

## A&P Bible Church | Weekly Study Zechariah 5

The book is one of consolation and hope, beginning with a call to repentance and concluding with prophecies concerning the return and reign of Christ.

Zechariah predicted more about Messiah than any other prophet except Isaiah. Prophecies concerning His first coming include Zech. 3:8; 9:9, 16; 11:11-13; 12:10; 13:1, 6; and prophecies to be fulfilled at His second coming include 6:12; 14:1-21.

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Throughout the week continue to look through the scriptures, think through the questions, and apply the Word to your life. Email any questions during the week to Brandon & Travis at [ap.brandongarcia@gmail.com](mailto:ap.brandongarcia@gmail.com) & [ap.travisjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:ap.travisjohnson@gmail.com).

**MONDAY****Zechariah 5 - Verse by Verse Commentary**  
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Zechariah 05:1 Then I turned to look, and there was a flying scroll!

*Zechariah recorded his sixth vision. Zechariah saw a flying scroll. The flying scroll was the Law of Moses, specifically the Ten Commandments.*

2 Someone asked me, "What do you see?" I replied, "I see a flying scroll thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide."

*The flying scroll was the same size as the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies pointed to Christ.*

3 The speaker went on to say, "This is a curse traveling across the whole earth. For example, according to the curse whoever steals will be removed from the community; or on the other hand (according to the curse) whoever swears falsely will suffer the same fate."

*The angel gave the interoperation of the sixth vision. Since Israel did not follow the Mosaic Law, they were to be cursed by the Law. The curse of the Mosaic Law brought death.*

*The first five commandments were written on one side of the scroll. The other five commandments were written on the opposite side of the scroll. The law against stealing was the eighth law. It was written on the back of the scroll. The law against swearing falsely was the third commandment. It was written on the front of the scroll. Both of these laws were written in the middle of the front and back of the flying scroll. This means that Israel was guilty of breaking the entire Mosaic Law, so they were to be cursed.*

4 "I will send it out," says the Lord who rules over all, "and it will enter the house of the thief and of the person who swears falsely in my name. It will land in the middle of his house and destroy both timber and stones."

*One of the purposes of the Great Tribulation is to make an end to wickedness and wicked ones. The Mosaic Law will accomplish this purpose. If one rejects Christ and fails to keep the Mosaic Law, then they will be crushed to death by the flying scroll. The Law kills, but Christ brings life.*

5 After this the angelic messenger who had been speaking to me went out and said, "Look, see what is leaving"

*Zechariah recorded his seventh vision.*

6 I asked, "What is it?" And he replied, "It is a basket for measuring grain that is moving away from here." Moreover, he said, "This is their 'eye' throughout all the earth."

*Zechariah sees an ephod. An ephod was a basket which was used in ancient Israel to measure dry goods in the market place. It was used as a standard of economic measure. Economics controls most of the politics and religions on the world. The economic standard of Israel was corrupt. They learned this economic corruption while they were enslaved in Babylon for the last seventy years. They brought this corruption into Israel.*

7 Then a round lead cover was raised up, revealing a woman sitting inside the basket.

*Instead of measuring grain, Zechariah saw a woman inside the ephod. Women are much heavier than grain, so this would corrupt the economic structure. This would make the ephod a heavier standard of measure.*

8 He then said, "This woman represents wickedness," and he pushed her down into the basket and placed the lead cover on top.

*The angel gave the interpretation of Zechariah's sixth vision. The woman represented evil. Therefore, he pushed her back down into the ephod. The economics of the nation were established upon wicked economic principles which were learned during the Babylonian Captivity.*

9 Then I looked again and saw two women going forth with the wind in their wings (they had wings like those of a stork) and they lifted up the basket between the earth and the sky.

*Common angels do not have wings. These beasts are demons, because demons usually possess the body parts of animals. These demons take the ephod with the evil woman and fly away.*

10 I asked the messenger who was speaking to me, "Where are they taking the basket?"

*Zechariah wanted to know where the demons were taking the basket.*

11 He replied, "To build a temple for her in the land of Babylonia. When it is finished, she will be placed there in her own residence."

*The angel answered Zechariah. The demons are taking the basket to Babylon. Babylon will be rebuilt during the Great Tribulation. It will be the capital of the Antichrist. It will also be the economic center of the world. The Antichrist will control all of the economics of the world from this corrupt economic system which started in Babylon. The economic system of Babylon will make the Antichrist rich and powerful enough to control all of the world's politics.*

What were 5 points that stood out to you in this chapter? They can be observances, cross references, questions, etc...

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## TUESDAY

### *Zechariah 5 Breakdown*

#### **Zechariah 5:1-4 (Sixth Vision: Flying scroll of judgment)**

**Summary:** The previous vision was a message of hope, but this is a message of judgment. The scroll isn't sealed. It's open for all to read. It's also very large for all to see it (15 x 30 feet!).

This scroll represents the curse of God's law over individual people (compare with Deut. 28). He mentions two of the Ten Commandments (the third and eighth commandments). The hardcore remnant of sinners will be purged from the land of Israel.

**(5:1-2)** The dimension of the scroll was 15 by 30 feet wide. The size might symbolize that everyone could see it and have access to it. This is why it is unrolled "for all to read."<sup>[22]</sup> Interestingly, during this period after the Exile, there was a renewed interest in reading and studying the Bible.

**(5:3)** Zechariah records two of the Ten Commandments: the third and eighth. The third commandment was to not swear falsely, and the eighth was to not steal. Are other commandments also in view? Barker writes, "These two representative sins—perhaps theft and perjury were the most common ones at this time—stand for all kinds of sin. The point is that Israel was guilty of breaking the whole law."<sup>[23]</sup>

**(5:4)** The **"it"** refers to the curse or judgment for the law-breakers. The idea of God's curse **"spending the night within the house"** is particularly chilling imagery.

Resource:

<https://www.evidenceunseen.com/bible-difficulties-2/ot-difficulties/zephaniah-haggai-zechariah-malachi/introduction-to-zechariah/>

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## WEDNESDAY

### *Zechariah 5 Breakdown*

#### **Zechariah 5:5-11 (Seventh Vision: The Whore of Babylon?)**

**Summary:** Is this the Old Testament version of the Whore of Babylon—not yet fully revealed? (cf. Rev. 17) Don't forget that Babylon was the evil nation that enslaved the Hebrews and kicked them out of their land. The angel is in complete control of this woman called "Wickedness." He pulls her out (v.7) and shoves her back in (v.8). This could imply that there are female angels (v.9). God isn't going to allow this evil in his city. He separates it to Babylon (vv.10-11).

**(5:5-6)** The "**ephah**" is a measuring basket.

**(5:7-8)** This seems to be similar to the Whore of Babylon (Rev. 17:3-5). The basket and the woman both represent the full sin of Israel.[24] It seems that the woman tries to escape the confines of the basket, but the superior strength of the angel keeps her confined.[25]

**(5:9)** Some understand these two women to be demonic, because the stork was an unclean animal (Lev. 11:19). However, the symbol of the wind is associated with God—not Satan or demons (e.g. Ps. 104:3-4). It seems best to see these two female angels to refer to "divinely chosen agents." [26] The two angels carry the woman "Wickedness" away.

**(5:10-11)** "**Shinar**" is the territory of Babylon (Gen. 10:10; 11:2).[27] This symbolizes God taking idol worship out of the land of Israel. It's as if God is saying, "Go back where you came from!"

Interestingly, the Jewish people did not have idolatry after the Exile occurred.

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There are 7 to listen through for Zechariah 5! Bring any & all questions to Pastors BRandom & Travis!