

God's War Against Evil (Zechariah 6:1-8)

I. God is At War With His Enemies (1-6)

A. God's Wrath is Pictured As War Chariots (1-5)

1. War Chariots Emerge From God's Dwelling

- a. Chariots Come from between 2 Bronze mountains (1)
- b. Bronze is symbol for strength in ancient world
- c. Two Mountains – 2 possible interpretations
 - i. Mt. Zion & Mt. of Olives
 - between lay the Kidron Valley (valley of Jehosaphat)
 - many believe the final judgment will be here
 - ii. They Represent God's Temple
 - the Temple entrance was adorned with two bronze pillars (1 Ki. 7:15)
 - The bronze mountains represent the entrance to God's heavenly Temple, from which judgment proceeds.

2. War Chariots Represent God's Judgment (2-3)

- a. The Horses Colors Represent Judgments of God (See Rev. 6)
 - i. Red – Represents War
 - ii. Black – Represents Famine
 - iii. White – Represents Victory and Conquest
 - iv. Spotted (grisley, pale green) – The Hebrew word here is difficult to translate

3. War Chariots Are Those That Serve God (4-5)

- a. They are the Four Spirits of Heaven
 - i. Four is number representing the whole earth
- b. They are coming from presenting themselves before the Lord
 - i. They are the servants of God
 - ii. They do God's Will
 - iii. They are sent out throughout the world
 - iv. They represent God's Sovereign rule
 - over nations and events also

B. God's Wrath Is Directed at His Enemies (6)

1. Judgment is Poured out on Babylon

- a. This was the people to Israel's North
- b. They were those who hosted Israel's captivity
- c. They were being Judged for their role
- d. They were being judged for their constant hostility to Israel

2. Judgment is Poured out on Egypt

- a. This was the people to Israel's South
- b. They were a continual threat

3. God's People (Church) Should not Fear the World

- a. Israel seemed weak compared to Babylon, Egypt

- b. The church seems weak compared to her enemies
- c. The eyes of faith see the true strength
 - i. God is for His people
 - ii. God's judgment will prevail

II. God Has the Right To Bring Wrath (7-8)

A. God Rules over All the Earth (7)

- 1. His Strong Horses (wrath) are scattering over the land
- 2. They have His permission to go over the land
- 3. They are obeying their Ruler

B. God's Judgment will Satisfy His Wrath (8)

- 1. Judgment on Babylon has appeased God's Wrath
 - a. Gave His Spirit rest there
 - b. Judgment has been carried out.

C. Zechariah fixed His eye on the Spiritual Truth

- 1. We must fix ours on God's Truth
- 2. We must not give in to the world's ideas
- 3. We must not fear what man can do