

God's Optician

Getting our vision corrected in Zechariah 1-6



6:1-15 – Look to the Crown

- Is it worth believing?
- Chapter 6: The 8th vision and a concluding symbolic action

1. **God will Judge the world v1-8**

- Linked to 1st vision – God was watching the world
- Looks as if there is no justice, but time will come
- Bronze mountains: God's presence – an impregnable fortress
- Chariots: For battle, not surveillance (ch1)
- Judgment is certain, varied (different coloured horses), powerful, and inescapable (like the wind).

2. **God is a promise-keeping God v12-15**

- Symbolic action sums up all the visions
- Action (v9-11) explained in v12-15
- All God's promises about a saviour are being restated
- Trials and difficulties come, but God's promises are certain
- God does not abandon those who trust in him

3. **You can have confidence in Jesus the Priest-King v9-15**

- The symbolic crowning is designed to give exiles confidence in God's promises
- The roles of High Priest & King are combined in one Saviour – Jesus

a) **The King is your High Priest**

- The one we have offended deals completely with our sin
- Therefore we can be certain about our forgiveness
- The High Priest intercedes for the people, and he has the power to supply our needs
- Therefore we can be certain of his loving care
- Look to his crown (of thorns) to see his tenderness and forgiveness

b) **The High Priest is Your King**

- The sacrificing one is mighty King of the earth
- Therefore:
 - He will built his church – peoples from afar will come (v15). No heart is too hard. No place is too resistant.
 - You can and must obey him – He will sit and rule (v13). No sin is excusable, or unbeatable.
 - You should live for his glory and not yours (v13) – A king died for you. Live in such a way that shows Jesus to be great.
- Look to his crown (many crowns – Rev 19:2) to see his power and authority.



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Sabbath 2nd March 08

Welcome to our service this morning - today we are remembering Christ's death for sinners as we take part in the Lord's Supper.

If you are a Christian and haven't joined with us for the Lord's Supper before, and haven't yet spoken to the elders about your faith in Jesus Christ, we'd invite you to watch, and come and speak to Mark before our next communion in June.

If you aren't a Christian, we'd invite you to watch as well, and if you have any questions, speak to Mark or one of the elders afterwards.

You're all welcome to stay for a bite of lunch after the service

Notices

Sab Evening service at Milford 8pm
Tues (Belated) Review of the 2007 and planning for 2008 - Mark & Judith's 8pm

Denomination News

Robert Robb - Marathon Man!

Rev Robert Robb, minister in Limavady RP Church is planning to run 6 marathons on 6 consecutive days in the 6 counties of Northern Ireland in May. He is doing it to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support. Sponsorship forms are available.

Warren & Ruth Peel's book on Relationships

Rev Warren Peel and his wife Ruth's new book on relationships is available at €5. This is an expansion of their articles in the Messenger magazine.

Next Week: I John I
Opening Psalm: 72:9-16

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