

Zechariah

(7) The seventh and eighth vision

The vision of the measuring basket (the cleansing of Israel)...5:5-11

What is the next vision given to Zechariah? 5:5-6a see Lev.19:36

He sees a measuring basket (ephah, about 5-10 gallons) and it is 'going forth', ie, leaving.

And what is the immediate explanation given of the vision? vs.6b cp.Is.53:6

The basket is the iniquity (sin) of the people (Jews), throughout the whole land (of Israel).

What happens next in the vision? vs.7 explanation?

The lead cover is lifted and there was a woman in the basket. The woman is wickedness.

Why might this image (of a woman) be used? Rev.17:1-6 cp. Jer.3:9

A woman is the symbol of Babylon, mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.

What happens next? vs.8

The angel pushes the woman back in the ephah, puts the lead cover on. Symbol: sealed in.

And then what happens? vs.9

Wickedness is sealed in the iniquity of the land, and flown away! By two winged women.

What is Zechariah's next question? vs.10 Answer? vs.11

Where are they taking the basket? To country of Babylonia, to a special house for it.

What is being signified by this amazing vision? **3:9**

Prophetic of that one day when the Lord removes the sin of Israel. Taken to Babylon/judge

The vision of the 4 chariots (the cleansing of the Gentiles)...6:1-8

Describe the last vision given to Zechariah. 6:1

He sees 4 (war) chariots coming from between 2 mountains made of bronze.

What is the detail of the horses/chariots? vs.2

The first had a red horse, second black, third white, fourth dappled, all powerful horses.

What is the interpretation? vs.4-7 Is.66:15-16; Ps.68:17; Rev.1:15; 2:18; Rev.6:1-8; 18:10

Chariots, bronze, north/south = God's tribulation judgment via angels on Gentile nations.

What is the objective of this cleansing/judgment? vs.8 cp.1:15

The Lord is satisfied (appeased His wrath). The Lord is slow to anger, but...

What is the summary overview of the last 3 visions (1. flying scroll 2. ephah 3. four chariots)?

They show the sequence of God's plan to 1. purge sin from Israel 2. cleanse land, 3. judge Gentiles. All in order to bring in Messiah, the Branch.

What then is symbolically missing from the full set of 8 visions? 3:8

These visions are the preparation only. The actual coming of the Branch is not included.

How is this final step in God's program described? 6:9-15

God instructs Zechariah in the symbolic crowning of the Branch. Next study!