

My teaching on Zechariah will primarily use Leeser's Jewish Bible (LJB) as it's scriptural source.

When I started preparing this teaching, I felt it would be a "one and done". Was I mistaken. The more I researched the Book of Zechariah, the deeper it became. As you hear this teaching unfold, hopefully you will also appreciate the fullness of what this prophet said.

The language of the prophets can at times be quite enigmatic. It is often difficult to decipher just exactly what is being communicated or what the imagery being described is meant to symbolize.

ZECHARIAH (7777))

Is He A Minor Prophet?

Part Four: The Flying Roll & A Basket

In Part One of this teaching we answered the following questions:

Who Were The Old Testament Prophets? Who Were The "Minor Prophets"? Who Was Zechariah? What Does The Book Say?

In Part Two of this teaching we reviewed **Zechariah's Eight** Visions and what they mean?

These visions include the Four Horses & Four Horns, Four **Craftsmen, Man With a Measuring** Line, Joshua The High Priest, Gold Lampstand and Two Olive Trees, Flying Roll, A Woman In a Basket, and the Four Chariots.

In Part 3 of this teaching on the Book of Zechariah, we looked at some of the prophecies he made about the Son of God and the City of God.

In Part 4 of this series, we will investigate The Meaning Of Zechariah's 6th and 7th Visions and a modern (and maybe more accurate) definition of what is being described in Zechariah Chapters 5 & 6.

In this final teaching on the Book of Zechariah we will look at a more controversial interpretation of his writings:

What is the flying roll? Why is a lady sitting in a basket? What is the plague going out over the land? What are the mountains of brass?

(Zechariah 5:1-11) ¹And I again lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold there was a flying roll [book]. ²And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll, its length is twenty cubits, and its breadth ten cubits.

³Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of all the earth; for every one that stealeth as it is on this side shall be in an equal degree entirely destroyed, as also every one that sweareth [falsely] as it is on that side shall be likewise entirely destroyed.

⁴I 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 its timber and its stones.

⁵Then went forth the angel that spoke with me, and said unto me, Do but lift up thy eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. ⁶And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their appearance through all the earth.

⁷And, behold, there was lifted up a heavy [cover] of lead: and there was a certain woman sitting in the midst of the ephah. ⁸And he said, This is the wickedness. And he cast her into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weighty lead cover upon the mouth thereof.

⁹Then did I lift up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, having 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 heaven.

¹⁰Then said I to the angel that spoke with me, Whither are these bearing away the ephah? ¹¹And he said unto me, To build for it a house in the land of Shin'ar: and when this is erected, then will the other be set there upon its own base.

^{6:1}And I again lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, there came out four chariots from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of copper (brass). ²In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot, black horses:

³And in the third chariot, white horses; and in the fourth chariot, grizzled, ashcolored horses. ⁴ And I began and said unto the angel that spoke with me, What are these, my lord? ⁵And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth after having stood before the Lord of all the earth.

The roll is symbolic of Yahovah's curse going out over the land representing the judgment of His word symbolically covering Israel. Yahovah's judgment is all encompassing and does not allow for any escape.

The basket is symbolic of Israel's sin punishment for the nation's wickedness transferred to the place of destruction - Shinar.

Is this passage a description of something totally different as some people claim?

What doesn't make sense in these verses:

-There is a roll (book) that flies -That a single curse could destroy everyone -This curse will enter homes and linger inside

-This curse will totally consume wood and rocks -That there is a ephah (container) and sitting in the container is a woman -There is a lead cover over the top of this container

-Two other women, with the wings of a stork, lift up this container into the sky -That this container was headed towards the Land of Shinar -That war chariots will come out from between two mountains of brass

Nonsensical **Far Fetched** Impossible Confusing

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WOW!!!

Do we now have an interpretation that makes sense?

Nuclear tipped missiles, physically the size of SCUD and other modern missiles, with an evil lead lined fire inside of them (nuclear fission) will be borne aloft by jet planes.

They leave behind a residue (radiation) that will continue to kill long after the missile is exploded. These missiles will destroy everything in their path, people, homes, wood, or stone.

There is no hiding from the effects of these missiles. These missiles will land all over the world spreading their death and destruction.

The four winds are executing Yahovah's will on sinners The winds are God's servants, waiting His pleasure to be sent forth on His errands. Are these winds spreading nuclear radiation at the command and guidance of Yahovah to seek out and destroy those in opposition to Him?

The Land of Shinar (Iraq, Iran, and Syria) play into this scenario. The same Shinar implicated when chariots of war (attack aircraft) arise from the destruction of two mountains of brass (the World Trade Center).

Are we headed for, as **Michael Rood** describes it,

Zechariah's **Thermonuclear** War?

Does Zechariah 5:1-11 describes a thermonuclear war that will bring a curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth?

This curse that has maybe led to three wars (Iraq, Afghanistan, and the War On Terror) and threatens the world with the specter of nuclear destruction.

A curse that will destroy life on earth as we know it. A curse that marches us lock-step into the "End Times".

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Only time will tell!

The one thing we do know,

In the end,

"God Wins"!

After the four teachings in this series, I hope you've reached the same conclusion as I have.

Zechariah is not a "Minor" prophet.

Hopefully, you are as amazed and fulfilled as I was when I saw the depth of Zechariah's prophecy of events 500 years to 2500 years into the future.

