

Behold the Man (Zechariah 6:9-15)

I. Hope is Given To those In Exile (9-11)

A. Zechariah Is Told to Meet Returning Exiles (9-10)

1. Exiles had returned from Babylon Bringing gifts
 - a. Gold and Silver to aid in Temple rebuilding
 - b. They were focused on rebuilding the Temple
 - c. They desired the glory to return to Jerusalem
2. Exiles were located in the House of Josiah
 - a. They were perhaps staying there
 - b. They were offering their gifts to the building effort
3. Exiles symbolize those people who are apart from God
 - a. All men bound in sin are Exiles
 - b. All men have ideas about “returning” to God
 - c. All men seek to bring their gifts
 - hoping to be accepted
 - hoping to make amends
4. Exiles long for hope
 - a. They want to have hope
 - b. They want to put hope in anything

B. Zechariah is Told to Give the Exiles a Sign (11)

1. He Formed a Crown for Joshua
 - a. He took their silver and gold to make a crown
 - What they had brought as a gift
 - What they had put their hope in
 - He used it to show them their true hope
 - b. He placed the crown of the high priest’s head
 - This was to symbolize the Messiah
 - This was to show the true priesthood
 - This was to show the Fusion of King and Priest

II. Hope is Given Through the Coming Messiah (12-13)

A. The Coming Ruler Will Begin Humbly (12)

1. He will be the one who rules over all
2. He is the Branch (term used for Messiah)
3. He will branch out from his place
 - a. He will come humbly and flourish
 - b. See Phil. 2:7-8

B. The Coming Ruler Will Build the Temple of God

1. Zech. Had already said the people would build it
2. Zech. Had already said that Zerubbabel would build it
3. Zech. Is Speaking of the True Temple
 - a. This is the Spiritual Temple – Christ Himself
 - b. John 2:19 – “Destroy this Temple and I will raise it up in three days.”
 - c. Christ is the Temple where God is worshiped
 - d. See also John 4:20-21

C. The Coming Ruler Will Be King

1. He will Be Clothed in Splendor
 - a. Dressed in King's Robes
 - b. This would include a crown, purple etc.
2. He will Be sitting as King on His throne
 - a. He will have "all power and authority" (Matt. 28:18)
 - b. He will rule and reign

D. The Coming Ruler Will Be a Priest

1. He will offer the peace of God for the People
2. The priest interceded with sacrifice
3. He would bridge the gap from God to exiles

III. Hope is Given To the World (14-15)

A. The Exiles are Pointed to the True Temple (14)

1. The Crown Given As a Memorial in the Temple of the Lord
 - a. It was a promise to them
 - b. It was the sure word of God
 - c. It was to be placed in the Temple
 - i. So they would not trust in the Temple
 - ii. They would trust in the True Temple which was to come.
 - iii. They would trust in God rather than artifacts

B. The Nations are Pointed to the True Temple (15)

1. Those "far away" will come and build the House of God
2. God's People (the building) will include all nations
 - a. They are being build into living stones (1 Pt. 2:5) (Eph. 2:19-22)

C. The Exiles would Participate in God's Plan

1. By Obeying the voice of God
 - a. They would be transferred from Exile to God's people
 - b. You can be transferred as well and begin building
 - c. John 6:28-29

IV. Hope is Fulfilled

A. Zechariah Prophesied about the True King, Priest, and Temple

1. He placed the crown on Joshua and said, "Behold the Man"
2. He pictured a King with a crown and a purple robe

B. Jesus Fulfilled the Prophecy

1. Jesus Was Beaten, a crown of thorns on his head, and a purple robe
2. Jesus stood before the Jews and Gentiles
3. Pilate said the same words as Zechariah "Behold the Man" John 19:1-5
4. He is God's True Temple
5. He is God's True Priest
6. He is God's True King
7. Behold the Man