

Zechariah 5-6.

The Priest-King.

Can you think of a time when something in the Bible has ‘just clicked’ and suddenly made a lot more sense for you?

Read Zechariah 5:5-11

1. In Zechariah 3:9, God promises that he will “remove the iniquity of this land in a single day”. In 5:5-11, what happens to “the iniquity of the land” after it is packed up in this basket?

2. In 2 Chronicles 36:23, King Cyrus of Persia sent the exiles back to Jerusalem “to build [God] a house” (ESV). How is similar language used in these verses?

Read Zechariah 6:1-8

3. In Zechariah’s first vision (1:7-17), four horses are sent out to patrol the earth. In 1:11, what is the result of their patrol? Who is “at rest”?

4. In this eighth vision (6:1-8), four chariots (weapons of war) are sent out. After *this* patrol, who is “at rest” (6:8)?

5. Thinking about the eight visions of Zechariah which we’ve looked at over the last month, what has happened to take away the “rest” of the evil nations, and to now bring “rest” to God’s Spirit?

Read Zechariah 6:9-15.

6. The name “Jesus” is the same as “Joshua”. It means “God Saves”. What extra name is given to Joshua the Priest in verse 12?

Why is he given this new name?

7. What two “offices” does the crowning of Joshua bring together (13)?

8. How does this Old Testament ‘Joshua/Jesus’ prepare us for the New Testament Jesus?

Discuss.

9. Thinking back to last series, how is this **Joshua** prophecy similar to **Melchizedek**? Are there differences?

10. How do you think the “story arc” of the eight **visions** has prepared us for the **prophecy** about this great Priest-King?

Implications.

11. If God is going to take away the “rest” of the wicked world, and bring forgiveness, security and blessing to His people through this great Priest-King, how can we be praying for (and sharing with) our friends and family?