

Exegetical Analysis — Zechariah 5:1-11

1-4 – Then I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, there was a flying scroll. [2] And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits." [3] Then he said to me, "This is the curse that is going forth over the face of the whole land; surely everyone who steals will be purged away according to the writing on one side, and everyone who swears will be purged away according to the writing on the other side. [4] I will make it go forth," declares the LORD of hosts, "and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and consume it with its timber and stones."

The 6th Vision is about the flying scroll. What happens with Israel's sin? Will God judge that and overlook the sin? The defiled people and defiled land must be purged before these other events can transpire.

Galatians 3:10-12 NASB

For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." [11] Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." [12] However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "He WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM."

God has shown grace in chapter 3, now we will see judgment.

Scroll = Made of Vellum and Papyrus, were rolled up usually, but this scroll was about 30 feet long, 15 feet wide and rolled out.

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One side was the Third Commandment and the Eighth Commandment on the other side.

3rd Commandment: Purging (Swearing)

8th Commandment: Stealing

^ Samples of bringing to judgment

Flying: Rapid

Scroll: Doom (Prophetic)

Heavens: From God

Ezekiel 2:8-10 NASB

"Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you." [9] Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. [10] When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe.

Rapid Doom coming to Israel from God.

30 feet x 15 feet ~ Why is this important?

There are two things in the Old Testament that are 30 feet x 15 feet.

1. Solomon's Porch ~ Signifies that God is speaking through this doom to the Nation of Israel.

1 Kings 6:3 NASB

The porch in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits in length, corresponding to the width of the house, and its depth along the front of the house was ten cubits.

Solomon Porch (Commune with Men).

2. Holy Place Tabernacle ~ Most commentators believe this is the source of the interpretation.

Israel is to be judged in accordance to the truth of God. Not as mere opinion, but according to the truth of God's Word. Our lives are to be measured by this standard.

Why are the two commandments singled out? Two tables (5 commandments). 1st 5 commandments (God) 2nd half is toward (man). These two are samples of the whole. God would execute his judgment, no longer in grace and mercy but in full from the entire extent of the Law of God.

5-11 – Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes and see what this is going forth." [6] I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their appearance in all the land [7] (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah." [8] Then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its opening. [9] Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens. [10] I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?" [11] Then he said to me, "To build a temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

Relates to the Babylonians:

Genesis 10:8-14 NASB

Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth. [9] He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." [10] The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. [11] From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah, [12] and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city. [13] Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim [14] and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Capthorim.

Nimrod is the Father of Rebellion. Nimrod (Means to Rebel in Hebrew).

Genesis 11:1-9 NASB

Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. [2] It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. [3] They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. [4] They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." [5] The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. [6] The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. [7] Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." [8] So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. [9] Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

Desire to rebel and stay in one spot, rather than obeying God's command to spread across the earth. Desire for unity. The peril was disunity.

Babylonian mystery religion was brought into Rome by means of Pergamum. Julius Ceasar (Pontifex Maximus). Pope, is also a Pontifex Maximus. Rome is linked to Babylon (Two Babylons).

Current Iraq (Ancient Babylonia)

Ephah = Object to Measure Dry Goods (symbol of commerce)

Jews = Commercial People

Talent = Commercial Figure

From this came theft, and purgery.

Ephah = Symbol of Evil Religion (Because of Eve) - Rebellion against God.

2 Women = Apostate Christianity, Apostate Judaism?

Wings of Stork = Always goes back to it's own nest.

Where are the 2 Women taking the Ephah? To the land of Shinar. Commercialism is carried on apart from God. It will carried back to Nimrod's city.

This will be the home of Beast, where there will be religious rebellion, political rebellion. Commerce and Evil? Mark of the Beast?

Revelation 18:1-5 NASB

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. [2] And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. [3] For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality." [4] I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; [5] for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.