

Connection Group Participant Guide

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Zechariah 6:1-8

Introduction

The Assyrians that toppled the Northern Kingdom and the Babylonians that destroyed the Southern Kingdom inflicted terrible suffering on Israel. They were agents of God's anger on His people because of Israel's repeated disobedience. But, as God makes clear through Habakkuk (and other prophets), He would judge the nations that He used to judge Israel because those nations went too far in their violence.

As our text states (6:5), God is "the Lord of all the earth." He is the righteous Judge who will bring every nation and every person to account. If a wicked person has wronged you, do not seek your own vengeance. That right belongs to God alone, and He will repay (Rom. 12:19; Deut. 32:35). Evil people may prosper for a few years on earth, but then comes death and judgment (Heb. 9:27). No one will get away with anything!

That fact can bring you comfort only if your sins are atoned for! If you have to answer for your own sins, then to stand before God for judgment should scare you, as I will comment on next. But if you have fled to the cross and your trust is in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, then you can have great comfort in the fact that God will righteously judge all who have done wrong.

Highlight

What are the four chariots of Zechariah 6:1 said to represent (Zech. 6:5)? From where were the chariots coming forth (Zech. 6:1)? Where had these four been standing (Zech. 6:5)?

Explain

The bottom line of all prophecy should be to exalt Jesus Christ and bring everyone into submission to Him. Discuss the implications of that statement for this study of prophecy. Should believers fear God's judgment in any sense? (Consider 1 Cor. 3:10-15 & 2 Cor. 5:9- 11.)

Apply

What vehicle of judgment does God use in your life?

Respond in Prayer

Read through Revelation 7 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

