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**ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!**

**“ZECHARIAH ”**

**“GOD’S TAG TEAM PARTNER WITH HAGGAI”**  
**Part 4 of 4**

### **Chapter 6:1-8 VISION OF THE FOUR WAR CHARIOTS (number 8 of 9)**

6:1 *And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came **four chariots** out from between **two mountains**; and the mountains were **mountains of brass**.*

6:2 *In the first chariot were **red** horses; and in the second chariot **black** horses;*

6:3 *And in the third chariot **white** horses; and in the fourth chariot **grisled** and **bay** horses.*

6:4 *Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?*

6:5 *And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the **four spirits of the heavens**, which go forth from standing before the LORD of all the earth.*

6:6 *The **black** horses which are therein go forth into the **north** country; and the **white** go forth after them; and the **grisled** go forth toward the **south** country.*

6:7 *And the **bay** went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.*

6:8 *Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the **north** country have **quieted my spirit** in the north country.*

**Chariots** represent war

**Four** chariots will go to all corners of the earth, the four corners of the earth

**Two mountains** in the Old testament were Gerizim and Ebal ([Deut 11:29](#)) with blessings and cursings. It’s gone beyond Israel now, with just cursings for the world. There are no blessings to be had.

**Brass** represents judgment ([Judges 16:21](#) where Samson is bound in fetters of brass).

**Ringstraked, speckled and grisled** are Jacob's wages ([Gen 31:10,12](#)) Jacob's (Israel's) rewards. These horses will now take the world for Israel.

**Bay** is a reddish brown colour.

**Black horse to North** represents **famine** ([Rev 6:5](#))

**Quieted my spirit** means God is now pleased with the work of the bay horse.

### **Chapter 6:9-15 VISION OF THE CORONATION OF HIGH PRIEST JOSHUA (number 9 of 9)**

*6:9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

*6:10 Take of them of the captivity, even of **Heldai**, of **Tobijah**, and of **Jedaiah**, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;*

*6:11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of **Joshua** the son of Josedech, the **high priest**;*

*6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is **The BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:*

*6:13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.*

*6:14 And the crowns shall be to **Helem**, and to **Tobijah**, and to **Jedaiah**, and to **Hen** the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.*

*6:15 And **they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD**, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.*

**Heldai** one of the 12 captains that served David

**Tobijah** one of the chief Levites ([2Chron 17:8](#))

**Jedaiah** one of the priests

**The BRANCH** is Jesus Christ and he will build his temple, and indeed, he is the temple.

**Helem** [1Chron 7:35](#) mighty man of valour

**Hen** son of the prophet Zephaniah

**They that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD** are those saved nations coming to worship in Jerusalem ([Rev 21:24](#); [22:2](#))

## Chapters 7, 8 Questions about fasting

Fasting has become a mere pretence for Israel. He tells of the future where the fast will not be burden but a joyful feast (8:19). God paints a picture where Zion's streets will be full of happy boys and girls along with old men and women (8:3-5). All nations will be coming to the Jews to learn of their God (8:22-23, and 1:17; 2:4,11; 14:8, 16).

## Chapters 9, 10, 11 God's judgements on neighbour nations

**Chapter 9** – prophecy of Judah's struggle with Greece and Alexander the Great when he invaded Palestine (332 BC). He conquered Tyrus (Read Ezekiel chapter 26) and other cities (v1-7) but he spared Jerusalem (v8). He prophesizes about Jesus Christ to come (v9-10).

**Chapter 10** – is s prophecy for "the latter rain time" ([Joel 3:23-32](#))

**Chapter 11** – **Cedar** trees represent Israel's righteousness, and these trees will be burnt.

God's anger against **false shepherds** (v3-6)

The **ark of the covenant** ([Heb 9:4](#)) which contained the ten commandments (the two tables of the law), Aaron's budded rod (Aaron's rod represents the law, and out of the law comes Christ) and the manna (Christ which feeds Israel in the desert) was carried on either side by **two poles or sticks** covered with gold. One is called **Beauty** and the other **Bands**, with the former representing **God's covenant with Israel**, and the latter being the relationship or **the brotherhood between the Northern tribes and the Southern tribes**.

God **breaks both**, to signify that the ungodly line of the northern kings is finished, when they were carried off to Assyria, and the godly line with the Southern kings is also broken, with the book of Malachi being God's last words to Israel for about 400 years. His total support for Israel will stop and collapse (v10, 14)

God **presents Christ** (v12-13) and the idol shepherd, the **antichrist** (v14-17).

There will be the true shepherd, Jesus Christ (v12-13)

There will be an idol shepherd, the antichrist (v15-17)

Now God says "Israel, what do you think Christ is worth?" (v12a)

They reply "**Thirty pieces of silver!**" (v12b).

They continue "We would rather have the **foolish shepherd**, that will not feed us, he will tear us apart, and then leave us!" (v15-17).

God says "I will not feed you, and you will eat each other for food." (v9).

## WHO WERE THE THREE SHEPHERDS?

**"THREE SHEPHERDS** also I **CUT OFF** in **ONE MONTH**; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me." ([Zechariah 11:8](#)).

These **three shepherds** are **Eli** and his sons **Hophni, Phineas**.

### One month

From the time of the prophecy against Eli ([1Sam 3:12-13](#)), to the time of **two deaths in battle** (Hophni and Phineas), and the **third death** ending with Eli falling backwards ([1Sam 4:17-18](#)), was one month.

### They were false shepherds

Eli, the high priest, and his sons were false shepherds to the people, by not feeding the sheep.

*And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And **the word of the LORD was precious in those days**; there was no open vision. [1 Samuel 3:1](#)*

### The sins of Hophni, Phineas

The sins of **Hophni, Phineas**, the sons of Belial, were **false sacrifices** ([1Sam 2:12, 17](#)); **losing the ark** in battle ([1Sam 4:4, 11, 17](#)), and **laying with women** at the door of the tabernacle ([1Sam 2:22](#)).

But it was to Eli, that God had said "... I will **CUT OFF** thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall **not** be an old man in thine house." [1 Samuel 2:31](#)

### The prophesied sin of Eli

*In that day **I will perform against Eli all things** which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, **I will also make an end**. For I have told him that **I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity** which he knoweth; because **his SONS** (Hophni and Phineas) **MADE THEMSELVES VILE** (sacrifices and women), and **HE RESTRAINED THEM NOT**. [1 Samuel 3:12-13](#)*

## The end result

These three shepherds were **CUT OFF**.

*"And the messenger answered and said, **Israel is fled before the Philistines**, and there hath been also a **great slaughter** among the people, and **thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead**, and the **ark of God is taken**. And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and **his** (Eli) **neck brake, and he died**: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years." ([1Samuel 4:17-18](#))*

## Child named Ichabod

*"And **his** (Eli) **daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child**, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. And she **named the child ICHABOD**, saying, **The glory is departed from Israel**: because **the ark of God** was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. And she said, **The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken**." ([1 Samuel 4:19-22](#)).*

## Chapters 12, 13, 14 Vision of Israel's future

Three chapters about the tribulation leading up to the battle of Armageddon.

## ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

The two books of Haggai and Zechariah are about the temple being completed. They contain many prophecies about **Jesus Christ** who is also called the **perfect tabernacle** ([Hebrews 9:11](#))

1. His **atoning death** for the removal of sin (3:8-9; 13:1)
2. As a **builder** of the house of God (6:12-13)
3. His universal **reign** as King and Priest (6;13; 9:10)
4. **Triumphal entry** (9:9, quoted in [Matt 21:5](#); [John 12:15](#))
5. **Betrayal** for 30 pieces of silver (11:12; quoted in [Matt 27:9,10](#))
6. His **deity** (12:8)
7. His **hands pierced** (12:10; 13:6, quoted in [John 19:37](#))
8. A **smitten shepherd** (13:7, quoted in [Matt 26:31](#), [Mark 14:27](#))

**In summary:**

**ZECHARIAH 520-516BC**

**THE COMING KING AND HIS HOUSE AND HIS KINGDOM**

Worked with Haggai for 4 years on temple rebuilding.

**Ch1-6** Visions of horses, horns & smiths; measuring line; Joshua the priest; candlestick, two olive trees; flying roll & ephah; four war chariots, coronation

**Ch7-8** Fasting

**Ch9-11** Other nations

**Ch12-14** Future.

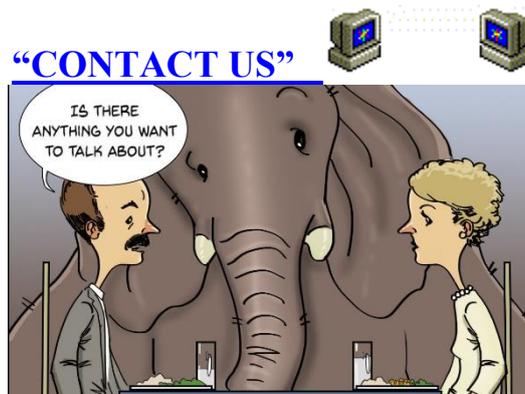
**He sees:**

- 1. Calvary** 9:9; 11:12-13
- 2. Antichrist** 11:15-17
- 3. Armageddon** 14:1-3
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent** 12:9-14; 14:4-11
- 5. Millenium** 8:3-4; 14:16-21

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