

VISION #8 – GOD’S PROMISES SET FORTH

--ZECHARIAH 6:1-8--

INTRODUCTION:

Fifteen weeks ago, we began looking at the eight-night visions that Zechariah received. The first seven communicated that the LORD remembered all His promises, and would fulfill all that He had promised, they would be ultimately fulfilled by the coming of the Messiah. The visions and what they portrayed were given to comfort the people of God who had returned from exile. This eighth vision was the perfect conclusion to all the prophet had already witnessed and it specifically revealed that Yahweh was ready to set His plan in motion. Yahweh of hosts showed Zechariah that His heavenly hosts were prepared for action and that He would send them forth to set His plan in motion precisely as He had shown it to Zechariah. This final vision confirmed that God will faithfully remember and fulfill all He has promised and determined to do.

I. GOD’S PLAN SET IN MOTION (Zechariah 6:1-3)

- a. This eighth and _____ vision begins in the same way that many of Zechariah’s visions began.
- b. This vision parallels the first vision, and it does so again by employing _____ of different colors.
- c. Not only did these two visions differ in the number of horse colors, but they also differed in _____.
- d. Another difference between the first and eighth visions is in the first the horses were in a _____ but in the eighth vision the chariots and horses are coming out from between the two mountains.
- e. A fourth difference between the two parallel visions is in the color of the horses, the _____ described are not all the same.
- f. As the ESV states, all of the chariots and horses were _____, the term translated horses is the Hebrew word for stallions.
- g. These same color of _____ appear in Revelation 6, which was our Scripture reading this morning.

II. ALL GOD’S PROMISES SET IN MOTION (Zechariah 6:4-8)

- a. In verse four as in some of the other visions Zechariah asked for further information, he wanted to know the _____ of the four chariots and the horses.
- b. The angel speaking with the prophet also said that these angels were “_____ forth,” a phrase used repeatedly in the sixth and seventh visions.
- c. The angels were sent out to carrying out God’s judgment from their post of “*standing before the _____ of all the earth...*” (Zechariah 6:5c, NASB95)
- d. Yahweh assigned these _____ to go forth in certain directions.
- e. The angel speaking with Zechariah said that the dappled horses will go forth to the _____ country.
- f. By sending His chariots of judgment to the north and the south, God will ultimately bring _____, death, and punishment to all of Israel’s enemies.
- g. The angel told where _____ of the four chariots were going, the black, the white, and the dappled horses.
- h. In verse 7, the angel speaking with Zechariah revealed that God would _____ what He had promised in the first vision.
- i. God demonstrated in this final vision that He will accomplish the _____ found in the first, second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh night visions that had been witnessed by Zechariah.
- j. That the Spirit of God will _____ at a future time is a major deal.
- k. The Messiah’s kingdom will be so restful that not only will there be world _____, but God Himself will rest, as He did after creation. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

CONCLUSION:

Zechariah’s eighth and final night vision is the sum total of all the other visions. This vision with glaring clarity again demonstrates that God remembers His promises and His unchanging character and word guarantees their fulfillment. Even though we cannot always see His invisible power, it is there, and God has reminded us that He

rules every spiritual and material reality in existence. He is the Creator of all and the Lord of all the earth. In the future, Yahweh of hosts will send His angelic hosts throughout Israel and the world to execute judgment and to redeem His people endowing them with salvation just as He showed Zechariah on the twenty-fourth day of the month of Shebat in the second year of Darius.

To all who still wonder as the mockers in 2nd Peter wondered, “*Where is the promise of His coming?*” (2 Peter 3:4a, NASB95) The answer was given more than twenty-five hundred years ago in God’s revelation to Zechariah, the grandson of Iddo. For He heard Yahweh saying, “*The LORD was very angry with your fathers. “Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Return to Me,” declares the LORD of hosts, “that I may return to you,” says the LORD of hosts.’”* (Zechariah 1:2–3, NASB95) With that, Zechariah was given visions to comfort God’s people of all generations, these visions revealed that one day Israel will turn to God in repentance and faith in their Messiah. Then they will be given all the blessings of God’s covenant salvation, and those salvation blessings will extend to all who repent and believe on the Lord Jesus. As Yahweh showed Zechariah, these promises are only fulfilled through the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son and the ultimate King and great High Priest of His people. What a future we have to look forward to, to be in the presence of Jesus for all eternity.