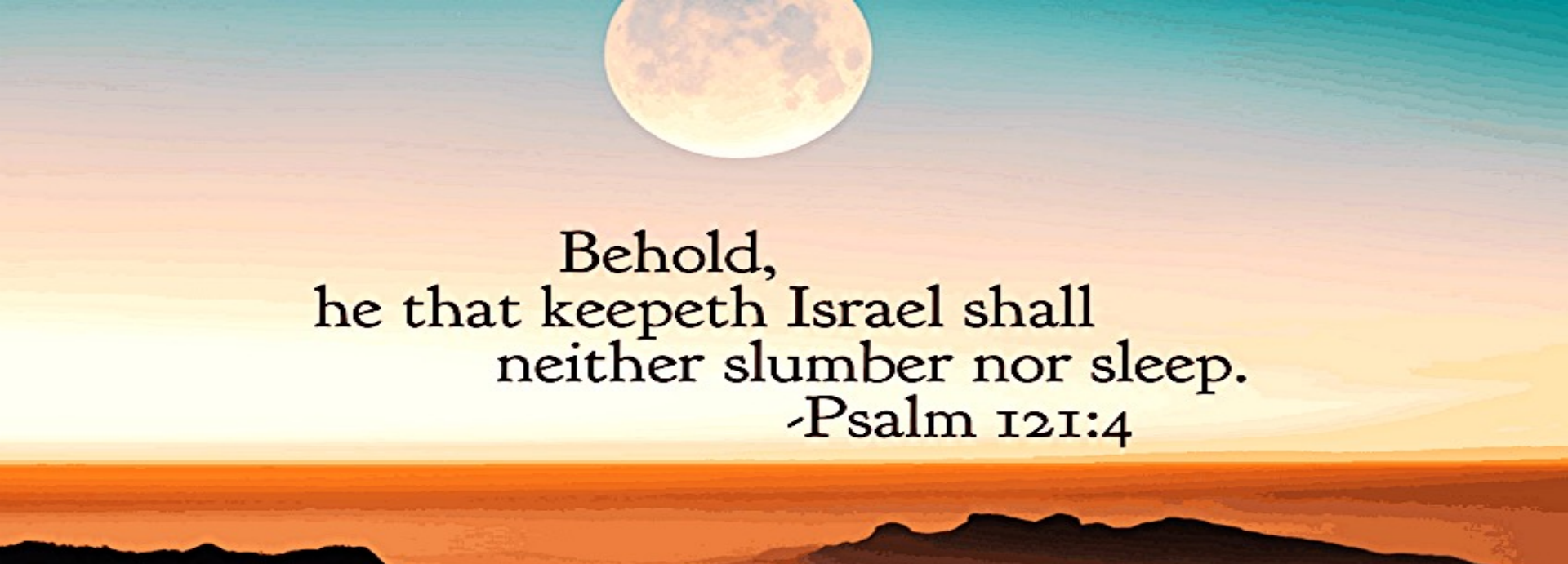


REBUILDING
THE
FIRST
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ZECHARIAH

Chapter 2

- We have waited a long time for these prophecies to be fulfilled, and we must be on guard not to forget them
- Traditions & doctrines based on fictional novels about the End Times are what many Christians believe
- Rather than Revelation, it is the OT Minor Prophets that set the scene for the End Times
- A repeating pattern of fulfillments is given to us



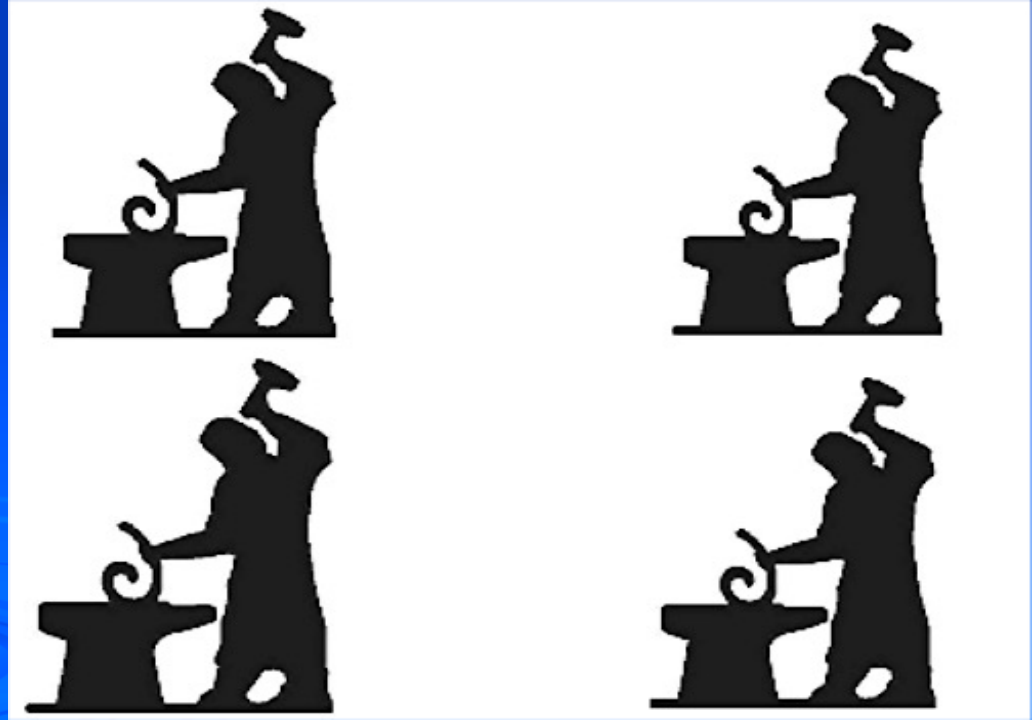
Behold,
he that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.
-Psalm 121:4

- The 2nd vision is connected to chapter 1:14 & 15
- Israel was disobedient to the Covenant of Moses
- God used the Assyrian Empire to conquer Israel, and later the Babylonian Empire to conquer Judah
- But, in injuring Israel, God's anger was raised
- Persia largely freed the Judeans, but they didn't give them their independence, so God's anger increased

4 HORNS

4 SMITHS

- A vision of how the Kingdom of God will develop over time
- Do NOT look for precise comparisons!
- 4 horns = the powers that scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem
- In prophecy, symbolism must first look to the political, theological, and culture context of the day



ZECHARIAH'S FOCUS: THE TEMPLE



- Christianity generally has a negative viewpoint of the Temple
- Eric Meyers: *“All of the visions have as their ultimate concern... the Temple...”*
- The Temple and priesthood are an irreplaceable necessity
- The 4 horns are symbolic of the great national powers that destroyed Israel and invaded Judah

THE 4 ARTISANS: AGENTS OF WRATH



- Who does the 4 horns represent? Only 3 were in the present or past... Could the 4th be future (Rome)?
- The number 4 is symbolic of the entire earth, so likely more means all the military powers that harm Israel
- ***Charash*** = skilled people, carpenters, artists, etc.
- Kiel and Delitzsch: “...every hostile power of the world...to be judged and destroyed by the Lord”

ZECHARIAH'S 3RD VISION

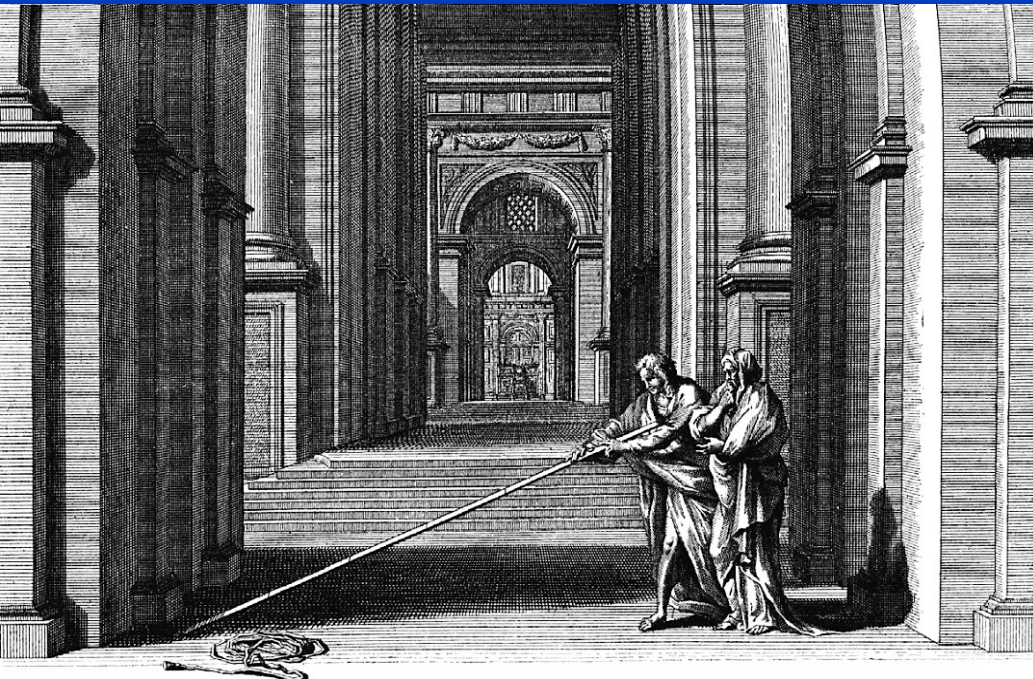
- Zech. 2:6 connected to Zech. 1:16
- Heaven does not reside in a 4 dimensional state of L, W, H, Time like we do
- ***Hebel + midda*** = measuring cord (like a measuring tape)
- The “man” is in Judah’s allotted territory measuring their sacred capital, Jerusalem




WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT WE ARE

THE TEMPLE OF GOD?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16



- ***“Where are you going?”***
- The measuring anticipates the full restoration of Jerusalem
- Ezekiel 40:1 – 5
- The Temple is anathema to Believers because WE are the new temples. True?
- No... Paul means we are “like” temples, and so we need to treat our bodies that way



“...run and tell this young man...”

- To “run” imparts a sense of urgency
- **Perazah** = unwalled villages
- Jerusalem of the future will be like a large open area of country villages
- A city had walls, and was where villagers came to buy & sell, and came for protection



- No more need for walls
- The passage does NOT mean literal fire; this is speaking about the idea of 100% divine protection
- The Glory here does not mean “splendor”; it is the name of a manifestation of God
- The scope of Zechariah’s visions goes from wide to narrow, and then each vision still narrower, to only the Temple