

Zechariah 6

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The Vision of the Four Chariots

¹ And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

² In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

³ And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

⁴ Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

⁷ And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

⁸ Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

The Crowning of Joshua

⁹ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

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Angel — מַלְאָךְ (Mal'akh)

Angel, messenger

The Hebrew **mal'akh** (מַלְאָךְ) means angel or messenger—a heavenly being sent by God. Angels serve as God's messengers, worship Him, and minister to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

Forgive — נָשָׁא / נָלַח (Salach / Nasa)

To forgive, pardon, lift up

The Hebrew **salach** (נָלַח) is used exclusively of God's forgiveness—divine pardon that only He can grant. **Nasa** (נָשָׂא) means to lift up or carry away, picturing sin being removed.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — כֹּהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹּהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Zechariah 6:1 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 6:5; Daniel 8:22; Acts 4:28; Ephesians 1:11

Zechariah 6:2 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 1:8

Zechariah 6:3 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 1:8; Revelation 6:2; 6:8

Zechariah 6:4 **References Lord:** Zechariah 1:9

Zechariah 6:5 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:31; Revelation 7:1. **Spirit:** Hebrews 1:7; 1:14.

References Lord: Zechariah 4:14; 1 Kings 22:19; Job 1:6; Psalms 68:17; Isaiah 54:5; Ezekiel 37:9

Zechariah 6:6 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 4:6; 6:1; 51:48; Ezekiel 1:4

Zechariah 6:7

Parallel theme: Zechariah 1:10; Genesis 13:17; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Daniel 7:19; 7:24

Zechariah 6:8 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 1:15; Ezekiel 5:13

Zechariah 6:9 **Word:** Zechariah 1:1; 7:1; 8:1

Zechariah 6:11

Parallel theme: Zechariah 3:1; 3:5; Psalms 21:3; Haggai 1:1. **Related:** Song of Solomon 3:11

Zechariah 6:12 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 3:8; Isaiah 11:1; 53:2; Jeremiah 33:15; Matthew 16:18; Acts 17:31. **References Lord:** Isaiah 4:2; Jeremiah 23:5

Zechariah 6:13 **References Lord:** Psalms 110:4. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 3:1. **Glory:** Psalms 21:5; Isaiah 11:10; 22:24. **Peace:** Isaiah 9:6

Zechariah 6:14

Parallel theme: Matthew 26:13; Mark 14:9. **References Lord:** Exodus 12:14

Zechariah 6:15

Parallel theme: Isaiah 60:10. **References Lord:** Zechariah 3:7; Isaiah 57:19. **References God:** Acts 2:39; Romans 16:26

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