

Zechariah 5:1-11

1. The sixth and seventh visions (the flying scroll and the woman in the ephah) of the eight total visions focus on judgment of sin and wickedness.
2. The first five visions identified blessing, favor intended for God's chosen.
3. The application or fulfillment of the 6th and 7th visions in chapter five could occur:
 - a. Contemporary – in the days of 519-516 BC during the rebuilding of the temple
 - b. Immediate future – in the coming generations that lead up to the New Testament
 - c. Eschatological – in the coming kingdom during the Millennial reign of Christ

The Eight Visions of Zechariah 1-6

Zechariah 1-6 - Zechariah's Eight Visions on February 15, 519 BC

1. **Man among the myrtle trees** – God is watching and controlling history
 2. **Four horns and four horn cutters** – God will remove the oppressive nations
 3. **Measuring line** – Jerusalem will have a population explosion
 4. **Garments for the High Priest** – God is reinstalling the priesthood of Aaron
 5. **Golden lamp stand and two olive trees** – Joshua and Zerubbabel are anointed and are providing the oil for Israel's lamp
 6. **Flying scroll** – There is a curse hanging over the land. Violators of the covenant will be removed from history
 7. **Woman in a basket** – the system of evil will be returned to the pagan land of Babylonia but it will not be part of Israel's new nation.
 8. **Four chariots** – God ultimate victory over the oppressive nations is won and judgment is brought to those nations
- 1-3 focus on Judah's return from captivity
 - 4-5 focus on the anointed of the Lord
 - 6-8 focus on the seat of wickedness and the removal of that wickedness

Potentially a pattern in the eight visions concerning scope of message following: A-B-C-D-D-C-B-A

- Visions 1 and 8 – universal perspective and the omniscience of the Lord
- Visions 2 and 7 – international matters and Judah's relationship with the nations
- Visions 3 and 6 – national issues of Judah, particularly in Jerusalem
- Visions 4 and 5 – the temple and its leadership

Zechariah 5:1 – “Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll!”

5774 [e]	4039 [e]	2009 [e]	7200 [e]	5869 [e]	5375 [e]	7725 [e]
'ā-pāh.	mē-gīl-lāh	wə-hin-nēh	wā-'er-'eh;	'ē-nay	wā-'es-šā	wā-'ā-šūb
עָפָה:	מְגִלָּה	וְהִנֵּה	וַאֲרָאָה	עֵינַי	וָאֲשָׂא	וָאֲשׁוּב 1
flying	a scroll	and there	and saw	my eyes	and raised	And I turned
V-Qal-Prtcp-fs	N-fs	Conj-w Interjection	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-1cs	N-csc 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-1cs

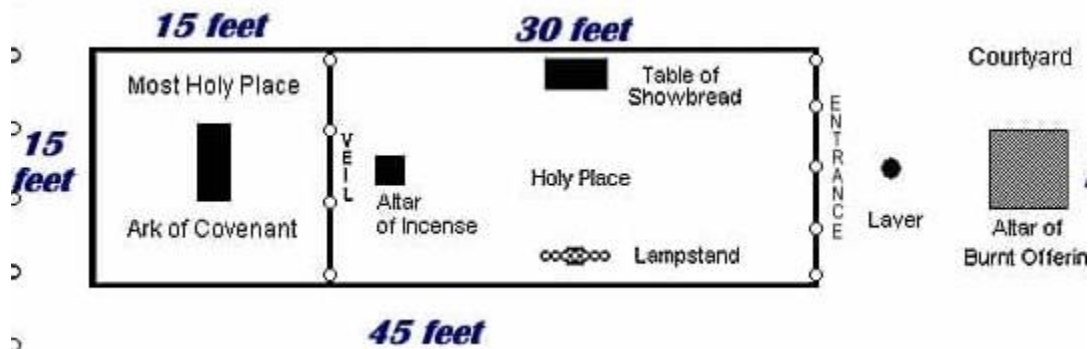
1. The opening line is similar to Zechariah's second and third visions.

5:2 – “And 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.”

5774 [e] 4039 [e] 7200 [e] 589 [e] 559 [e] 7200 [e] 859 [e] 4100 [e] 413 [e] 559 [e]
 'ā-pāh, mē-gīl-lāh rō-'eh 'ā-nī wā-'ō-mar, rō-'eh; 'at-tāh māh 'ē-lay, way-yō-mer
 עָפָה — מְגִלָּה רָאָה אָנִי וְאָמַר רָאָה אַתָּה מָה אֵלַי וַיֹּאמֶר
 flying a scroll see I so I answered do see you what to me And he said 2
 V-Qal-Prtcl-fs N-fs V-Qal-Prtcl-ms Pro-1cs Conj-w | V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs V-Qal-Prtcl-ms Pro-2ms Interrog Prep | 1cs Conj-w | V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3ms

520 [e] 6235 [e] 7341 [e] 520 [e] 6242 [e] 753 [e]
 bā-'am-māh. 'e-śer wə-rā-hə-bāh bā-'am-māh, 'es-rīm 'ā-re-kāh
 בְּאַמָּה עֶשְׂרִים וַרְחֵבָהּ בְּאַמָּה עֶשְׂרִים אַרְבֵּהּ
 cubits ten and its width cubits twenty its length [is]
 Prep-b, Art | N-fs Number-fs Conj-w | N-msc | 3fs Prep-b, Art | N-fs Number-cp N-msc | 3fs

1. The interpreting angel asks Zechariah about what was being seen.
2. Zechariah sees a large flying scroll
 - a. 30 feet long, 15 feet wide (Coincidentally the same size as the Holy Place in the Tabernacle?)



- b. This scroll was not rolled up, so it was open for everyone to read and understand
- c. Writing on both sides
- d. Large enough for everyone to read and understand the requirements of God's character and God's Law.

5:3 – “Then 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.

1589 [e] 3605 [e] 3588 [e] 776 [e] 3805 [e] 6440 [e] 5921 [e] 3318 [e] 423 [e] 2063 [e] 413 [e] 559 [e]
 hag-gō-nēb, kāl kī hā-'ā-res; kāl pə-nē 'al- hay-yō-w-sēt hā-'ā-lah, zōt 'ē-lay, way-yō-mer
 הגֹּבַב כָּל־ כִּי הָאֶרֶץ כָּל־ פְּנֵי עַל־ הַיּוֹצֵאת הָאֵלֶּה זֹאת אֵלַי וַיֹּאמֶר
 thief every for the earth of all the face over that goes out the oath this [is] to me And he said 3
 Art | V-Qal-Prtcl-ms N-msc Conj Art | N-fs N-msc N-cpc Prep Art | V-Qal-Prtcl-fs Art | N-fs Pro-fs Prep | 1cs Conj-w | V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3ms

5352 [e] 3644 [e] 2088 [e] 7650 [e] 3605 [e] 5352 [e] 3644 [e] 2088 [e]
 niq-qāh, kā-mō-w-hā miz-zeh han-niś-bā', wə-kāl niq-qāh, kā-mō-w-hā miz-zeh
 נִקָּה כְּמוֹהַ מְזָה הַנִּשְׁבָּע וְכָל־ נִקָּה — כְּמוֹהַ מְזָה
 shall be expelled according [to] this [side of it] perjurer and every shall be expelled according [to] this [side] of [the scroll]
 V-Nital-Perf-3ms Prep | 3fs Prep-m | Pro-ims Art | V-Nital-Prtcl-mis Conj-w | N-msc V-Nital-Perf-3ms Prep | 3fs Prep-m | Pro-ims

1. The writing on each side was the commands of the third and eighth of the Ten Commandments.
 - a. If there were two tablets with five commands on both sides these would be the middle of the first five commandments on one side and the middle of the last five commandments on the other side.
 - b. These two commands may represent all the commands.
 - c. These two commands may deal with the greatest temptations of the 519 BC exiles that had returned.
2. The punishment is “shall be expelled” or “shall be cleaned out” or “banished” is from the Hebrew *niqqah* meaning “to be empty or clean”.
 - a. Refers to being purged out of the covenant community



5:4 – “I 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.”

7650 [e]	1004 [e]	413 [e]	1590 [e]	1004 [e]	413 [e]	935 [e]	6635 [e]	3069 [e]	5002 [e]	3318 [e]
han-niš-bā'	bēt	we'el-	hag-gan-nāb,	bēt	'el-	ū-bā'āh	ṣə-bā'ō-wt,	Yah-weh	ne'um	hō-w-ṣē-tī-hā,
הַנִּשְׁבַּע	בֵּית	וְאֵל-	הַגָּנֵב	בֵּית	אֵל-	וּבָאָהּ	צְבָאוֹת	יְהוָה	נֹאֵם	הוֹצֵאתִיהָ
of the one who swears	the house	and	of the thief	the house	into	and it shall enter	of hosts	Yahweh	says	I will send out [the curse]
Art V-Nifal-Prtcpl-ms	N-msc	Conj-w Prep	Art N-ms	N-msc	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3fs	N-cp	N-proper-ms	N-msc	V-Hifil-Perf-1cs 3fs

68 [e]	854 [e]	6086 [e]	854 [e]	3615 [e]	1004 [e]	8432 [e]	3885 [e]	8267 [e]	8034 [e]
'ā-bā-nāw.	we'et-	'ē-ṣāw	we'et-	we-kil-lat-tū	bē-tōw,	be-tō-wk	we-lā-neh	laš-šā-qer;	biš-mī
אֲבָנִים:	וְאֵת-	עִצָּיו	וְאֵת-	וּכְלָתוֹ	בֵּיתוֹ	בְּתוֹךְ	וְלִנְה	לִשְׁקֵר	בְּשִׁמִּי
stones	and	with its timber	and	and consume it	of his house	in the midst	and it shall remain	falsely	by My name
N-tpc 3ms	Conj-w Prep	N-mpc 3ms	Conj-w Prep	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-3fs 3ms	N-msc 3ms	Prep-b N-msc	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3fs	Prep-l, Art N-ms	Prep-b N-msc 1cs

1. Focus is on the thief and the one who uses the Lord’s name for personal gain.
 - a. This could refer to corrupt business practice in the rebuilt community in Jerusalem
 - b. This could refer to those associated with God’s people among the Jews who used the culture for their own temporal prosperity
2. Punishment from the curse on the scroll is:
 - a. On the person’s house
 - b. Permanent
 - c. Consuming
 - i. Timber – tree, wood – beams, ceiling, roof, even decorative paneling that covers the stone walls
 - ii. Stones – stone – foundation, walls

5:5 – “Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, “Lift your eyes and see what this is that is going out.”

5869 [e]	4994 [e]	5375 [e]	413 [e]	559 [e]	1696 [e]	4397 [e]	3318 [e]	
'ê-ne-kā	nā	śā	'ê-lay,	way-yō-mer	bî;	had-dō-bêr	ham-mal-'āk	way-yê-šê
עֵינַיְךָ	נָא	שָׂא	אֵלַי	וַיֹּאמֶר	בִּי	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמַּלְאָךְ	וַיָּצֵא
your eyes	now	Lift	to me	and said	with me	who talked	the angel	And came out
N-cdc 2ms	Interjection	V-Qal-Imp-ms	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3ms	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3ms

2063 [e]	3318 [e]	4100 [e]	7200 [e]
haz-zōt.	hay-yō-w-šêt	māh	ū-re'êh,
הַזֹּאת:	הַיּוֹצֵאת	מָה	וּרְאֵה
this	that goes forth	what [is]	and see
Art Pro-fs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	Interrog	Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-ms

1. Another object in flight

5:6 – “And 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.”

3318 [e]	374 [e]	2063 [e]	559 [e]	1931 [e]	4100 [e]	559 [e]	
hay-yō-w-šêt,	hā-'ê-pāh	zōt	way-yō-mer,	hî;	mah-	wā-'ō-mar	
הַיּוֹצֵאת	הַאֵיפָה	זֹאת	וַיֹּאמֶר	?	הִיא	מָה	וַיֹּאמֶר
that is going forth	a basket	this [is]	and he said	it	what [is]		So I asked
Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	Art N-fs	Pro-fs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3ms	Pro-3fs	Interrog	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-1cs	

776 [e]	3605 [e]	5869 [e]	2063 [e]	559 [e]
hā-'ā-reš.	bə-kāl	'ê-nām	zōt	way-yō-mer
הָאָרֶץ:	בְּכָל־	עֵינָם	זֹאת	וַיֹּאמֶר
the earth	throughout	their resemblance	this [is]	And He said
Art N-fs	Prep-b N-msc	N-csc 3mp	Pro-fs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmpf-3ms

1. “Measuring basket” or an *epah* which is a large barrel or basket bused to measure about 5-10 gallons of dry or liquid.
 - a. The ephah – *epah* – was the largest of the measurments
 - b. It was too small to hold a woman so either:
 - i. The ephah is larger than normal like the scroll was larger
 - ii. The woman is smaller than usual to fit into an ephah
2. “This is their iniquity in all the land” is literally “This is their resemblance throughout the earth.”
 - a. “land” or “earth” is probably referring to the land of Judah.
 - b. “iniquity” or “resemblance”
 - i. “resemblance” would refer to the ephah which is a commercial measuring basket indicating business evil such as false measurements which would match:
 1. The thief
 2. The one who swears falsely
 - ii. “iniquity” is found in the Greek and Syriac versions that translate the Hebrew
 - iii. Together the “iniquity” could be the practice that resembles the ephah of corrupt business

5:7 – “And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the basket!”

374 [e]	8432 [e]	3427 [e]	259 [e]	802 [e]	2063 [e]	5375 [e]	5777 [e]	3603 [e]	2009 [e]
hā·'ê·pāh.	bə·tō·wk	yō·wō·še·bet	'a·ḥaṭ,	'iš·šāh	wə·zōṭ	niš·sēt;	'ō·pe·ret	kik·kar	wə·hin·nēh
הַאֵיפָה:	בְּתוֹךְ	יוֹשֶׁבֶת	אֶחָת	אִשָּׁה	וְזֹאת	וַיִּשָׂאת	— עֵפְרַת	כֶּכֶר	וְהִנֵּה 7
the basket	inside	sitting	a	woman	and this [is]	lifted up	lead	a disc	And Here [is]
Art N-fs	Prep-b N-msc	V-Qal-Prtcpl-fs	Number-fs	N-fs	Conj-w Pro-fs	V-Nifal-Prtcpl-fs	N-fs	N-fsc	Conj-w Interjection

1. Usually the ephah basket would be wicker or wooden, but here it has a lead lid. Much heavier and harder to open than usual.
2. Inside the ephah was a woman identified as “This is Wickedness.”

5:8 – “And he said, “This is Wickedness.” And he thrust her back into the basket, and thrust down the leaden weight on its opening.

374 [e]	8432 [e]	413 [e]	853 [e]	7993 [e]	7564 [e]	2063 [e]	559 [e]
hā·'ê·pāh;	tō·wk	'el-	'ō·tāh	way·yaš·lêk	hā·riš·'āh,	zōṭ	way·yō·mer
— הַאֵיפָה	תּוֹךְ	אֶל-	אֶתָּה	וַיִּשְׁלֶךְ	הַרְשָׁעָה	זֹאת	וַיֹּאמֶר 8
the basket	the middle	into	her	And he thrust down	Wickedness	this [is]	Then he said
Art N-fs	N-msc	Prep	DirObjM 3fs	Conj-w V-Hifil-Conseclmperf-3ms	Art N-fs	Pro-fs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3ms

6310 [e]	413 [e]	5777 [e]	68 [e]	853 [e]	7993 [e]
s	pī·hā.	'el-	hā·'ō·pe·ret	'e·ben	'et-
ס .	פִּיהָ:	אֶל-	הָעֵפְרַת	אָבֹן	אֶת־
-	its mouth	over	the lead	cover	-
Punc	N-msc 3fs	Prep	Art N-fs	N-fsc	DirObjM

1. Wickedness itself is forced back into the basket

5:9 – “Then 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.

3318 [e]	802 [e]	8147 [e]	2009 [e]	7200 [e]	5869 [e]	5375 [e]
yō·wəš·'ō·wṭ	nā·šîm	šə·ta·yim	wə·hin·nēh	wā·'ê·re,	'ê·nay	wā·'es·šā
וַיֵּצְאוּת	נָשִׁים	שְׁתַּיִם	וְהִנֵּה	וַאֲרָא	עֵינַי	וַאֲשָׂא 9
coming	women	two	and there [were]	and looked	my eyes	And I raised
V-Qal-Prtcpl-fp	N-fp	Number-fd	Conj-w Interjection	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs	N-cdc 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-1cs

853 [e]	5375 [e]	2624 [e]	3671 [e]	3671 [e]	2007 [e]	3671 [e]	7307 [e]
'et-	wat·tiš·še·nāh	ha·ḥā·sî·dāh;	kə·kan·pê	kə·nā·pā·yim	wə·lā·hén·nāh	bə·kan·pê·hem,	wə·rū·aḥ
אֶת־	וַתִּשָּׂאנָה	הַחֲסִידָה	כְּכַנְפֵי	כְּנָפַיִם	וְלָהֵנָה	— בְּכַנְפֵיהֶם	וּרְיָח
-	and they lifted up	of a stork	like the wings	wings	for they [had]	in their wings	and with the wind
DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3fp	Art N-fs	Prep-k N-fpc	N-fd	Conj-w, Prep-l Pro-3fp	Prep-b N-fpc 3mp	Conj-w N-cs

8064 [e]	996 [e]	776 [e]	996 [e]	374 [e]
haš·šā·mā·yim.	ū·bén	hā·'ā·reš	bén	hā·'ê·pāh,
הַשָּׁמַיִם:	וּבֵין	הָאָרֶץ	בֵּין	הַאֵיפָה
heaven	and	earth	between	the basket
Art N-mp	Conj-w Prep	Art N-fs	Prep	Art N-fs

1. Storks were unclean birds according to the Law so they were fit to carry this cargo
2. The focus on the stork-like angelic/demonic creatures may be on:
 - a. Their evil intentions
 - b. Their strength in their wings

5:10 – “Then I said to the angel who talked with me, “Where are they taking the basket?”

374 [e]	853 [e]	1980 [e]	1992 [e]	575 [e]		1696 [e]	4397 [e]	413 [e]		559 [e]
hā·ê·pāh.	'et-	mō-w·li·kō-wt̄	hēm·māh	'ā·nāh	bî;	had·dō·bêr	ham·mal·'āk	'el-		wā·ō·mar
הַאִפָּה:	אֶת־	מֹלְכוֹת	הֵמָּה	אֲנֵהּ	בִּי;	הַדֹּבֵר	הַמַּלְאָךְ	אֶל־		וַאֲמַר 10
the basket	-	carrying	[are] they	where	with me	who talked	the angel	to		So I said
Art N-fs	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Prtcpl-fp	Pro-3mp	Interrog	Prep 1cs	Art V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Art N-ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-1cs	

5:11 – “He 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.”

	3559 [e]	8152 [e]	776 [e]	1004 [e]		1129 [e]	413 [e]		559 [e]
	wə·hū·ḵan	šin·'ār;	bə·'e·reṣ	ba·yiṭ	lāh	lib·nō·wt̄-	'ê·lay,		way·yō·mer
וְ	וְהוּכַן	—	שִׁנְעָר	בְּאֶרֶץ	בַּיִת	לָהּ	לְבָנוֹת־	אֵלַי	וַיֹּאמֶר 11
	and when it is ready	of Shinar	in the land	a house	for it	to build	to me		and he said
	Conj-w V-Hofal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-proper-fs	Prep-b N-fsc	N-ms	Prep 3fs	Prep-l V-Qal-Inf	Prep 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	

	4369 [e]	5921 [e]	8033 [e]		3240 [e]
s	mə·ku·nā·tāh.	'al-	šām		wə·hun·nī·ḥāh
ס .	מְכַנְתָּהּ:	עַל־	שָׁם		וְהִנֵּיחָהּ
-	its base	on	there	and [the basket] will be set	
Punc	N-fsc 3fs	Prep	Adv	Conj-w V-Hofal-ConjPerf-3fs	

1. The female angelic storks are carrying the basket with wickedness to Shinar or Babylonia.
 - a. The use of Shinar reminds of Tower of Babel and the arrogance and hubris of godless man
2. Babylon was the place of:
 - a. The ancient tower of Babel
 - b. The recent Babylonian captivity
 - c. The future seat of the Anti-Christ and his kingdom
3. “house” is *bayith* which means house and is translated “home” 33x, house 1,534x, temple 36x.
 - a. “House” in Babylonian writing refers to temple
4. “base” is *mekunah*
5. which means “fixed resting place” or “base” and is used to say “pedestal” or “stand”
6. Eschatological:
 - a. Revelation 14:8
 - b. Revelation 17:5
 - c. Revelation 18:10