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The Book of ZECHARIAH
Zech. 5:1-11

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Mt. 17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them **Moses and Elias** talking with him.

Ex. 33:21 And the LORD said, **Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand** upon a rock:

1 Kgs. 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, **before whom I stand**, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Mal. 4:4 Remember ye the law of **Moses my servant**, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

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(1) The Mystery of the Flying Roll, 5:1-2

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(a) Discerned by the Prophet, 5:1

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Jer. 36:4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah **all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.**

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(b) Described by the Prophet, 5:2

Zech. 5:2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

1 Kgs 6:3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the house.

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(2) The Ministry of the Flying Roll, 5:3-4

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(a) Its Curse, 5:3

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- i. Against Those Who Steal (A Sin against Man), 5:3a "...This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it..."

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6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, **lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.**

Jas. 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

Ex. 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

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Ex. 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.

ii. Against Those Who Swear (A Sin against God), 5:3b "...and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as on that side according to it.*"

Ex. 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

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(b) Its Commission, 5:4

Zech. 5:4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

i. To Detect the Houses of Those Who Sin, 5:4a “I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name...”

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Num. 32:22 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and **be sure your sin will find you out.**

ii. To Destroy the Houses of Those Who Sin, 5:4b "...and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof."

Jas. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 **Draw nigh to God**, and he will draw nigh to you. **Cleanse your hands, ye sinners**; and **purify your hearts, ye double minded.**

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

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b. Impartially to Condemn, 5:5-11

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(1) The Container, 5:5-6

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(a) A Familiar Symbol, 5:5-6a

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(b) A Further Statement, 5:6b "...He said moreover, This *is* **their** resemblance through all the earth."

(2) The Cover, 5:7a

Zech. 5:7 "And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead..."

(3) The Contents, 5:7b-8

Zech. 5:7b "...and this *is* a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

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(a) Revealed, 5:7b-8a

Zech. 5:7b "...and this *is* **a woman** that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

8 And he said, This *is* wickedness..."

Prov. 7:10 And, behold, there met him **a woman** *with* the attire of **an harlot**, and subtil of heart.

Mt. 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which **a woman** took, and **hid** in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Rev. 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw **a woman** sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

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Jer. 44:17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto **the queen of heaven**, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to **the queen of heaven**, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to **the queen of heaven**, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

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Jer. 44:25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to **the queen of heaven**, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

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<http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=Virgin+Mary+Queen+of+Heaven&view=detailv2&&id=5428A838C2796D85B61BB02EFEF60A62B345FD96&selectedIndex=3&ccid=dMevE6ni&simid=608039410015929550&thid=OIP.M74c7af13a9e2efff654ee445db45600co0&ajaxhist=0>

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THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



Mary is crowned as Queen of heaven and earth, Queen of angels and saints.

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What is the purpose of all the mysteries of Christ?

To be the pattern of our supernatural life, the means of our sanctification, the source of all our holiness. To create an eternal and glorious society of brethren who will be like unto Him. For this reason Christ, the new Adam, has associated with Himself Mary, as the new Eve. But she is, much more than Eve, "the Mother of all the living," the Mother of those who live in the grace of her Son. And since here below Mary was associated so intimately with all the mysteries of our salvation, at her Assumption into heaven Jesus crowned her not only with glory but also with power; He has placed His Mother on His right hand and has given her the power, in virtue of her unique title of Mother of God, to distribute the treasures of eternal life.

Let us then, full of confidence, pray with the Church: "Show yourself a Mother: Mother of Jesus, by your complete faith in Him, our Mother, by your mercy towards us; ask Christ, Who was born of you, to give us life; and Who willed to be your Son, to receive our prayers through you."

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/Coronation.htm#ixzz3xAmUYvYF>

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(b) Concealed, 5:8b – “...And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.”

(4) The Carriers, 5:9-11

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(a) Their Form Revealed, 5:9a – “Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings...”

(b) Their Function Revealed, 5:9b-11

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Rev. 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw **a woman** sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

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Rev. 18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7 How much **she hath glorified herself**, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, **I sit a queen**, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

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2 Cor. 11:13 For such *are* **false apostles, deceitful workers**, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be **transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

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Lilith in the Talmud and in Midrash

Lilith is mentioned four times in the Babylonian Talmud, though in each of these cases she is not referred to as Adam's wife. BT Niddah 24b discusses her in relation to abnormal fetuses and uncleanness, saying: "If an abortion had the likeness of Lilith its mother is unclean by reason of the birth, for it is a child, but it has wings." Here we learn that the rabbis believed Lilith had wings and that she could influence the outcome of a pregnancy.

<http://judaism.about.com/od/jewishculture/a/Lilith-In-The-Torah-Talmud-And-Midrash.htm>

"According to Alfred Edersheim (*History of the Jewish Nation*, Vol. 2, p. 272), when Catholics in the Middle Ages painted angelic women with wings, they were actually depicting a Jewish myth called Lilith." Dr. Peter Ruckman, *Minor Prophets*, Vol. II, p.338.

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Conclusion

Psa. 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Jer. 32:39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

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Ezek. 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins**, and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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