

BOOK OF ZECHARIAH
VISION OF THE FLYING ROLL (SCROLL)
THE WRATH OF GOD
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Introduction

ZECHARIAH'S first five VISIONS were encouraging ones of **HOPE** for the **FUTURE** of the **MESSIANIC KINGDOM**.

These next two **VISIONS** in this chapter reveal relentless destruction! They concern the **JUDGMENTS** that will come upon **ISRAEL** as well as the rest of the world before **MESSIAH** returns in **GLORY** to **REIGN** in **JERUSALEM!** There is no **GRACE** shown here!

A **TRUE KINGDOM OF GOD** cannot exist without **JUSTICE**. The **SCRIPTURE** reveals that the **LORD**, when he takes up **HIS REIGN**, **WILL RULE** with a **ROD** (or **SCEPTER**) of **IRON!**

Revelation 12 and *Isaiah 9* both allude to this: *Revelation 12:5*—"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne"

Isaiah 9:7—"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this"

THE VISION OF THE FLYING ROLL... (Zechariah 5:1-4)

ZECHARIAH turned from what he had just seen, the two olive trees, (i.e. the two anointed ones) that stand by the **LORD** of the whole earth.

But this time **ZECHARIAH** plainly identifies what he sees without asking the **ANGEL** what it is (*Vs 1*)!

But in *verse 2* the **ANGEL** asked him what he saw anyway! **ZECHARIAH** identifies what he sees as a **FLYING ROLL** (or **SCROLL**) and the dimensions of what he sees was **20 cubits by 10 cubits**. (34' X 17')

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I. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SCROLL'S MEASUREMENTS. (VS 2)

Understand that **NUMBERS** have great significance in the **SCRIPTURES**. (By the way, in our Wednesday night Bible Studies on *Biblical Interpretation*, we will be looking at **BIBLICAL NUMEROLOGY** at some point near the end of the study, so this is just a taste of that.)

According to the book "*Biblical Mathematics*" by Ed Vallowe, the number **TWENTY** stands for **REDEMPTION!**

In just one example of this he writes, "*The males of the children of Israel had to offer a ransom for their souls at the age of 20. In connection with this ransom, twenty gerahs are mentioned. (Exodus 30:12-14) The money that was given for their ransom was silver money. Silver is a symbol of redemption.*"

Regarding the significance of the number **TEN** Dr. Vallowe writes: "*As the basis of the decimal system, ten has been a significant number in all historical ages. This is a number of TESTIMONY ... God gave TEN Commandments to man for him to bear TESTIMONY before God and man. There were TEN plagues upon Egypt and Pharaoh during the days of Moses... Abraham prayed for TEN righteous people within the wicked city of Sodom.*"

It is certainly no coincidence that the halls of **SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**, where the **LAW** was read aloud, had the very same measurements as the **SCROLL ZECHARIAH** saw here.

1 Kings 6:3—"And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house."

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So, we should take notice of these measurements because they are mentioned here. And so it appears that this **FLYING ROLL (SCROLL)** demonstrates the **TESTIMONY OF REDEMPTION!**

However, the **ANGEL** gives us a different perspective to this **FLYING ROLL (SCROLL):**

II. THE MEANING OF THIS FLYING ROLL (SCROLL). (Vs 3-4)
Viewing these two verses we see **no REDEMPTION, no SALVATION, no GRACE, but only UTTER DESTRUCTION!**

Why is that? How are we to understand this that appears, at least on the surface, to be a contradiction? Get this because it is important: This **TESTIMONY of REDEMPTION**, after it having been **REJECTED**, becomes **JUDGMENT UNTO DESTRUCTION!**

What we see here is **John 3:16-21** in action! Understand that the **LAW OF GOD** and the **TESTIMONY OF REDEMPTION** is a two-edged sword! That which was intended to be a **BLESSING** is turned into a **CURSE** because of **UNBELIEF** and **DISOBEDIENCE!**

Proverbs 3:33– “The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: But he blesseth the habitation of the just.”

Isaiah 24:1-6 is a **PROPHECY** concerning the coming **DAY OF THE LORD!**

To avoid the **WRATH** of that **DAY** as well as the **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT** to come, one must do the will of **GOD!**

John 6:40– “And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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Turn to **Revelation 5:1ff** and let's see the **LAMB OF GOD when HIS DAY BEGINS! (THE DAY OF THE LORD!)**

Now, look at the response when the **WRATH** of the **LAMB** falls on mankind when the **SIXTH SEAL** is opened in **Revelation 6:15-17**

The **LAMB OF GOD** has made **REDEMPTION** and **SALVATION** possible for all of mankind! But those who rejected **HIM** will be left behind when **JESUS** comes in the air to receive (or **RAPTURE**) **BELIEVERS!**

When the **TESTIMONY OF REDEMPTION** is **REJECTED**, The **LAMB OF GOD** rightly **REJECTS** those **WHO REJECTED HIM** and brings forth **JUDGMENT** instead of **REDEMPTION** and **FORGIVENESS!**

Just as ZECHARIAH lifted up his eyes and saw in verse 1, we must also dare to lift up our eyes and see **SIN** as **GOD** sees it! We live in a world where it seems that every **SIN** and every **PERVERSITY** is not only **ALLOWED** but **MADE LIGHT OF**. Yet, by and large, the **WORD OF GOD** is **REJECTED!**

And because **HIS GOSPEL** and **HIS WORD** are rejected, **HIS JUDGMENT IS RIGHTEOUS!**

When **GOD'S JUDGMENTS** are poured out over the world, the **WORD OF GOD** will be unrolled, or opened, and will be the **ONLY MEASURE** or **STANDARD** by which the **LORD** will **JUDGE!** Everything, including the **JUDGMENTS** contained in the **HOLY SCRIPTURES**, will be **FULFILLED**. The **SEVEN SEAL JUDGMENTS** of **REVELATION 6** are followed by the **SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGMENTS** which are followed by the **SEVEN VIAL OR BOWL JUDGMENTS**. The **WRATH OF GOD!**

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Then in the end, we read in **Revelation 20:12**—*"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works"*

Mankind will **NOT** be asked for his **OPINION** of the day in which he lived, or about the **PREVAILING TRENDS** of the day in which he lived when he stands before **CHRIST** in **JUDGMENT!**

Instead, it will be shown whether or not he was **OBEDIENT** to **GOD'S WORD**. **GOD'S WORD** is the only **STANDARD** that applies, which is why **ZECHARIAH** saw a **ROLL** (or **SCROLL**) that was so large that no human hand could hold it. This **ROLL** (or **SCROLL**) symbolizes **GOD'S INFALLIBLE WORD** (*Vs 2*).

ZECHARIAH saw this **FLYING SCROLL** that united both heaven and earth! It was **GOD'S HEAVENLY WORD** of **JUDGMENT** upon the earth. The **CURSE** (or **JUDGMENT**) of the **FLYING SCROLL** covered the entire land; nobody could escape it (*verse 3*).

This **JUDGMENT** during the **TRIBULATION PERIOD** will affect the land of **ISRAEL**, but it will also come upon **ALL THE NATIONS** of the world.

The **WORD OF GOD** was given to show the **WAY OF SALVATION** and **FORGIVENESS** of **ALL** who **BELIEVE** the **MESSAGE** of it. However, for those who continually reject it and do not repent, it will become a **CURSE** and will lead to their being **JUDGED!**

As **2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12** puts it: *"10 ...with all deceivableness of*

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unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.. 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness"

Those who **DO NOT BELIEVE** the **GOSPEL** of **JESUS CHRIST** will be **JUDGED** according to it:

Romans 2:16—*"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."*

Let's think about how the two phrases used here in **5:3** sum up the **TEN COMMANDMENTS** written on the two stone tablets:

"...every one that stealeth" and "...every one that sweareth"

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3

(Stealing allegiance that belongs to God alone!)

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image" Exodus 20:4-6

(Stealing glory and worship that belongs to God alone!)

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain."

Exodus 20:7 (Stealing and swearing)

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" Exodus 20:8-11

(Stealing the LORD'S day for yourself and swearing!)

"Honour thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12

(Stealing the honor that the LORD gave them!)

"Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13

(Stealing the life of the one who is killed!)

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14

(Stealing from your spouse and the other person's spouse!)

"Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20:15 (Duh!)

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." 20:16

(Stealing the truth and swearing falsely!)

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor' house, etc." 20:17

Theft in the heart...Swearing falsely that God hasn't provided!

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LIES that are taken so lightly today will also be judged relentlessly:
Revelation 21:8—“*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death...*”

Revelation 21:27—“*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life*”

During the revelation of the **ANTICHRIST**, who personifies lies, many people, including **JEWS**, will believe his lies, while forsaking and denying **GOD!**

2 Thessalonians 2:9—“*...Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.*”

People have seemingly gotten away with sinning for a long time, but soon, time will run out. The day will come when all that is hidden will be revealed and **JUDGED** by **GOD**. Those who do not **BELIEVE** on **JESUS CHRIST** will be condemned according to **GOD'S LAW: 1 Timothy 1:9-10**—“*...Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.*”

None who are caught up in that **DAY OF THE LORD** will be spared from **HIS DIVINE WRATH poured out on this earth and its inhabitants!** It will arrive like an uninvited guest and will remain in that night of great distress. It will consume “*...the timber thereof and the stones thereof*” (verse 4).

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The **OLD TESTAMENT** instructed that a house contaminated by leprosy should be destroyed in exactly the same way:
Leviticus 14:45—“*And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place*”

Thank **GOD ALL** of us who have **REPENTED of SIN and BELIEVED the GOSPEL** have had our sin **JUDGED** in the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** on the **CROSS of CALVARY!**

Surrendering one's life to **CHRIST** by turning from one's **SIN and BELIEVING the GOSPEL** is the only way to avoid **GOD'S JUDGMENT!** The **FORGIVENESS OF SINS** is only found in **CHRIST. Hebrews 8:12**—“*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*”