

# *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!**