

VISION #6 – THE FLYING SCROLL

--ZECHARIAH 5:1-4--

INTRODUCTION:

As we turn to the sixth vision of Zechariah's eight-night visions we will find that this vision parallels the third vision in that both focus on God's plans for Israel. Remember the third vision revealed that God will one day restore Jerusalem, and usher in the Messiah's millennial kingdom. As we come to this sixth vision it answers for us the question of what God will do with the ungodly and unrepentant leading up to that time. The Lord reveals to us that He will not only fulfill His promises of blessing for the redeemed, but He will also fulfill His promises of condemnation against the ungodly and unrepentant. God will punish unrepentant sinners and by that judgment He will keep His covenant and advance His purposes.

I. GOD'S JUDGMENT DEFINED (Zechariah 5:1-2)

- a. This sixth vision began as the second and third visions had, the prophet writes, "*Then I lifted up my _____ again.*" (Zechariah 5:1a, NASB95)
- b. When Zechariah first saw this scroll he wrote, "*Then I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, there was a _____ scroll.*" (Zechariah 5:1, NASB95)
- c. Going back to Zechariah we find the interpreting angel again speaking to the prophet and _____ him to describe what he sees.
- d. In other words, these measurements were given to remind Israel of God's holiness and that no _____ sinner will be granted access into God's presence.
- e. Not only did the scroll carry the threat of punishment but also the hope of _____.
- f. Because God's final judgment is yet future, the image of the _____ appears again in the book of Revelation.

II. GOD'S JUDGMENT DECLARED (Zechariah 5:3)

- a. The interpreting angel spoke again and declared what was written on the scroll was a _____.

- b. The angel declared just how overwhelming and comprehensive this curse would be, as it is going forth over the face of the whole _____.
- c. The angel continued and declared the _____ of this curse. (James 2:10)
- d. Within the curse which the angel declared is the nature and extent of the _____ that will take place.
- e. All of this will take place according to the writing on one _____ of the scroll and on the other side.

III. GOD'S JUDGMENT DETERMINED (Zechariah 5:4)

- a. The angel had already declared that the scroll of God's judgment against the wicked was going forth, now we learn who is _____ it forth.
- b. The LORD also declares that His judgment will take place just as He _____ and promised.
- c. This judgment of God will be comprehensive and complete, just as the angel had earlier declared that the Lord would purge out the _____ from among His people.
- d. In this final verse the Lord repeats the word _____ three times, referring to the sinner's house.

CONCLUSION:

Again, as in the other visions of Zechariah we learn prophetic truth, the flying scroll teaches us the truth about God's plan for Israel and the world. God's judgment is holy, just, active, exhaustive, and determined. All should tremble before His Word and warn the unrepentant of the wrath to come. At the same time, the redeemed, those who have repented and received God's grace and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ and what He did for us through His death, burial, and resurrection can rest assured that God will one day judge the wicked in righteousness. He will do so to fulfill His covenant promises, purging the worthless chaff from His precious wheat, then He will usher us, His saints, into His holy kingdom where we will enjoy the infinite blessings of His glorious presence. I cannot wait for that day!