

# Zechariah 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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In Zechariah's vision of four chariots, 'the bay horses went forth and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth.' These horses represent divine agents patrolling the earth (similar to 1:10). When told 'Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth,' they immediately 'walked to and fro through the earth.' This activity recalls Job 1:7 where Satan goes 'to and fro in the earth'—but here it's God's angelic agents surveying creation under divine authority. The vision demonstrates God's universal sovereignty: His messengers patrol the entire earth, executing His will. Verse 8 identifies the north-bound horses as those that 'quiet my spirit in the north country'—likely Babylon, source of Israel's recent oppression. God's wrath is satisfied through judgment executed; His Spirit is at rest when justice is done.

## Historical Context

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The 'north country' consistently refers to Mesopotamia (Babylon/Assyria) in prophetic literature, though geographically northeast—invading armies approached Israel from the north due to geography. Zechariah prophesied during Persian period after Babylon's fall (539 BC to Cyrus), when exiles were returning. God's Spirit being 'quieted' in the north signals that Babylon's punishment for destroying Jerusalem was complete—divine wrath satisfied. The vision assured

returnees that God had dealt with their oppressor. Typologically, this points to final judgment when God's wrath will be completely satisfied through Christ's atoning sacrifice and the punishment of the impenitent (Romans 3:25, Revelation 15:1).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does knowing that God's sovereign agents survey the entire earth shape my understanding of providence?
2. What does it mean that God's Spirit is 'quieted' when justice is executed, and how does this relate to divine wrath?

## Interlinear Text

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And the bay went forth and sought So they walked to and fro

וַיֵּתְהַלֵּל כְּנָה  
So they walked to and fro through the earth and he said So they walked to and fro

וַיֵּתְהַלֵּל כְּנָה  
So they walked to and fro through the earth So they walked to and fro

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through the earth

## Additional Cross-References

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**Zechariah 1:10** (Parallel theme): And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

**2 Chronicles 16:9** (Parallel theme): For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

**Genesis 13:17** (Parallel theme): Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

**Daniel 7:19** (Parallel theme): Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

**Daniel 7:24** (Parallel theme): And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

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