Message No 2.

Ch 1 v7- Ch 6 v8 The Eight Visions of Zechariah

- 1) Rider on red horse among the myrtle trees. Israel in dispersion but not forgotten (1:7-11).
- 2) Four horns, Representing Gentile nations that have scattered Israel (1:18,19). Four carpenters, which represent the destruction of Gentile supremacy (1:20,21).
- 3) A man with a measuring line, Showing Israel's future prosperity (2:1-3).
- 4) Joshua before the Lord, Satan accusing, Picture of Israel cleansed and restored (ch. 3).
- 5) The candlestick, A picture of Israel as God's light bearer (4:1-7).
- 6) The flying roll, Illustrating the rule of Divine law on the earth (5:1-4).
- 7) The Ephah. Removal of National sin against God. (Commerce and materialism). Ch 5 vv5-11
- 8) Four chariots, Speaking of judgment upon the earth (6:1-8).

Zechariah Ch 1 vv7 -13

Visions 1-3 Building of the temple

Visions 4-5. Joshua and Zerubbabel

Visions 6-8 Spiritual transformation of the people

In Visions 1 and 8, it is "through the earth" and "all the earth"

Horses in Vision 1. "These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth."

Horses in Vision 8. "These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth."

Pattern of the Visions:- The Vision. The Question. The Answer

Date 24th day. 11th month (Sebat). JFB: Sebat-the eleventh month of the Jewish year, from the new moon in February to the new moon in March. The term is Chaldee, meaning a "shoot," namely, the month when trees begin to shoot or bud.

Participants:- 1) Zechariah 2) Man on a red horse. 3).Red, Speckled and White horses. 4). An Angel. 5). The Angel of the Lord

Notice the use of "Lord" in this prophesy. (adown). Heb (אָדוֹרָ)

Zec 1:9 Then said I, O my lord, H113 what are these?

Zec 4:4, What are these, my lord? H113

Zec 4:5 And I said, No, my lord. H113

Zec 4:13 And I said, No, my lord. H113

Zec 4:14 two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord H113 of the whole earth.

Zec 6:4 What are these, my lord? H113

Zec 6:5 These are the four spirits before the **Lord H113 of all the earth.**

v7 Introductory Words

Events and Dates

Ezra 4. v24 Work ceased. Ecumenical problem

Hag 2. Material problem House of Lord Lying Waste

Zech 1 v7. Spiritual problem

Hag 1 v1. Second year. Sixth month. Day 1 to build the House of the Lord

Hag 1 v15 Second year. Sixth month. Day 24. Started work again

Hag 2 v1 Second year seventh month. Day 21 Zerubbabel about glory

Zech 1 v1. Second year eighth month Reminder of disobedience of their Fathers

Hag 2 v10. Second year. Ninth month. Day 24. Promise of blessing in the crops. Their Enemies will be overthrown

Zech 1 v7. Second year. Eleventh month. Day 20 '8' Visions in one night

Zech 7 v1. Fourth year Ninth month. Day 4. Questions about fasting

Ezra 6 v15. Sixth year twelfth month Day 3 House finished

Note:- Total of four years

v8 The Vision Man on Red Horse. Christ Jesus. Red speaks of Blood.

Ref Rev 19. Christ on aWhite horse

The Man Among the Myrtle Trees (Zechariah 1:7-17)

Meaning: God's dealing with the nations and blessing on restored Israel Myrtle tree. Is a lowly, though beautiful, fragrant, and evergreen shrub

Myrtle trees. The Myrtle, Myrtus communis (Natural Order Myrtaceae), is a very common indigenous shrub all over Palestine. On the bare hillsides it is a low bush, but under favorable conditions of moisture it attains a considerable height (compare Zechariah 1:8,10). It has dark green, scented leaves, delicate starry white flowers and dark-colored

berries, which are eaten. In ancient times it was sacred to Astarte. It is mentioned as one of the choice plants of the land

(For the Jews, myrtle can symbolize sweetness, justice, divine generosity, peace, God's promise, and recovery.

Zechariah's vision of horsemen, angels and The Lord among the myrtle trees reinforced to Israel, God's promise that the returned exiles would be prosperous.

Neh Ch 8 v15 :- Myrtle tree used for making Booths. Picture of Israel in Millenial Kingdom. Joy Harmony Peace

Isa Ch 41 v19:- Picture of refreshment and comfort in a Millennial scene

Refreshment see Ps 92 vv12-15 v12

Isa 55 v13: Speaks of Glory of the Lord and a Sign to Israel. God takes away the barren and the cursed, and brings forth beauty and fruit.

"A Name". In Jer 33 v9 there is the glory to His name. (BC 590)

v9 The Question. Zechariah asks the Angel for the Meaning

v10 The Answer. Given by the Man that Stood Among the Myrtle Trees

Note The "earth" is used frequently in this prophesy

Zechariah 1:10 sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

Zechariah 1:11 all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

Zechariah 4:10 the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Zechariah 4:14 the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Zechariah 5:3 the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth:

Zechariah 5:6 through all the earth.

Zechariah 6:5 the Lord (adown) of all the earth.

Zechariah 6:7 So they walked to and fro through the earth.

Zechariah 9:10 from the river [even] to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 12:1 layeth the foundation of the earth,

Zechariah 14:9 (KJV) And the LORD shall be king over all the earth:

Zechariah 14:17 the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship

v11 The Horsemen Answer the Angel of the Lord

Cp Hag 2 v6-7. 1 Thess 5 vv2-3 v2

v12 The Angel of the LORD Interceding before the LORD of Hosts

Cp Ch2 vv4-5. v4 Jerusalem shall be inhabited

v13 The LORD answers the angel that talked with Zechariah

v14-17 The Angel speaks with Zechariah and gives him a message for the people. Good and Comforting Words

See comfort in Ch 8 vv3-6. Isaiah 63 vv8-9

For v15. See 1Peter Ch 4 v17

In respect to Jerusalem and Zion in Zechariah

Note:- Zechariah 9:9 (KJV), O daughter of Zion;, O daughter of Jerusalem:

The Lord and Jerusalem in Zechariah. x15 verses

In Zechariah, Jerusalem appears x41. ZION x8

Zion of the Prophets:

"Zion, renamed the City of David, then originally was on this eastern ridge. But the name did not stay there. It would almost seem as if the name was extended to the Temple site when the ark was carried there, for in the pre-exilic Prophets the references to Zion all appear to have referred to the Temple Hill. To quote a few examples: "And Yahweh will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night" (Isa 4:5); "Yahweh of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion" (Isa 8:18); "Let us go up to Zion unto Yahweh our God" (Jer 31:6); "Yahweh will reign over them in mount Zion" (Mic 4:7). All these, and numbers more, clearly show that at that time Zion was the Temple Hill."

Second Vision. Four Horns. Four Craftsmen

Zechariah Ch 1 v18. Ch 2 in the Hebrew begins here.

This Vision follows on from previous Vision encouraging the people that the Lord is with them

Note:- The Vision. The Question. The Answer

The first part of the Vision. Four Horns thought of Honour. Powers

Ch 1 v18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.

The Question. To the Angel that talked with Zechariah

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these?

The Answer from the angel. Horns which scattered Judah Israel. Jerusalem

And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

The 2nd part of the Vision. Four Craftsmen

20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

The Question

21 Then said I, What come these to do?

The Answer. Craftsmen come to frighten and cast out the Horns (Gentiles)

v21 These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

Horns: Gentile Powers See v21 "the horns of the Gentiles,". Power coming in every direction. Prophetically end of Tribulation. Horns as a power are seen elsewhere. Ref. Dan 7 v8. Dan 8 v9.

Deut 33 v17. (Of Joseph) His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

Four Horns. Then suggest widespread hatred by the world against the nation of Israel

Four carpenters. Instruments through which the Gentile Powers are overthrown.

Currently the thought of 'four' can be seen in the two prophets Haggai and Zechariah. The Priest seen in Joshua. The King seen in Zerubbabel.

In a coming day it will be Christ who is Prophet Priest and King.

God dealing with the nations

Joel 3 vv1-2. Zechariah Ch 14 vv1-3

The Third Vision. Ch 2 v1-5 The Man with a Measuring Line

This appears to be linked to Ch 1 v 16

v1-5. Jerusalem and the glory of the Lord present.

v6-13 the restoration of a nation scattered

Cp Ezekiel 37 valley of dry bones. The Return of the Lord Ezekiel Ch 44 vv1-7.

The Vision. v1 "I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand."

The Question. v2 Then said I, Whither goest thou?

The Answer. v2(b) And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

The Angel then talks to another Angel. v3

v4. Promise of the inhabiting OF Jerusalem in safety and security

v5. Looking from the outside. A wall of fire. Looking from the inside. Glory Isaiah 33 vv20-21.

Restoration of a scattered nation

Dwelling in Babylon

6 Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. 7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

End of Tribulation beginning of Millenium

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath **he sent me** unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth **the apple of his eye.** 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the **LORD of hosts hath sent me**.

The Third Vision. Ch 2 v1-5 The Man with a Measuring Line

Verses on "the apple of his eye".

Deut 32 vv9-10. $\hat{v9}$ For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eve.

Psalm 17:8 (KJV) Keep me as **the apple of the eye**, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, Proverbs 7:2 (KJV) Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as **the apple of thine eye**. Lamentations 2:18 (KJV). Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not **the apple of thine eye** cease.

The Lord and Israel

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

Ch 8 v3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

The Lord and the Nations

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and **I** will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the **LORD** of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

Ch 8 v22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

Ch 14: v16 And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

The Lord and the Holy Land

12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the **holy land**, and shall choose Jerusalem again. **Zechariah** 1:17 (KJV). Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose **Jerusalem**.

The Lord and Creation

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

This Psalm covers the great promise of God to His own

Psalm Ch 46 v1 [[To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.]] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. 4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Ch 3. Vision No 4.

Joshua before the Lord, Satan accusing, Picture of Israel cleansed and restored (ch. 3).

Recovery of the Nation and the Land

Israel. Egypt. 430 years. Recovery. Moses Israel. Babylon 70 years Recovery. Ezra

Israel. AD 70. Roman army. Recovery. Yet future Christ

Chapter 3 v1-10

Joshua cleansed. Clothed. Crowned

National sin in view v1-7 Cleansing of the nation v8-10. Cleansing of the land

Vision

Satan Resisting Joshua (Standing before Angel of the Lord)

v1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

v2. The Lord Rebuking Satan (Joshua, a man plucked from out of the fire)

v2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Zech. 3:2 links with Jude v9. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, **The Lord rebuke thee**.

Rev Ch 12 vv9-10 v9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the **Devil**, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him v10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Plucked out of the Fire:- reference no doubt 70 years captivity in Babylon.

Joshua before the Angel (Clothed in filthy garments)

v3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

Picture of the filthy condition of the nation

Filthy'. Strong's Definitions: From an unused root meaning to issue; soiled (as if excrementitious):—filthy.

Lord Speaking. (Removal of filthy garments. To be Clothed in change of raiment)

v4 And he answered (spoke) and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Zechariah Speaking. (to set a fair mitre on Joshua's head)

v5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Fair Mitre JND. Pure Turban. See Exod Ch 28 for Garments of Glory and Beauty.

On the Golden plate placed on the front of the Mitre. Words 'Holiness to the Lord'

See Exod 39 for linen garments. See Lev 16 for changing garments in different functions

Angel of the Lord Speaking

Exhortation to Walk in the Ways of The Lord of Hosts

v6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, v7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

Protested' can be translated 'witnessed' or 'Charged'

v8-10 The Cleansing of the Land

My Servant the Branch. (Christ)

v8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows H7453. that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

Fellows' Translated 'Neighbour' in v10 see also Ch 8 vv10, 16, 17. Ch 11v6 Ch 14 v13.

Translated 'another' in Mal Ch 3 v16

Strong's Definitions: **H7453**.—brother, companion, fellow, friend, husband, lover, neighbour, × (an-) other.

Two figures describing the Lord Jesus

My Servant. Ref Isa 42. Behold my servant

Ch 3. Vision No 4. Cont. Joshua before the Lord,

The Branch. Ref Isa 4. v2 The branch of Jehovah Jer 23 v5 the righteous branch. Branch of righteousness Jer Ch 33 v15. Zechariah Ch 6 v12

The Stone. (seven eyes) The Land Cleansed in one day

v9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

The Stone. Speaking again of the Lord Jesus. See Ch 4 v7 headstone. Ch 10 v4 The Corner Psalm Ch 118 v22. The stone [which] the builders refused is become the head [stone] of the corner.

Isaiah Ch28: v16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner [stone], a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Matthew Ch 21: v42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Ephesians Ch2: v20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];

I Peter Ch2: v7 Unto you therefore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Seven eyes. See Sevenfold Power of the Spirit. Isa Ch 11 v1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: v2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

'One day'. John Stubbs suggests this could be a reference to the cross. Although the actual cleansing of the land was future, it could only be effected through the work of the cross.

Companions enjoying Peace. (vine and fig tree). Millenial scene

v10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour **H7453.** under the vine and under the fig tree.

Vine and Fig trees speak of failure and desolation, yet the promise is given of future fruitfulness peace and rest

Vine

1Kings Ch 4 v25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

Vine

Isaiah Ch5: v7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts [is] the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Hosea Ch10: v1 Israel [is] an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

Note Isa Ch 5 v25. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Fig tree

Matthew 21:vv19 -20. v19And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. v20 And when the disciples saw [it], they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

Luke Ch 13 vv6-7 v6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. v7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

Ch 4. Vision No 5. The Lampstand

The nation of Israel. A testimony for God vv1-5. The vision

vv6-14 The meaning of the vision Angel talks with Zechariah

v1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

Sleeping. The first four visions had no doubt brought about a state of mental exhaustion for Zechariah as they were all in one night.

Vision

Candlestick of gold. A bowl on top. Seven lamps. Seven pipes

v2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:

1Cor 2. It is the Spirit of God who gives understanding of divine truth

Lampstand. Light. Witness

Israel would be this in millennium.

Ref Isa Ch **42.v6** *I* the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, **for a light of the Gentiles**;

Isa Ch 43 vv10-12. v10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. v11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. v12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

Ch 49 v6. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the **Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Ch 60 vv1-3. 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. v2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. v3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lampstand in the Tabernacle speaks of the Lord Jesus. Never seen outside the tabernacle. Here it speaks of Israel as a Nation in witness to the world

Two Olive Trees

v3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

Could speak of Joshua. Spiritual side. Priest

Zerubbabel. Royal side. Governor. Throne. Ref Christ Ch 6. King Priest

Question Note vv11-12 two similar questions

v4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

Answer

v5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

Key Verse

v6. Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Meaning of the Vision

v6-7. First Oracle. Power of the Spirit of God

v6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by **might**, nor by **power**, but by my **spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Might:- Military might. Power:- Strength

Mountain leveled. Headstone brought forth. Surmounting Impossibilities

v7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

See Mount of Olives in Ch 14

Headstone. See scripture references on Ch 3 v9. Completion of work in view

Zerubbabel laid foundation. (BC 535/536. Approx 16 Yrs prior).

Ch 4. Vision No 5. Cont. The Lampstand Completion of the Building. vv 8-10. Second Oracle. 'Finish it'

v8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, v9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; **his hands shall also finish it**; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

Ezra 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because [he is] good, for his mercy [endureth] for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

1 Cor Ch 15 v58 "be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Heb Ch 12 v2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

"the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you." See Ch 2 vv9, 11

Day of Small things. Plummet in hand of Zerubbabel. Eyes of the Lord

v10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

Day of Small Things. Mans estimation of things

Bible history is the record of God using small things. When God wanted to set the plan of salvation in motion, He started with a little baby named Isaac (Gen. 21). When He wanted to overthrow Egypt and set His people free, He used a baby's tears (Ex. 2:1-10). He used a shepherd boy and a sling to defeat a giant (1 Sam. 17) and a little lad's lunch to feed a multitude (John 6). He delivered the Apostle Paul from death by using a basket and a rope (Acts 9:23-25). Never despise the day of small things, for God is glorified in small things and uses them to accomplish great things."

Plummet. If a plumb line, Ensuring Building is perfectly vertical. God's standards in His Word However the Hebrew word for 'stone' is 'eben' and is used x9 in this prophesy and is translated as 'stone' x7 x1 weight. x1 plummet. It is the same word for the stone in Ch's three and four and Ps Ch118 v22. If this be correct, then the rejoicing is in keeping with the placement of the headstone in Ch 4 v7 and completion of the House of the Lord in Ezra Ch6 v16

Seven eyes. See Ch 3 v9

Zerubbabel asks about the Olive trees another two times. Then he asks about the two olive branches

v11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? v12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

Jer 11.16. *Israel.* "A green olive tree, fair and of goodly fruit"

Answer

v13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Ref two witnesses in Revelation Ch 11 vv1-12. v4. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

It would appear that the early mention of the olive trees refers to Joshua and Zerubbabel, but with the reference to the olive trees and two Lampstand in Rev 11, we are looking in these verses to a future tribulation scene

Notice the reference to the Spirit in Rev Ch 11. v11 "And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. v12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

God often calls two men to work together:

- Moses and Aaron
- Joshua and Caleb
- Elijah and Elisha
- Peter and John
- Paul and Barnabas

Note:- Anointed ones is literally sons of oil. (JND). In Hebrew idioms the son of something is radically characterized by that thing. For example, the sons of Belial totally represent their pagan god Belial. These two men are so characterized by the ministry and the power of the Holy Spirit that they are sons of oil.

Ch 5 v1-4. Vision No. 6. The Flying Roll

Visions six, seven and eight deal with sin

The Flying Roll with individuals sins

The Ephah in Ch 5 with national sin

The Four Chariots in Ch 6 with the sin of the nations

Vision. The Flying Roll (Scroll) Effective Word of God

v1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.

A scroll (or roll), in Scripture symbolism, denotes the written word, whether of God or man (Psa 40:7. Ezra 2:9 6:2; Jer. 36:2, 4, 6, etc.; Ezek 2:9 3:1-3, etc).

The Hebrew word rendered "roll" or "volume" is meghillah, found in

Ezr 6:2; And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

Psa 40: v7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume H4039 of the book it is written of me, v8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart

Question

v2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, (30 ft) and the breadth thereof ten cubits.(15 ft)

The scroll was 20 cubits long and 10 cubits wide (30 feet by 15 feet). These were the dimensions of the holy place of the tabernacle (Exod. 26:8), as well as the porch in front of the holy place of Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:

We can understand then that the Law of God is in character with His Sanctuary

Stealing is the 8th commandment on the 2nd book of the Law and **Swearing Falsely** is the 3rd commandment on the 1st book of the Law.

Matthew 22:37-40 (KJV). v37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. v38 This is the first and great commandment. v39 And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. v40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

James 2.10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Answer. The Curse

v3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth:

Stealing. Manword

for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it;

Swearing. Godword

and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

"Every one that stealeth shall be cut off"... "Every one that sweareth shall be cut off:" This indicates that the text on the scroll contains the Ten Commandments. To steal was to injure your neighbor; to perjure was to dishonor God, because you had sworn in his name.

Mal Ch 3 v8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"The curse that goeth forth": The two sins, one from each side of the tablets of the Ten Commandments, represent all of Israel's sin. God will curse the people who commit these sins and their house.

Ch 5 v1-4. Vision No. 6. Cont. The Flying Roll

Exod Ch 32 v15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

Deut Ch 28 v14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. v15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these **curses** shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Curse in the Houses

v4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name:

House Consumed

and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

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v4 "I will bring it forth".
"I shall enter into the house".
"It shall remain".
"Shall consume it".
Certainty of the judgement
Permanence of the judgement
Intensity of the judgement

Consider 1 Peter Ch4 v17. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? v18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Isaiah Ch32 v1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

Zephaniah Ch 3 v5 The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not

Vine: - Curse. Alah.

Abraham to his servant.

Gen 24 v41. 41 Then shalt thou be clear from this my **oath**, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

Lev 5 v1. 1 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of **swearing**, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

'Alah'. Functions as a curse sanctioning a pledge or commission and it can close an agreement or covenant. On the other hand the word sometimes represents a curse against someone else whether his identity be known or not. Different word in Ch 8