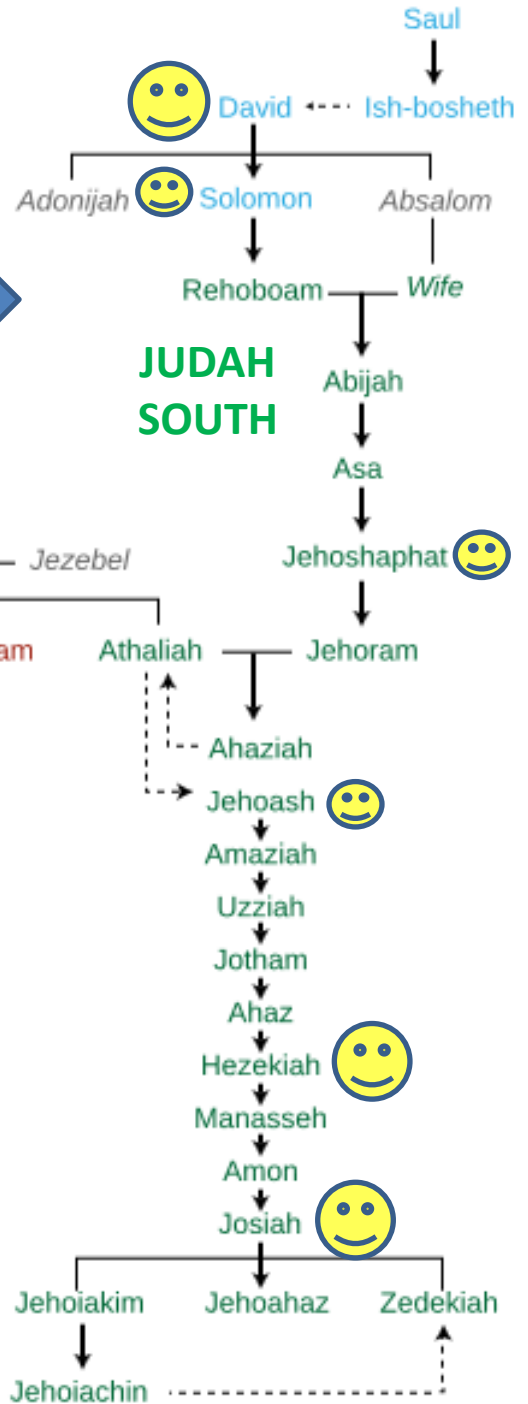
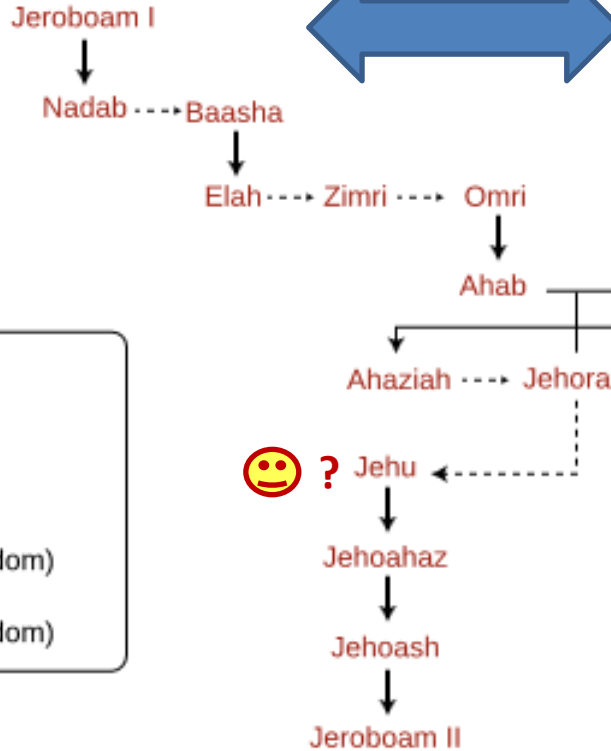


The Prophet Zechariah



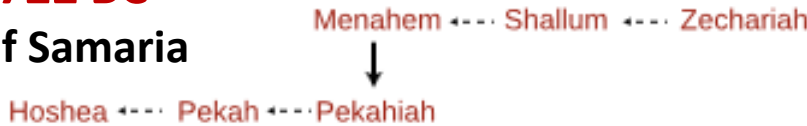
The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah

ISRAEL - NORTH

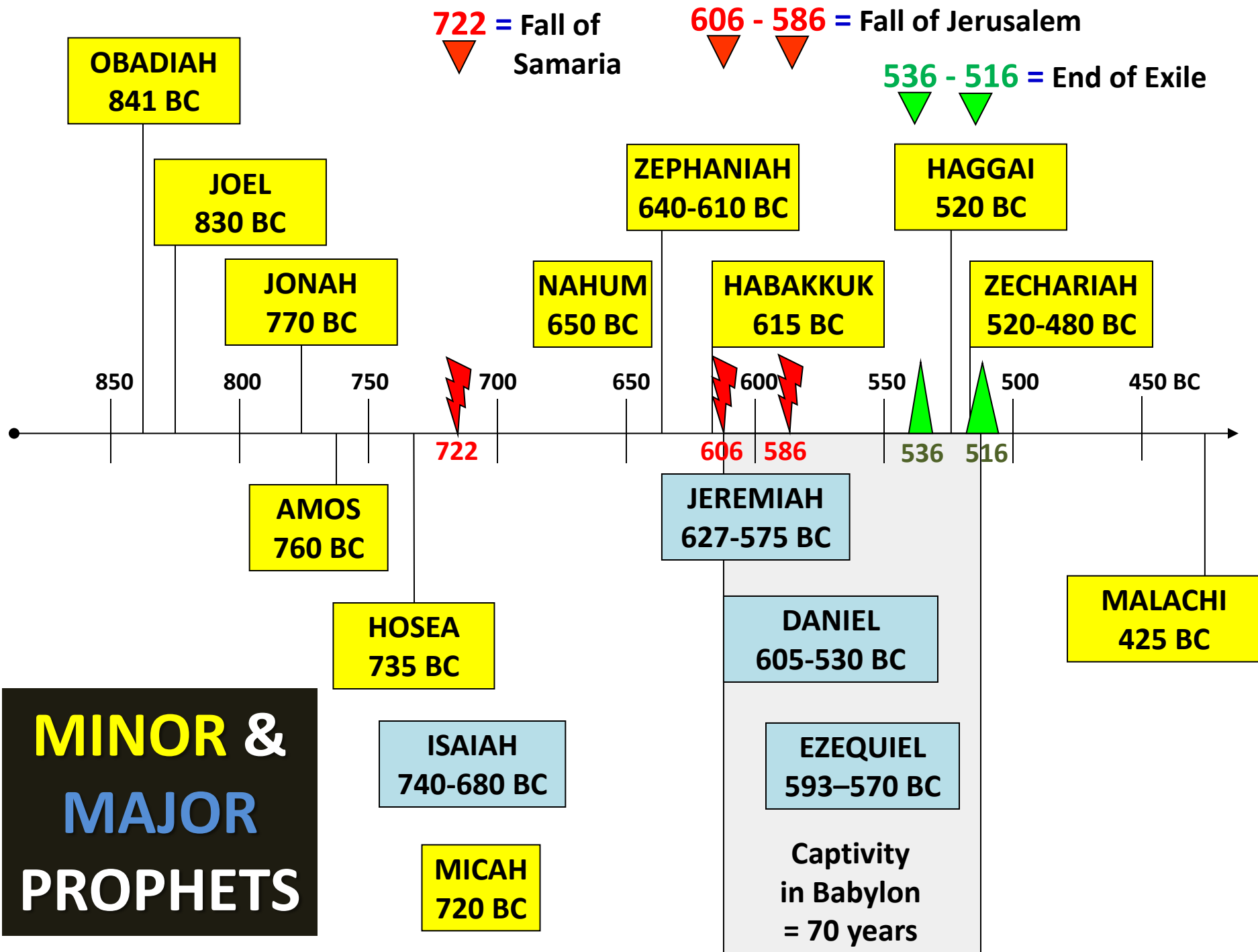


↓ Denotes transfer of power
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 ■ Indicates rulers of Judah (after the division of the kingdom)

**721-722 BC =
 Fall of Samaria**

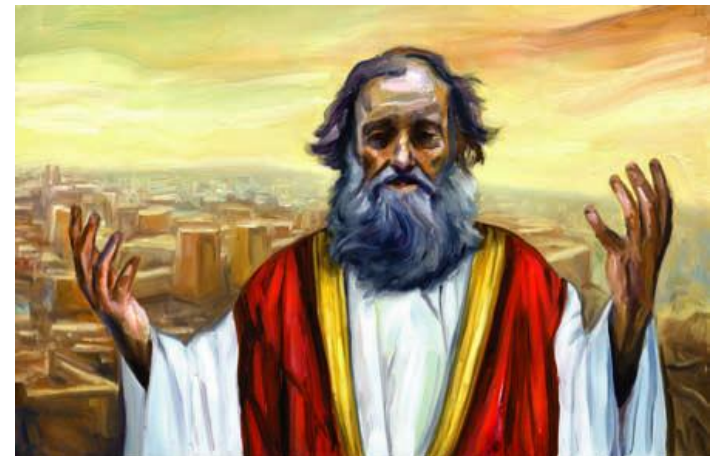


**606-586 BC =
 Fall of Jerusalem**



What do we know about Zechariah?

- **1:1,7** Zechariah was a prophet from a priestly family: son of Berekiah & grandson of Iddo (Neh 12:1-4,12-16).
- **Haggai** (message = “Be Strong & Build God’s House...”) and **Zechariah** (= priest & prophet) lived about the same time period (Ezra 5:1-2 & 6:14).
- Both ministered to the **Remnant** that had returned to Judah, **Zerubbabel** (the governor) and **Joshua** (the high priest); encouraging them to return to Jerusalem, to rebuild the Temple and to follow the Lord God wholeheartedly.



OUTLINE OF ZECHARIAH'S BOOK

- **Chs.1-6** The 8 Night Visions: prophecies, exhortations, encouragements, calls to repent and serve God...
- **Chs.7-8** God's Moral Message to the Jews: Live like God's people: justly, showing mercy and compassion, serving the Lord, speaking the truth, and loving peace!
- **Chs.9-14** Two Prophetic Oracles regarding the Future blessing of Judah & Jerusalem, the coming Messiah and King of Zion and Shepherd of God's people; and the Lord's ultimate Triumph over all His enemies and the lasting Universal Kingdom He will bring about.

Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (1)

1:7-17 A man riding a red horse among the myrtle trees; behind him red, brown and white horses...

→ God's angels roam the earth and report that Judah is in trouble but the rest of the world is at peace... God promises to rebuild and prosper and comfort Jerusalem.



Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (2)

1:18-20 Four Horns and four Craftsmen...

➔ The Horns represent the power of the nations that defeated and scattered God's people, but the Craftsmen will overthrow the power of these Horns...

// the Horns
destroyed
Jerusalem...
But Craftsmen
will rebuild it...
Encouragement
to work for God!



Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (3)

2:1-13 A man with a measuring line measuring the walls and city of Jerusalem...

➔ Jerusalem will be rebuilt so large that it will overflow its walls. God will protect her. A call to the remnant to flee from exiled lands and return, to gather with God's People.



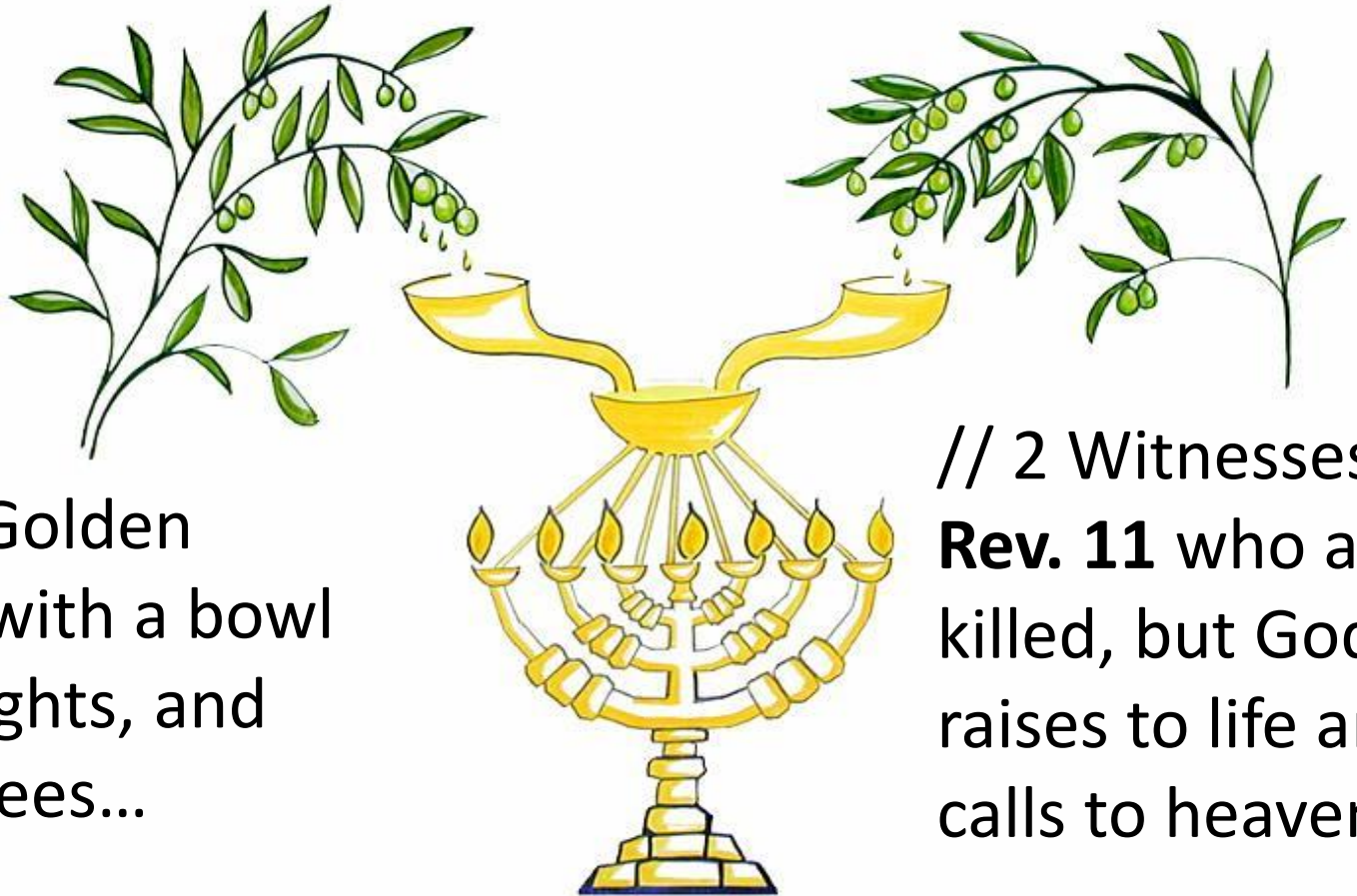
Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (4)

3:1-10 Joshua the high priest in filthy rags, cleansed and dressed in rich garments and turban. Symbolically called the **Branch** & the **Stone**... → // Symbols of Jesus Christ...

→ God's servant forgiven and commissioned to intercede and rule over God's house...



Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (5)



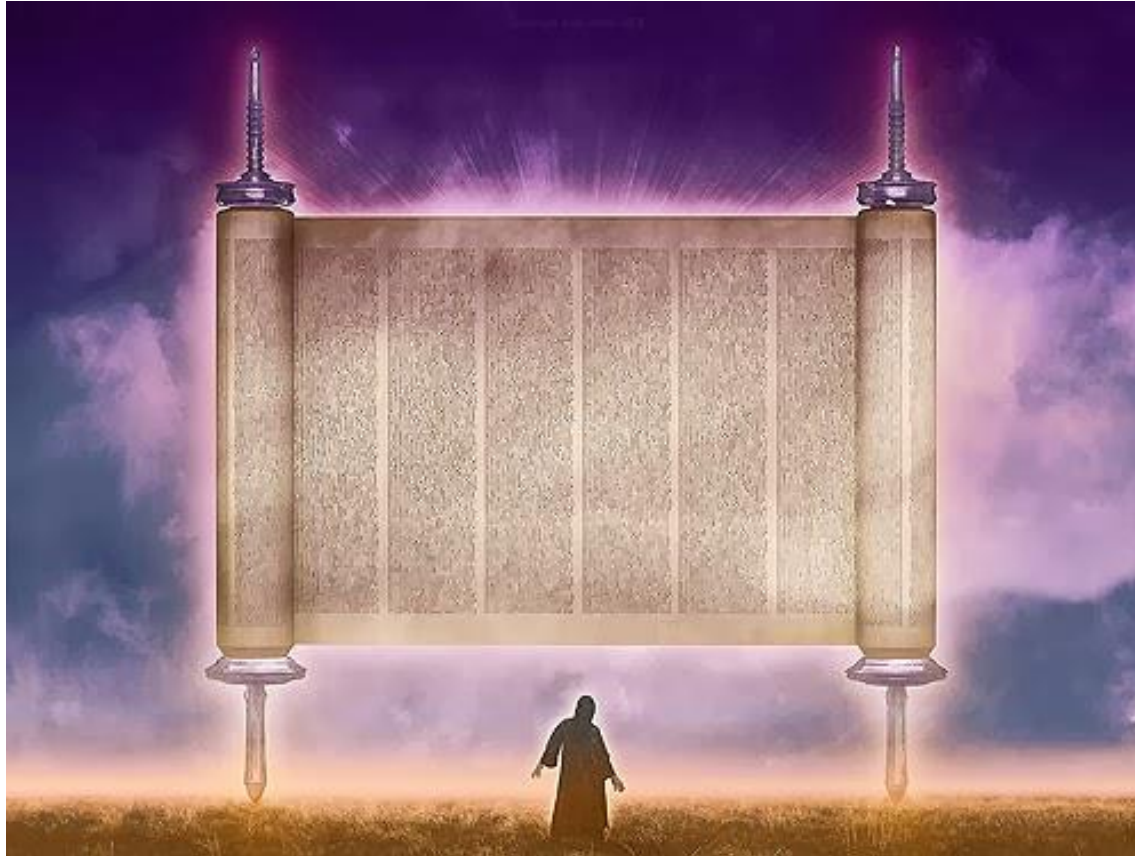
4:1-14 The Golden Lampstand with a bowl and seven lights, and two Olive Trees...

// 2 Witnesses of **Rev. 11** who are killed, but God raises to life and calls to heaven...

➔ Encouragement to Zerubbabel: by God's Spirit he would lay the foundation and also place the capstone...
The trees are the two who are anointed to serve God.

Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (6)

5:1-4 The Giant Flying Scroll measuring 10 x 20 cubits...



// Warning
against
dishonesty
and deceit
in our lives!

➔ Curse of destruction against the thieves and the liars.
Their houses will not stand firm but will be destroyed...

Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (7)

5:5-11 The evil woman in a basket flown to Babylon...

➔ Wickedness should be far from God's people. It only belongs in the world system which is opposed to the Lord.



// Woman
prostitute
rides the
Beast =
“Babylon
The Great”
Rev. 17

Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (8)

6:1-8 Four chariots with red, black, white and dappled horses; all were straining to go throughout the earth...

→ Four spirits from heaven controlling the earth's kingdoms and maintaining peace in the north... God is Sovereign over the history of all the nations



Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (8)

6:1-8 Four chariots with red, black, white and dappled horses; all were straining to go throughout the earth...

// Four Horses in **Revelation 6**:

White =
Conquest
Red =
War
Black =
Famine
Pale =
Death



Zechariah's 8 Visions → Conclusions

- (1) & (8) God's Horses roaming over the whole Earth**
→ God is Sovereign over the nations... and **MY** life too!?
- (2) Four Horns are overthrown by Four Craftsmen**
→ God wants to turn **MY** pain into constructive growth.
- (3) The Man with a Measuring Line over Jerusalem**
→ God plans to prosper **His People**... come & join them!
- (4) High Priest in Rags - cleansed & dressed in Rich Robes**
→ God wants to cleanse and commission **ME** to serve!
- (5) The Golden Lampstand & two Olive Trees**
→ By God's Spirit **WE** can be a **Light & Witness** for Him.
- (6) The Giant Flying Scroll with two Curses**
→ Get rid of **Dishonesty** and **Deceit** in **OUR** lives too...
- (7) The Evil Woman in a Basket flown to Babylon**
→ In **MY** life, be **separate** from the World's Wickedness.

Zechariah

