



**Series: The Minor Prophets**

**Lesson: 50. Zechariah, pt. 6 – The  
Removal of Wickedness**

**Passage: Zech. 5**

### **The Eight Visions of Zechariah's Second Prophecy**

- 1. The Night Patrol: Israel's judgment is over, and God never forgot about them.**
- 2. The Four Horns: Israel's tormentors will be judged.**
- 3. The Measuring Line: Jerusalem will be rebuilt into a multiethnic capital where God will dwell among His people.**
- 4. The Filthy Priest: God is the One Who sanctifies priests to represent Israel, but one day, an Ultimate Priest will come to represent ALL God's people.**
- 5. The Golden Lampstand & the Olive Trees: God works through His chosen leaders to build into His people so they will testify to Himself.**

- **The Flying Scroll (vv1–4)**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the scroll
  - ~30' x 15'
  - Unrolled
  
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the scroll
  - A curse (cf. Deut. 28)
  - Addressing those who break the Law

*Jas. 2:10 – For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

- Two sides (cf. Ex. 32:15; Rev. 5:1)
  
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the scroll
  - Speaking of total judgment
  - A warning to fear God and respect His Law

**The Message: Sinners will be removed before the Kingdom comes, so only the truly faithful will experience all the blessings promised to Israel.**

- **The Ephah (vv5–11)**

- The ephah \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5–10 gal normally, but probably enlarged
  - What everyone was paying attention to
  
- What the ephah \_\_\_\_\_
  - Wickedness as a woman most likely because of grammatical gender (cf. Prov. 8)
  - Heavy lead weight necessary to keep her from escaping
  
- Where the ephah \_\_\_\_\_
  - God has it sent away to prevent wickedness from polluting the land in the Kingdom
  - Flying women probably just a parallel to woman in ephah
  
- The significance of \_\_\_\_\_
  - The region where Babylon is found
  - Site of the Tower of Babel (cf. Gen. 11)
  - Babylon becomes symbolic capital of world opposition to God (cf. Rev. 17–18)
  
- Why it goes there
  - Wickedness can be worshipped by those submitted to it instead of polluting God's people any further

- God's people must be free of wickedness in the Kingdom, yet it will still arise again before the final judgment (cf. Rev. 20)
- God's design has always been for His people to be holy (cf. Lev.)
- This pictures the fulfilment of the scapegoat (cf. Lev 16)

**The Message: In the Kingdom, not only will sinners be removed, but wickedness will also be contained and removed.**

### **What Do We Do with This Text?**

1. We can look forward to a day when we no longer have to deal with \_\_\_\_\_—but only if we have truly \_\_\_\_\_ of our own.

*1 Pet. 4:17 – For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

**Blanks:** description, content, effect, itself, contained, went, Shinar, wickedness, repented