

## THE VISION OF THE RED HORSE RIDER AMONG THE MYRTLES (Zechariah 1:7-17)

### I. Introduction

### II. Zechariah's Opening Address (1:1-6)

### III. The First Night Vision: The Horses among the Myrtle Trees (1:7-17)

#### A. The First Night Vision (vv. 8-13)

1. The twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, Shebat is February 15, 519 BC.; this is approximately \_\_\_\_\_ months after the prophet's initial calling in v. 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ months after Haggai's last revelation. (v. 7, cf. Hag. 2:10, 20)
  
2. It is believed that the prophet saw his apocalyptic visions in a static condition, more like a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a dream; much like \_\_\_\_\_ on the rooftop of Simon the tanner. (v. 8a, cf. Acts 10:10; 11:5)
  
3. The "Man" and horses among the myrtle trees (v. 8b) ...
  - a. The "man" on the \_\_\_\_\_ horse among the myrtle trees was "*the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_*," the pre-incarnate Christ (as evidenced by v. 11).
  
  - b. The lovely myrtle trees that were in "*the hollow*" (or the low place) are most likely a picture of \_\_\_\_\_, and the low place illustrates her \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - c. There appears to be three horses behind *the Angel of the Lord*, and we can assume they had riders; the first was "\_\_\_\_\_" the second one was "\_\_\_\_\_" (or speckled), while the third horse was "\_\_\_\_\_."
  
4. In v. 9 the prophet Zechariah asked the interpreting angel not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ these horses and riders were; that is, *what do they mean?*
  
5. The question that was asked of the interpreting angel was answered by *the Angel of the Lord* among the myrtle trees; these horses and their riders were \_\_\_\_\_ in the governmental \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. (v. 10, cf. Job 2:2; 1 Pet. 5:8)

6. The horses' respective riders gave their report to *the Angel of the Lord*, their observations were that the \_\_\_\_\_ was at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, unlike its usual condition of war and strife. (v. 11)
  
7. *The Angel of the Lord* prayed an intercessory prayer on \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that had been in bondage for 70 years (v. 12). The Lord Jesus also prayed an intercessory \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father in John 17.
  
8. The answer is given directly to the interpreting angel instead of *the Angel of the Lord*; the answer was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ words. (v. 13)

**B. The Explanation of the Vision (vv. 14-17)**

1. God was \_\_\_\_\_ jealous for His people even though He did not appear to \_\_\_\_\_ it in recent years. (v. 14)
  
2. God was exceedingly angry with the Gentile nations. (v. 15)
  - a. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ angry with Israel for a while, and He used the nations to \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  
  - b. However, the nations had \_\_\_\_\_ intent, and they \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked things they did to the Jews; they went way \_\_\_\_\_ God's intended moderate punishment.
  
3. There was immediate fulfillment in the prophecy in the rebuilding of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the rebuilding of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Nehemiah), but the complete fulfillment will take place under \_\_\_\_\_ rule. (vv. 16-17)