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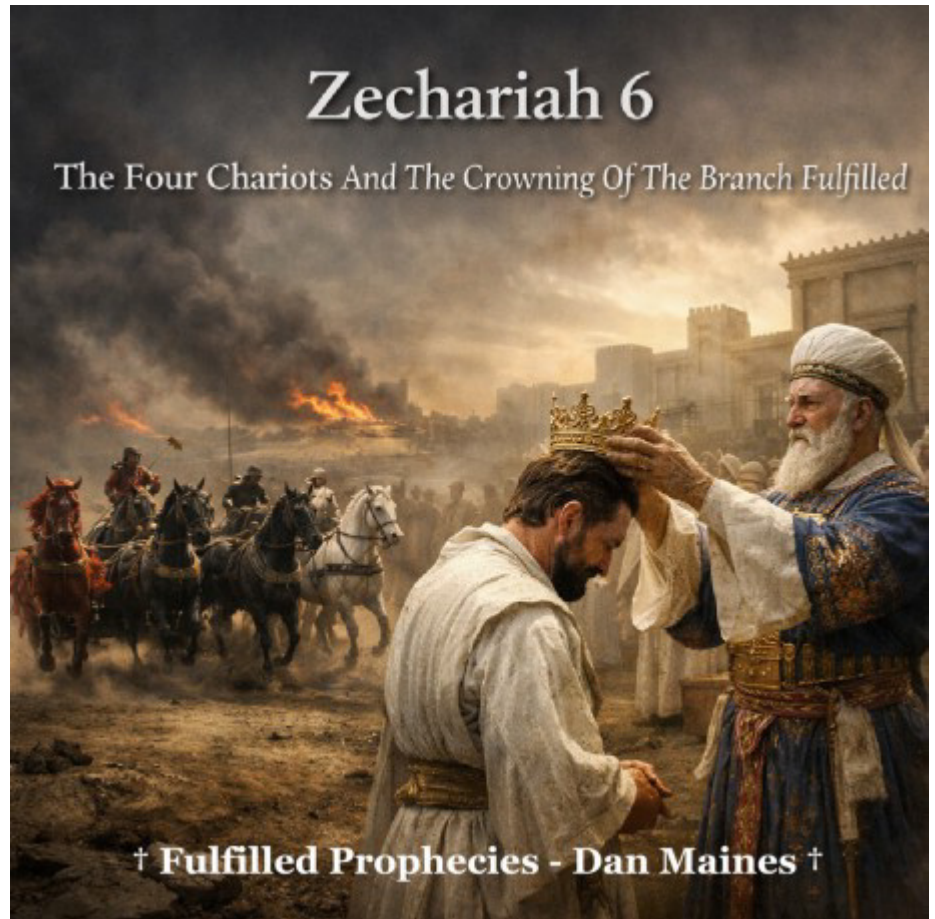
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## Zechariah 6 The Four Chariots And The Crowning Of The Branch Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Zechariah 6 closes the night visions with a powerful picture of judgment and authority going out into the earth, and it ends with the crowning of the Branch, pointing directly to Christ's completed work. (Zechariah 6:1-15)

† From the fulfilled perspective, this isn't future speculation, it's showing how God brought judgment on the old covenant system and established Christ as King and Priest in the same moment. (Matthew 21:43; Hebrews 7:12)

† The vision ties together God's control over nations and His final establishment of His kingdom through Jesus, fulfilled in the first century. (Matthew 16:27-28; Luke 21:22)

## **The Four Chariots**

### **Zechariah 6:1-3**

Now I raised my eyes again and looked, and behold, there were four chariots coming out from between the two mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains. With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong spotted horses.

† These chariots represent God's judgment going out into the earth, just like the imagery in Revelation where horses symbolize divine judgment. (Revelation 6:1-8)

† The bronze mountains show firmness and authority, meaning this judgment is established by God and cannot be stopped. (Jeremiah 1:18)

† This isn't random, it's directed judgment against nations, especially leading toward the destruction of Jerusalem. (Luke 21:20-22)

### **Zechariah 6:4-5**

Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel replied to me, These are the four spirits of heaven, going out after standing before the Lord of all the earth,

† The four winds show these are spiritual forces sent by God, not earthly armies acting on their own. (Daniel 7:2)

† God is in full control of history, He sends judgment exactly where it's needed. (Isaiah 46:10)

† This confirms that what happened in AD 70 wasn't accidental, it was directed by God. (Matthew 24:2)

### **Zechariah 6:6-8**

with one of which the black horses are going out to the north country; and the white ones go out after them, while the spotted ones go out to the south country. When the strong ones went out, they were eager to go to patrol the earth. And He said, Go, patrol the earth. So they patrolled the earth. Then He called out to me and spoke to me, saying, See, those who are going to the north country have appeased My wrath in the north country.

† The north country often refers to Babylon, representing oppression and judgment. (Jeremiah 1:14)

† God's wrath being satisfied shows His covenant judgment has been carried out. (Ezekiel 5:13)

† This points forward to the final judgment on Jerusalem, where God's covenant wrath was fully poured out. (Luke 23:28-31)

## **The Crowning Of The Branch**

### **Zechariah 6:9-11**

The word of the Lord also came to me, saying, Take an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon. Take silver and gold, make an ornate crown, and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

† Joshua the high priest is crowned, something that normally belongs to a king, showing a merging of roles. (1 Samuel 13:12-13)

† This is symbolic of Christ, who is both King and Priest. (Hebrews 5:6)

† It's pointing directly to Jesus as the fulfillment, not a future figure. (Acts 2:30-36)

### **Zechariah 6:12-13**

Then say to him, This is what the Lord of armies says: Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the Lord. Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the Lord, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. So He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.

† The Branch is clearly Christ, building the true temple, not a physical building but His people. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

† He sits as both King and Priest, something no old covenant figure ever did. (Hebrews 8:1)

† This was fulfilled when Christ established His kingdom and replaced the old system. (Matthew 21:42-43)

### **Zechariah 6:14-15**

Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the Lord to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. Those who are far away will come and build the temple of the Lord. Then you will know that the Lord of armies has sent me to you. And it will take place if you completely obey the Lord your God.

† Those far off refers to the Gentiles being brought into the temple of God. (Ephesians 2:13)

† The temple being built includes all nations, not just Israel. (Isaiah 2:2-3)

† This was fulfilled in the first century as the gospel went out and formed the church. (Colossians 1:23)

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem as a complete judgment that ended the temple system. (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 6)

† Eusebius confirms the early church understood the fall of Jerusalem as fulfillment of prophecy. (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5)

† Tacitus also documents the devastation of Jerusalem under Rome, showing the historical reality of this judgment. (Tacitus, Histories 5.13)

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† Christ is already reigning as King and Priest, we aren't waiting for that to happen. (Hebrews 10:12-13)

† The old covenant system is gone, we live in the reality of the fulfilled kingdom. (Hebrews 8:13)

† We are the temple now, built together in Christ, not looking for a physical structure. (1 Corinthians 3:16)

† God's judgment and righteousness are complete, we live in His established peace. (Romans 5:1)

† The gospel has already gone to the nations, and we continue to walk in that finished work. (Colossians 1:6)

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** Who are the four chariots?

**A:** They are God's judgment going out into the earth, directed by Him. (Zechariah 6:5; Revelation 6:1-8)

**Q:** What do the mountains of bronze represent?

**A:** God's unshakable authority and established judgment. (Jeremiah 1:18)

**Q:** Who is the Branch?

**A:** Jesus Christ, the one who builds the true temple and reigns as King and Priest. (Zechariah 6:12-13; Hebrews 8:1)

**Q:** What temple is being built?

**A:** The spiritual temple made of believers, not a physical building. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

**Q:** When was this fulfilled?

**A:** In the first century, culminating in the destruction of Jerusalem and the full establishment of Christ's kingdom. (Matthew 24:2; Luke 21:22)

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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