

Return, Rebuild, Restore
Study Guide
Zechariah 5

Big Idea: God is removing sin once and for all.

Vision # 6: The Flying Scroll- God holds a standard for us.

1. Read Zechariah 5:1-4.

Note that the “*flying scroll*” represents the divine standard of the word of God. Are you thankful that there is a moral standard in the world? What would the world be like if there were no moral law? Is our culture drifting away from God’s laws? Discuss.

2. Read Psalm 19:7a.

“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.” How does obedience to God’s laws revive our hearts? How does disobeying God’s laws eventually destroy us, like a “curse” (v. 3)? Discuss examples.

Vision #7: The Woman in the Basket- God removes sin from us.

3. Read Zechariah 5:5-8 and Revelation 17:4-5.

Why do you think “sexual immorality” is linked with all “abominations”?

Now read Revelation 17:18 & 18:1-3. What is the danger of becoming “drunk” with luxurious living? What does that look like for us?

How does the “love of money” become the “root of all kinds of evil”? (1 Tim. 6:10). Discuss.

4. Read Zechariah 5:9-11.

Note, that “Shinar” represents the seat of great Babylon- the economic power of the world. God will wipe her out “in a single day”. (see Rev. 18:8). How is that both a warning and an encouragement to us? How can we live our lives in such a way that we don’t let ourselves be drawn into this dynamic?

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Take some time to pray as a group.

Celebrate the fact that God is bringing an end to sin. Ask God to protect us from getting sucked into the kind of lives that are represented by Babylon the great.

Be sensitive to what God might be asking you to do.

Message Slides

Review of the Visions

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1. Man on the Red Horse- God is jealous for us.
2. The Four Horns- God is fighting for us.
3. Measuring Line- God is rebuilding us.
4. Filthy Garments- God is cleansing us.
5. The Golden Lampstand- God is filling us.
6. **The Flying Scroll- God holds a standard for us.**
7. **The Woman in the Basket- God removes sin from us.**

Big Idea: God is restoring all things!

A. The Flying Scroll- God Holds a Standard for us. (v. 1-4)

Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll! ²And he said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits."

Show Image of Flying Scroll

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1. **Valuable- Psalm 19:7a** "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul."

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2. **Holy- Psalm 97:2b-3a** "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne."

A. The Flying Scroll- God Holds a Standard for us. (cont. v. 1-4)

³Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land. For everyone who steals shall be cleaned out according to what is on one side, and everyone who swears falsely shall be cleaned out according to what is on the other side. ⁴I will send it out, declares the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter the house of the thief, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. And it shall remain in his house and consume it, both timber and stones."

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Galatians 3:13a

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us."

B. The Woman in the Basket- God Removes Sin from us. (v. 5-11)

⁵Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, "Lift your eyes and see what this is that is going out." ⁶And I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is the basket that is going out." And he said, "This is their iniquity in all the land." ⁷And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the basket! ⁸And he said, "This is Wickedness." And he thrust her back into the basket, and thrust down the leaden weight on its opening.

Rev. 17:4-5

⁴The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. ⁵And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."

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Rev. 17:18

“And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

Rev. 18:1-3

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. ³For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.”

1 Tim 6:10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”

B. The Woman in the Basket- God Removes Sin from us. (cont. v. 5-11)

⁹Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings. They had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.¹⁰Then I said to the angel who talked with me, “Where are they taking the basket?” ¹¹He said to me, “To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it. And when this is prepared, they will set the basket down there on its base.”

Show image of woman in a basket

Judgment of Babylon**Rev. 18:8**

“For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

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Romans 8:1

“There is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ!”