out of Israel)
 - b. This is the one mention of angels appearing like women
3. Remember, sometimes with future prophecy, we don't know exactly *how* this will all play out, but we know *what* it means
 - a. God isn't just re-establishing Israel in their land, but He's also removing things
 - b. He's seen removing liars & thieves (flying scroll) & now He's seen removing idolatry and false religion

8th vision – Four Chariots: Elimination of the Enemy (6:1-8)

Read 6:1-3

1. 4 chariots come from the mts of judgement
 - a. Bronze always represents judgement
2. Chariots convene the idea of mighty & fast
3. Don't get hung up on images, but their meaning

Read 6:4-8

1. These visions are the spiritual realities that will cause the earthly realities to happen
2. This is now after the judgement of the nations
 - a. They've come *from* the mts of judgement
 - b. They're going *to* patrol the enemy's lands
3. Israel's enemies are 'from the north' hence why 2 sets of forces go north (Babylon & Gog)
 - a. If the woman in the basket shows the enemy's extradition, now we see the enemy's chances of coming again eliminated
4. This is the goal, to cease conflict & bring rest

- a. This can only happen when God judges the wicked
- b. But praise God He also allows for repentance & restoration

Uniting the Offices to Build the Temple (6:9-15)

Read 6:9-11

- 1. Spiritual visions are done, now Zechariah is to do something that demonstrates God's intentions
- 2. 3 men were asked to serve God by giving, another to serve God by making the crown
 - a. We all have a role to play in God's work
 - b. As we invest ourselves thru action; we're a part of the blessing when God unfolds His plan
- 3. This is unheard of to seemingly make the High Priest the king, ruler or authority
 - a. King Uzziah tried & was struck w/ leprosy

Read 6:12-13

- 1. We were told in Zec 3 that High Priest Joshua is to be a sign of Jesus, the Branch to come

- a. Zec 3 says that Jesus will remove iniquity
- b. Zec 6 shows Jesus will reign as Priest & king
- 2. Jesus unites offices b/c He's the Lion of Judah & a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek

Read 6:14-15

- 1. This crowning is done as a memorial or to remember to occasion
 - a. It speaks of something to come more than an expectation Joshua would rule Jerusalem
- 2. The Branch Jesus comes to ***build the Temple of God***
 - a. 'Those who are far off' is us the church
 - b. Read Eph 2:19-22 – Jesus is the Vine, we're the branches
 - c. All of this establishing of Israel, so that we all could be grafted into the Vine Branch

Conclusion

Now, we've seen all 8 of Zechariah's visions to finish the culmination of God's unstoppable plan

It began in chap 1 with a call to "Return to the Lord"

Then the 1st four visions were...

1. Providing for reestablishment (Control Situation)
2. Protection from the enemy (Overthrow Enemy)
3. Preparing for the influx of people (Prepare People)
4. Promotion of the Branch Jesus (Exalt God)

Then the final four vision were...

1. Empowerment of the Spirit (Exalt God)
2. Expiation of the people (Prepare People)
3. Extradition of the enemy (Overthrow Enemy)
4. Elimination of the enemy (Control Situation)

It concludes with an acting out of Joshua's crowning to prototype Jesus uniting the offices of priest and king to build the Temple of His people the Church

Nothing can stop God from planning your redemption