



Zechariah 6-7

## Zechariah, Chapters 6-7

- Vision 8: The Four Chariots (6:1-8)
- The Crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)
- The Subject of Fasting (7:1-14)



### Vision 8: The Four Chariots (6:1-8)

- ❖ Bronze Mtns—judgment
- ❖ Red Horses—war
- ❖ Black Horses—famine
- ❖ White Horses—victory
- ❖ Dappled Horses—death from varied causes

### PERSIAN EMPIRE



## Chiastic Parallelism of the Eight Visions



A Persian Crown



Joshua Crowned



## 7 STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BRANCH:

1. Behold a MAN whose name is the Branch.
2. He will branch out (GROW UP) from where He is.
3. He will BUILD THE TEMPLE of the Lord.
4. He will bear the ROYAL SPLENDOR.
5. He will SIT AND RULE on His throne.
6. He will be a PRIEST ON HIS THRONE.
7. The counsel of PEACE will be between the two offices of priest and king.

## THE BRANCH IN THE 4 GOSPELS:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
King	Servant	Man	God
Branch "will reign as <u>king</u> " (Jer. 23:5)	"My <u>servant</u> the Branch" (Zech. 3:8)	"a <u>man</u> whose name is Branch" (Zech. 6:12)	Branch called "The <u>LORD</u> our righteousness" (Jer. 23:6)

## Some Godly Purposes for Fasting

- To humble yourself and “make your voice heard on high” (Isaiah 58:4-5)
- To seek God’s help when in extreme danger (Esther 4:16)
- To be able to cope with sorrow or impending death (2 Samuel 12:16)

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- To get help in time of war (2 Chronicles 20:3)
- To express sorrow over someone’s death (1 Samuel 31:13; 2 Samuel 1:12)
- To minister through urgent prayers for others (Luke 2:37; Daniel 9:3)

## Some Godly Ways to Feast

- And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God (Ecclesiastes 5:19, NLT).
- Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

## Behaviors that Please God (7:9-10)

- Order society with justice.
- Show faithful love & compassion to each other.
- Do not oppress widows, orphans, aliens, or the poor.
- Do not plot evil against one another.

## Lessons :

- Worldwide judgment is coming (6:1-8).
- Praise God for the Branch—for what He has already done and what He will do! Has Jesus' death on the cross changed your life?
- Are we merely going through the motions of worshipping God, or is our worship genuine?
- Are we aware of the danger of hardening our hearts toward God? (7:11-13)