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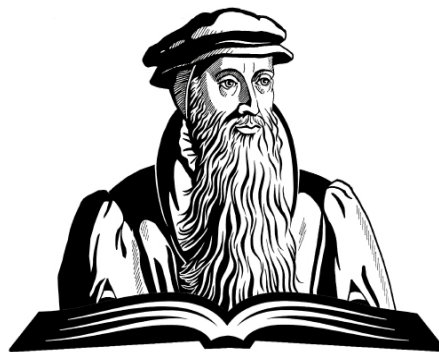
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The Night Visions of Zechariah

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Lesson 111

The Night Visions of Zechariah

Zechariah, chapters 1 through 5

Memory Verse

*“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.”*

—Zechariah 4:6

The First Five Night Visions

Zechariah was the second prophet sent by God to encourage his people after their return from captivity. Zechariah was the grandson of Iddo, the head of a priestly family who had returned out of Babylon with Joshua and Zerubbabel more than eighteen years ago. In the name of the Lord, Zechariah may point the Jews to God’s faithfulness. The Lord showed Zechariah eight night visions. Zechariah had to share these visions with the people to encourage them that the future was in God’s hands, and he would prosper and bless his people.

In the first night vision, Zechariah saw a man on the red horse. It was the Lord Jesus. Behind him were angels on other horses. The Lord Jesus explained to Zechariah that God would judge the heathen nations by setting them one against another. In this way of judgment and war, his people would be saved. “The LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem” (Zechariah 1:17).

In the second night vision, Zechariah saw four horns and four carpenters. The horns pointed to powerful nations which threatened the Jewish people. The carpenters pointed to other nations whom God would use to deliver his people. In this way he used the Medes and Persians to punish the Chaldeans and to set his people free. Again God made it clear to his people that he is in control.

In the third night vision Zechariah saw a man with a measuring rod who was measuring the city of Jerusalem. The man explained that Jerusalem would become very prosperous, and filled with people. Yes, the Lord Himself “will be unto her a wall of fire around about, and will be the glory in the midst of her” (Zechariah 2:5). In Revelation, we read that the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb will be the temple and the light shining in the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:22, 23).

In the fourth vision, Zechariah saw the high priest Joshua. Zechariah was shocked to see Joshua dressed in filthy garments. This pointed to the sins of the people, whom Joshua represented. At Joshua’s side, Zechariah saw Satan vehemently accusing him. Joshua said nothing. He could not deny the truth of the accusations. But then someone else spoke. It was the Lord Jesus. He said “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?” (Zechariah 3:2) Satan was silenced. Angels took away the filthy garments, and Joshua was clothed in clean priestly robes once again.

How was this possible? Did God not say, “The soul that sinneth, it shall die”? How can God be just, and still pluck a sinner out of the fire? How can you be saved from all your sins? In Zechariah 3:8, part of this mystery is solved when we hear the LORD say “Behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.” Clearly, God the Father is here pointing to his Son. In Isaiah 11:1, we read that Christ would be a rod out of the stem of Jesse, a branch growing out of his roots. In Isaiah 4:2, he is also called “the branch of the LORD.” Christ is the Son of David, and also the Son of God. Being man, he could suffer the punishment for sinful people. Being God, he could bear this punishment. Brands can now be plucked out of the fire and engrafted into Christ, who said, “I am the vine, ye are the branches” (John 15:5).

In the fifth night vision, Zechariah saw a golden candlestick with seven lamps. He saw oil flowing from two olive trees into a bowl and then into the candlestick, keeping it burning. The previous vision focused on Joshua, and pointed to Christ. This vision was for Zerubbabel the governor, and pointed to the Holy Spirit. Zerubbabel must take courage. The Holy Spirit would continue to supply him with strength and wisdom. “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it” (verse 9), not by human might, but by God’s Spirit. Believers become the temple of God through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Review Questions

TRUE OR FALSE

Chapter 1

1. Zechariah had five night visions. _____
2. Zechariah saw a man on a red horse. _____
3. The man stood among the olive trees. _____
4. The four horns pointed to Gentile nations. _____

Chapters 2 and 3

5. The man had a plumb line to measure the wall. _____
6. The Lord would be a wall of hewn stone around his people. _____
7. Many nations shall be joined to the LORD and be his people. _____
8. Joshua’s filthy garments pointed to the unfinished temple. _____
9. Zechariah said, “Let them set a fair mitre upon his head.” _____
10. God speaks of Christ as his Servant the Lamb. _____
11. Chapter 3:10 points to a time of peace. _____

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- 12. God had been angry with his people for _____ years.
- 13. Zechariah saw _____ horns and _____ carpenters.
- 14. The stone in front of Joshua had _____ eyes (chapter 3:9).
- 15. The candlestick had _____ lamps.
- 16. _____ chariots rode between _____ mountains of brass (chapter 6:1).

Discussion Questions

1. In the Old Testament we often read about “the Angel of the Lord.” Here are some verses: Genesis 22:11, 15, Exodus 3:2, 6, Numbers 22:22, Judges 13 and Psalm 34:7. We also read of him in Zechariah 1:11, chapter 3:1, chapter 3:6 and Chapter 12:8. Many believe that the Angel of the Lord is the Son of God. Look up some of those texts and find some evidence for this belief.

2. In Zechariah 3:4, Joshua received new garments. What did this symbolize?

3. Who in Luke 15 also received a new robe? Who in Matthew 22 did not?

4. What does the Lord Jesus say about this in Revelations 3:18?

5. In Zechariah 4, we read about a candlestick and oil. What do you think the oil points to?

6. Compare 1 Samuel 16:13 and Acts 10:38. What similarities do you notice?

7. In Matthew 25, we read of foolish virgins who had no oil.
What do you think the Lord Jesus means by this?
