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The Book of ZECHARIAH
Zech. 1:18-2:5

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19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

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2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.

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(e.g., Deut. 33:17; Ps. 18:2; 75:10; 89:17; Dan. 2:36-44; 7:3-7, 24; 8:20-21; Rev. 17:12).

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Rev. 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and **ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns**, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Rev. 17:12 And **the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

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1:19 In response to the prophet's request for an interpretation, the assisting angel explained that **they represented the powers that had "scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."**

- **Assyria** took Israel into captivity in 722-721 B.C.
- **Babylonia** destroyed Jerusalem in 586 B.C. (and took the Judahites captive.)
- Perhaps the fact that there were four horns symbolizes that they represented nations from the four corners of the world, the totality of opposition.
- Another view is that they stand for Babylonia, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome (cf. Dan. 2; 7).

When did Persia or Greece ever scatter the Israelites?

- Still another interpretation sees them as representing Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece.

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Summary of the "horns"

Jer. 50:17 Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Shalmaneser (2 Kgs. 17:1-6) king of Assyria;

Assyria and Babylonia most likely represent two of the horns, but the other two are unknown.

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(2) Gentile Power Destroyed—the
Carpenters, 1:20-21

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Original Word: חָרָשׁ

Transliteration: charash

Short Definition: carpenters, craftsmen, artificers

<http://biblehub.com/hebrew/2796.htm>

חָרָשׁ **chârâsh, a fabricator or any material**:—artificer, (+) **carpenter**, craftsman, engraver, maker, mason, skilful, (+) smith, worker, workman, such as wrought.

craftsman, artisan, engraver, graver, artificer

graver, artificer

skilful to destroy (warriors) (fig.)

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2796&t=KJV>

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חָרַד *chârad*, to fray or shudder with terror; hence, to fear; also to hasten (with anxiety):—be (make) afraid, be careful, discomfit, fray (away), quake, tremble.

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/Lexicon/Lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2729&t=KJV>

fray

(noun)

3. *an archaic word for fright*

(verb) (**archaic**)

4. (**transitive**) to frighten

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/fray?s=t>

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The four carpenters		The four horns
Medo-Persia	destroyed	Babylonia
Greece	destroyed	Medo-Persia
Rome	destroyed	Greece
God's kingdom	will destroy	Rome

http://www.soniclight.org/constable/notes/htm/OT/Zechariah/Zechariah.htm#_edn57

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"Several features are noteworthy in this vision:

- (1) God takes account of every one that lifts his hand against Israel;
- (2) He has complete knowledge of the dejected condition of His people and the extent of their injury; and
- (3) He has already provided the punishment for every foe of His chosen ones."

Charles L. Feinberg, *God Remembers: A Study of the Book of Zechariah*, pp.42-43

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Mt. 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

2. God Speaks, 2:1-4:14

a. The Matter of Israel's Restoration, 2:1-13

(1) A Question of Perspective, 2:1-5

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(a) Jerusalem—About to Be Measured, 2:1-2

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Jer. 32:15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

(b) Jerusalem—About to Be Magnified, 2:3-5

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4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

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i. Her Dimensions, 2:3-4

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ii. Her Defenses, 2:5

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Isa. 4:5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, **a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night**: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.

Ex. 13:21 And **the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night**:

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, [from] before the people.

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Conclusion

1 Cor. 10:11 now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are **written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were **written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

6 That ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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