

God's War On Sin (Zechariah 5)

I. All Sin Will Be Discovered (1-3)

A. Zechariah Sees a Giant Flying Scroll (1-2)

1. The Measurements of the Scroll (2)

- a. The Scroll was 30 feet long, 15 feet wide
- b. These are the exact measurements of the Holy place in the tabernacle
 - this is where the priests serve
 - this is where God communicated with man regularly
 - this is where He gave revelation of Himself

2. The Significance of the Scroll

- a. The "flying scroll" symbol is repeatedly used for God's judgment
 - Jeremiah 36:1-3
 - Ezekiel 2:9
 - Revelation 5:1
- b. The Picture of Judgment and Holy Place Measurement
 - God's Judgment is based on His revelation
 - God's Word is the basis for Judgment

B. The Scroll Represents God's Punishment Against Sin (3)

- 1. The Scroll is the curse traveling over the earth
- 2. The Scroll's curse is upon those who Break God's Commandments
 - a. Those who steal are removed from community
 - b. Those who lie (swear falsely) are removed from community

II. All Sin Will Be Judged (4)

A. The Lord Himself Sends Out the Curse / Scroll

- 1. God's wrath abides on the sinner
- 2. God's holiness demands justice against criminals
 - a. "God hates sin but loves sinner?"
 - There is a sense in which this is true – love world sent His son
 - God's wrath does not punish acts it punishes people
 - God hates sinners? – Ps. 5:5; 11:5, 34:16
 - Hell is not populated with sin, but sinners

3. God Will not tolerate Sin

- a. We increasingly tolerate it
- b. We call it disease, dysfunction, mistakes
- c. We portray God as a helpless grandfather who would never curse anyone

B. The Scroll Will Root Out All Sin

- 1. There is no place to Hide from Judgment
 - a. Sinners cannot shut themselves in their houses
 - b. Sinners cannot hide from the curse
 - c. Sinners cannot run from the curse
- 2. There is no exception from Judgment

- a. The curse will enter and destroy the house
- b. The curse will completely destroy
- c. The curse will leave no trace of the house
- d. The curse will destroy everyone in the house

III. All Sin Will Be Removed (5-11)

A. Zechariah Sees a Basket Leaving (5-6)

- 1. The basket is used for measuring grain
- 2. The basket is moving away from God's people
- 3. The basket is moving away from God's land

B. Zechariah Sees a Woman in the Basket (7-8)

- 1. The Woman Represents Wickedness (8)
- 2. The Woman (sin) is Contained
 - a. She is forced down into the basket
 - b. She is covered with a lead top

C. Zechariah Sees the Basket Carried Away (9)

- 1. Two Women with wings like a stork
 - a. Storks were common in Near East
 - known for strong wings and long migrations
 - b. These were Servants of God carrying sin away

D. Zechariah Sees Sin Removed From God's Land (10-11)

- 1. Zechariah asks where the basket is being taken (10)
- 2. Zechariah's Question is answered (11)
 - a. A Temple is being built for it in Shinar (Babylon)
 - Babylon is represented as Far from God's Presence
 - Israel was Exiled there in judgment
 - Sin is taken away from God's sight
 - Is sin still here?
 - Yes, it is being taken away one soul at a time
 - We live in the already, not yet
 - Psalm 103:12 at salvation sin is removed
 - b. When all is finished Sin will be Gone Forever
 - Rev. 21:27 at the end sin will be removed