

The Reign of the Priest-King

Zechariah 6:1-15

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.

In this chapter Zechariah receives the final night vision and special instructions to place a royal crown on Joshua the High Priest. The vision is of four chariots with colored horses going into all the earth. These chariots picture the Spirit of God carrying out the promised judgement on the Nations. Then Zechariah is instructed to craft a royal crown with Babylonian (Gentile) gold and place it on the High Priest (Joshua). This would picture the coming BRANCH who would serve as BOTH Priest and King in the coming glorious kingdom which would rule over even the Gentiles.

THE BIG IDEA

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

Part 1—The Four Chariots

Read Zechariah 6:1-7; Revelation 6:1-8

- 1) Why do you think the chariots go through the whole earth?
- 2) In what ways are the four chariots similar to the four horsemen of Revelation 6?
- 3) What does this passage teach you of the character of God?

Part 2—God’s Spirit Rests

Read Zechariah 6:8; Zechariah 2:6-9; Romans 3:25-26

- 1) What do you think the quietness (resting) of God’s Spirit indicates?
- 2) According to Zechariah 2 why would God’s Spirit rest after going through the north country?
- 3) How does Romans 3 indicate that God’s wrath may be quieted and forgiveness given to sinners?

Part 3—A Priest On the Throne

Read Zechariah 6:9-13; Hebrews 10:10-13

- 1) Why do you think it would be strange to place a ruler’s crown on a priest’s head?
- 2) How does Hebrews 10 show that Christ is BOTH priest AND king?
- 3) How do you think the unification of the offices of priest and king is a benefit to Christians?

Part 4—A Memorial

Read Zechariah 6:12-15; Ephesians 2:11-22

- 1) Why was Zechariah instructed to keep this crown in the temple?
- 2) How does Ephesians 2 explain those “afar off” coming to the temple?
- 3) What response should God’s promises concerning the future kingdom elicit from us according to verse 15? How do we do that?

