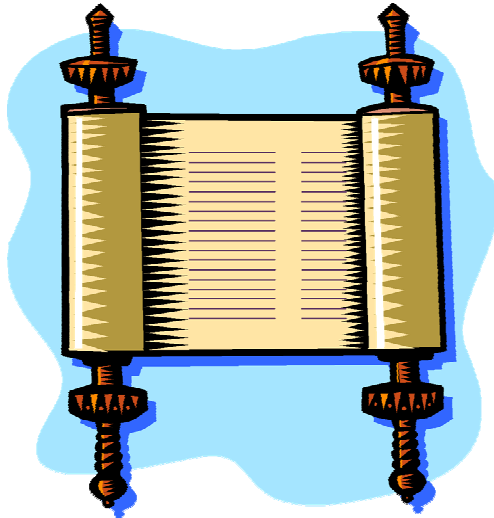


Zechariah: Jerusalem, behold your King!

Chapter 5: The flying scroll and the woman



Vision of the Flying Scroll

1 Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll.

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."

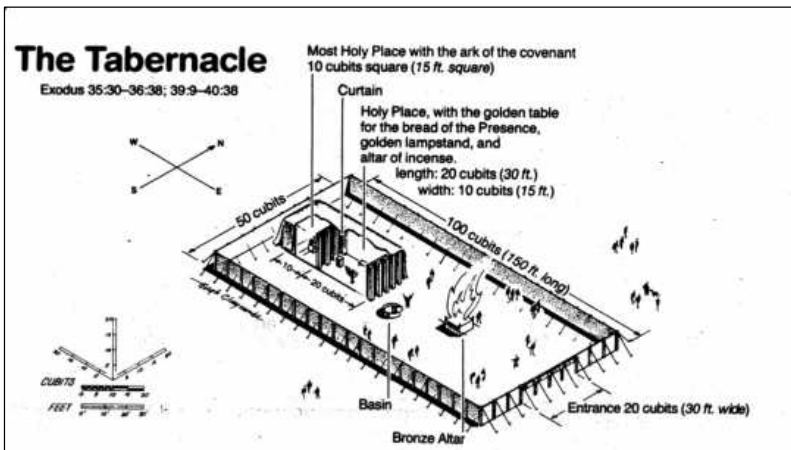
3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according to this side of the scroll; and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according to that side of it."

4 "I will send out the curse," says the Lord of hosts; "It shall enter the house of the thief And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house And consume it, with its timber and stones."

(1) Then.. a flying scroll: This is the 6th vision of Zechariah. The scroll was the equivalent of a book. Since there were no books in Zechariah's day, but scrolls. The outstanding features being, the size of the scroll and that it flies.

(3) Length...twenty...width..., ten cubits: One of the most peculiar aspects of the scroll is its size, Twenty cubits (30 feet) by Ten Cubits (15 feet). This is the identical size of the *Holy Place*,

the room before the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple and Tabernacle (Exodus 26:33). In the Holy Place stood the *Lampstand*, the Bread of presence and the altar of incense.



This is...curse.. The contents of the scroll was the curse, which goes over the earth. God's word is, sweet and bitter, sweet to those who benefit, but bitter to those who resist it. Both John and Ezekiel were told to eat a scroll, in their mouth, it was sweet but in the stomachs it became bitter.

(Ezekiel 3:1-3)

Re 10:10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as

sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

Re 10:11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings." Revelation 10:10-11

The... whole earth: This scroll represents the curse of judgment upon the world. God's word will enter every house, throughout the earth. This judgment will be against the whole earth. The size of the scroll represents the Holy Place, where the priests ministered before the Lord for sin.

This vision will ultimately be fulfilled in the tribulation, as God's judgment and wrath against the nations is completed. Sin will be judged, leading to the destruction of the sinner and sinful nature of the world we live..

In land of Judah, the returning exiles, were being admonished to obey the law, or face judgment. The immediate reference was to Judah, but greater fulfillment is to the whole earth.

The whole purpose of the Tabernacle was to represent man before a holy and righteous God, who was also merciful and provided a way of restoration. Through the death of Messiah the sin of the land was eliminated in a single day, (Zechariah 3:9). Judgment however will still be rendered on sin, hence the curse on the earth.

Vision of the Woman in a Basket

5 Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth."
6 So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth:
7 "Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket";
8 then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover over its mouth.
9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.
10 So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?"
11 And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

(5) The angel who talked: The seventh vision now takes place. The same angel identified as the angel "who talked with me".

Lift your eyes Zechariah is reporting what he is seeing in a vision.

(6) What is it: The angel asks Zechariah what he sees, to describe it for the reader.

A basket: Zechariah sees a basket, the word here in Hebrew is אֵיפָה *'eyphah*, a measuring basket which holds a dry measure of quantity, equal to 3 seahs, 10 omers; the same as the liquid measure bath; (about 9 imperial gallons).

Throughout the earth: The basket holds iniquity, which goes through out the land. The NIV translates this verse:

I asked, "What is it? He replied, "It is a measuring basket" And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land" (NIV) Zechariah 5:6

The word translated *resemblance* was translated as *iniquity* in some ancient versions. The exiles had returned from Babylon, and their hearts were not right with God, as they carried the sins of the land of Babylon with them into the land of Judah.

Though this scripture had an immediate application to the land of Judah, the greater application applied to the whole earth.

(7) Lead disc: The covering on the basket was a Lead disc, (also translated talent weighing 97 pounds) inside the basket was a woman, who was the personification of sin.

A woman sitting: The women in the basket is the personification of sin. In the book of Revelation, we see a similar woman, she is called the *Mother of harlots*. Here her name is called *Wickedness*.

Re 17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,
Re 17:2 "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."
Re 17:3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
Re 17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.
Re 17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
Revelation 17:1-5

Inside the basket: Here this woman sits inside the basket, the woman of Revelation is riding the Beast, the coming end-times kingdom, which is opposed to the Kingdom of God. (Daniel 7:11-13, 19). The basket had a lead cover, which is a base material; the woman in basket must have been small since an ephod is only about 9 gallons in volume.

(8) This is wickedness: Women are portrayed in scripture as examples of virtue and sin. Proverbs presents two women, the Proverbs 7 women and the Proverbs 31 women. These two women are complete contrasts, one is adulterous, the other virtuous.

This woman is presented as wickedness in not only the land of Judah but also the whole world. This wickedness like the flying scroll proclaims will one day be judged.

He thrust her down: The angel who talked with Zechariah, seems to be the one thrusting the

women in the basket, after he showed her to Zechariah. The Hebrew word for thrust, שָׁלַח *Shalak*, connotes a violent action against the women, followed by a hurried covering of the Ephah.

(9) My eyes: Zechariah is merely writing what he sees with his eyes.

Two women: Two women now appear, with wings resembling those of a stork, and they carry the basket upward as Zechariah watches.

(10) Where are they carrying: Zechariah now wants to know where they are taking the women in the basket.

Build a house: The answer is to Babylon, to build a house and a base for the women.

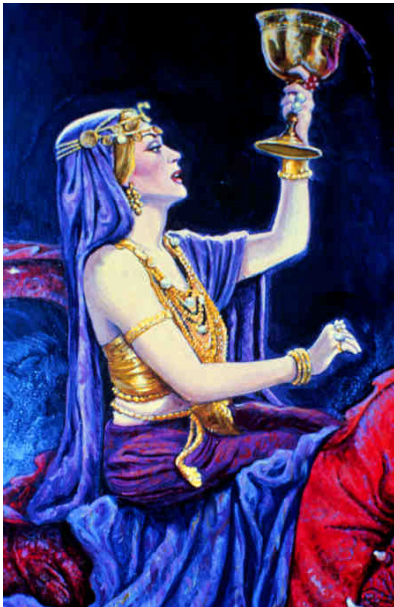
Land of Shinar: Shinar שִׁנְעָר Means the land of two rivers.

Babylon from the time of Genesis was the spark of rebellion against God, when humanity was one tribe, it was at the tower of Babel, located in Babylon, man rebelled against God.

Its at the Second Coming, the revived Kingdom of Babylon will oppose the kingdom of God.

According to Revelation chapters 17 and 18, here Satan will make his last stand.

Revelation presents two Babylons, in chapter 17 there is spiritual Babylon, which has corrupted the world with sin, through religion. For this reason, she is called "Mystery", because she uses religion to deceive the world and lead people astray. The second Babylon is economic Babylon, who through commerce pollutes the world with material goods.



Re 18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

Re 18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

Re 18:3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

Re 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

Re 18:5 "For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
Revelation 18:1-5

According to a literal reading of Revelation and Daniel, in the end of days, coming world leader will establish Babylon as his base of operation as he establishes a world government. The women in the basket is taken to Babylon. In Babylon a base, then a house will be made ready for her, in the end of days, she will be fully established in the world.