Sunday Sermon Notes					

#### THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?



# The Judgment and Curse of Wickedness

# Zechariah 5:1-11

3 Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

Zechariah again sees a vision (perhaps two) in the same night. This time a flying scroll enumerating the curse assigned to sin and wickedness. Before the glory of Jerusalem returns and Israel is restored, sin must be judged and cleansed. The vision in this chapter deals with this necessity. The law of God exposes the sins of individual Jews and brings a curse with it. Wickedness is then removed and gathered and sent to the land of Shinar (Babylon) where it established and housed until God judges it in the last days.

## Part 1 – The Inescapable Law

Read Zechariah 5:1-3; Romans 3:19-23

1) Why do you think the scroll is flying? What is its pu	urpose?
2) According to Romans 3 what is the purpose of the la	aw?

## Part 2—Justice Served

Read Zechariah 5:3-4; James 2:10; Revelations 21:8

3) In what ways has the law of God affected you?

- 1) What specific sins did the scroll address? What was the punishment for these sins?
- 2) According to James 2 which laws will you be held accountable for?
- 3) Do you think the punishment in Revelation 21 is just? Why?

#### Part 3—Wickedness Personified

Read Zechariah 5:5-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

- 1) What does the woman in the basket (ephah) represent (vs 8)?
- 2) According to 2 Thessalonians 2 who is revealed before the Day of the Lord comes, and according to this passage what does he represent?
- 3) Does the Wicked One (who will be revealed) concern you? Why?

## Part 4—A Place for Wickedness

Read Zechariah 5:9-11; Revelation 18:1-10

- 1) What was to happen in the land of Shinar according to this vision?
- 2) According to Revelation 18 how does Babylon (Shinar) affect the world?
- 3) What is the end of this place for Wickedness like?