

Zechariah

(8) The Symbolic Crowning of the Branch

After the last vision comes the Word of the Lord...6:9-11

After the last (3) visions, we have been prepared for what event?

The Jews purged, the land of Israel cleansed, the Gentiles judged... now the Messiah!

What is the command given to Zechariah in verse 9-10?

Take (silver / gold, vs.11) from Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, who are arriving from Babylon

Comment on these (3) men.

Three unknown Jews returning to Jerusalem from Babylon w/money (for temple?).

What was Zechariah commanded to do next? vs.11

Fashion a crown from the gold / silver and set in on the head of Joshua, the high priest.

What would have been the "logical" command re crowning a king? IIChron.26:16-21

To crown Zerubbabel, the governor, as King. A priest was excluded from being king.

How does this prophesy of Christ as Priest and King? Gen.14:18; Ps.110:4; Heb.7:11-22

It speaks of Christ, God's anointed Priest and King, like Melchizedek, not Levitical.

Now the explanation of this Word of the Lord...6:12-15

After the symbolic crowning what is the explanation to be given? vs.12 *Jn.19:5*

Behold the man (symbolic) whose name is the Branch, for He will branch out, build temple

What is the description of the Branch given in vs.13a? Ps.72:17-19; Dan.7:13-14

He will build the temple of the Lord. Clothed w/majesty and He will sit/rule on His throne.

What does this language clearly describe? Ps.110:1-4

The Branch is deity. He will rule on HIS throne. This is divine authority, not man's.

And additionally, what will the Branch accomplish? vs.13b; Heb.7-8

He will be priest on His throne (King). There will be harmony (peace) between the two.

How is the *symbolic* nature of the crowning of Joshua confirmed? vs.14

The crown then went to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen. A memorial in the temple.

What else is symbolized by the symbolic crowning of Joshua? vs.15a; Hag.2:7-9

In the Millennial Kingdom, gold and silver will be brought to fill His house. All nations...

What is the *conditional* promise of verse 15b?

This will all come to pass if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.

How do we see the same general conditional promises in the NT? IIPet.1:5-10

If you practice these things you will never stumble (vs.10). Constant growth in the Lord.