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Part 2

**Zechariah 1:7 - 6:8** 

"The Pattern of God's Fulfilled Blessing"

## 37.2 Prophetic visions (Zechariah 1:7-6:8)

**a** four horsemen, four horns, and four smiths (horses of four different colors) who patrol the earth: God's blessing of Israel and judgment of the nations (1:7–2:4)

**b** man and the measuring line: The Lord is coming to dwell in Jerusalem; the exiles should leave Babylon and return to Jerusalem, which will be restored (2:5–13)

**c** the house of the Lord will be purified; high priest's iniquity is removed; sin of the land will be removed (3:1–10)

**d** CENTER: the temple will be completed! The lampstand and olive trees (4:1–14)

**c'** every sinner's house is cursed: the scroll (same dimensions as tabernacle) with the curses goes out over the land to bring a curse on any sinner (5:1–4)

**b'** women and the measuring basket (ephah): Israel's idolatrous worship is carried back to Babylon (5:5–11)

a' four chariots (with horses of four different colors) who patrol the earth: Israel and the nations (6:1–8)

David A. Dorsey, *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis–Malachi* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004), 318.

## **Principles to be derived from this portion of scripture:**

- God's oversight, His word, & His character (a, a')
  - 1. God is providentially involved with the world through His covenant people
  - 2. The disobedience of God's people brings certain judgment
  - 3. God is committed to covenantal compassion
  - 4. Our enemies always overplay their hand and reap God's greater judgment
- Repentance puts in place the process of restoration (b, b')
  - Question: Are there stages associated with this process?
  - Question: Does this include the judgment of those who judged Israel?
- Cleansing's relationship to God's use and presence (c, c')
- God's empowering & blessed presence (d)
