

## CHAPTER 8

### Vision #6-Zechariah 5:1-4

#### The Flying Scroll

<sup>1</sup> Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll. <sup>2</sup>And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits." <sup>3</sup>Then he said to me, "This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: 'Every thief shall be expelled,' according to this side of the scroll; and, 'Every perjurer shall be expelled,' according to that side of it." <sup>4</sup>"I will send out the curse," says the LORD of hosts; "It shall enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house and consume it, with its timber and stones."

At least eight visions are recorded in Zechariah. These visions are amplified in John's Revelation. Numerous references are incorporated throughout the Revelation and are integrated into the apocalyptic scenario. Not only does Zechariah (Chapters 9-14) contain eschatology (study of last things), but also "imbedded" within these visions of Zechariah are prophetic implications for us today (Zechariah Chapters 1:7-6:15). Therefore, let us examine the scroll in Zechariah, by its unveiling in the Revelation—for then its purposes shall be known and why Zechariah's scroll has "cosmic" significance in that its "curse" impacts the *"face of the whole earth."*

*"And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals'"* (Revelation 5:2)

Revelation Chapter 5 reveals that only the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, would prevail to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals. As each seal is "loosed" (during the commencement of the final seven-year TRIAL which shall afflict the whole world (i.e., the **Tribulation** Period)), the unfolding of the final days' events are illuminated:

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| First Seal (Rev. 6:1-2)..... | The Rise of Antichrist-The White Horse   |
| Second Seal (Rev. 6:3-4)...  | The Rise of World Conflict-The Red Horse |
| Third Seal (Rev. 6:5-6)..... | Rampant Famine on Earth-The Black Horse  |

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| Fourth Seal (Rev. 6:7-8)....  | Widespread Death on Earth-The Pale Horse   |
| Fifth Seal (Rev. 6:9-11)..... | The Martyrs Cry Out  |
| Sixth Seal (Rev. 6:12-17)...  | Cosmic Disturbances  |
| Seventh Seal (Rev. 8:1-9:21)  |  |
| & 11:15-19).....              | The Seventh Seal are the Seven Trumpets<br>(Note: The Seven Trumpets are enfolded within the Seventh Seal) |

We have elaborated upon the various horsemen of the Apocalypse in Zechariah’s first vision of the Man on the red horse. However, as we move into Zechariah’s sixth and seventh visions of the flying scroll and the “Woman in the Basket,” with their curses, pending judgments, and Babylonian imagery—we are compelled to consider their deepest meaning. To do that, we must ponder their relevance as it pertains to the book of Revelation, once again, and within the context of divine judgment: How does the Almighty orchestrate His judgments and when will the culmination of those judgments take place?

For what we witness in Zechariah 5 is intrinsically interwoven into the apocalyptic fabric of the Revelation—where the panoply of its colorations are defined and heightened. Furthermore, and as we have discussed previous to this, the Seventieth Week of Daniel’s prophecy overshadows the context of both Zechariah 5, as well as the Revelation. So, in time (though Zechariah’s visions are of timeless significance) we are able to focus in on Zechariah 5 through the lenses of both Daniel and the Revelation. Firstly, let us view matters through the lens of the Revelation.

### **THE “TRIBULATION” OR “TRIAL” OF REVELATION**

The word “Tribulation” was translated by the editors of the King James Version of the Bible from the Greek word: “*Thelipsis*” - The word “tribulation” is a derivative of the Latin word “*Tribulum*” from whence its root, “*Tribune*,” is derived. The Latin (i.e., Roman) “*Tribune*” was a legal term and defines a legal magistrate presiding over a trial.

In essence, the Book of Revelation is a TRIAL, a “Cosmic Courtroom” wherein the Great City, Babylon, will be placed on trial and judgment will be passed upon it and its leadership, as well as upon those who have participated in

its ignoble aims. What we have today, prior to the actual trial, is a period of “indictment” which the Court of Heaven is bringing forth.

The Judge has been selected—only He is worthy and has all legitimate credentials to preside over the trial—He is none other than the Lamb Who sits upon the Throne. And the WITNESSES being called to testify at this trial are the Two Golden Lamp Stands (The Church) and the Two Olive Trees (Israel)—both of whom will be summoned, purified, and coordinated by the Prosecution, Who empowers them to testify against the accused defendant: Babylon the Great.

The Judge of all the Earth will give the ultimate verdict—the evidence will be overwhelming: GUILTY, GUILTY, GUILTY. The execution of the judgment tendered will be swift, maximum and total—all THREE CONSPIRATORS involved in the crimes of the GREAT CITY will perish. The EVIDENCE, written on both sides of this cursed scroll of judgment, has *“gone out over the whole face of the earth—every thief shall be expelled, according to this side of the scroll, and every perjurer (bearing false witness while under oath at a trial) shall be expelled, according to that side of it”* (Zechariah 5:3).

### **THE UNHOLY TRINITY or Who Bears This Curse?**

Be clear, very clear, there is but one Harlot, one Woman of Wickedness, one Mother of Harlots (as we shall shortly see in Zechariah 5:5-11) who seduces the kings of the earth. No, you are not involved in a “Scriptural digression”—we know exactly where we’re going and why. Here is the description of the one we seek—for in describing the culprit, we shall apprehend her and drag her before the Judge of all the Earth!

(1) **THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS**—The Apostate Church, who welcomed the support of Civilization’s Finest Expression of Culture, Political and Military Might, and who enmeshed herself (along with her daughter harlots) with the “Merchants of the Earth”—participating in their exploitations and wealth—shall be condemned and destroyed by the very accomplice from whom she received honor and wealth, and for whom she provided “moral covering”—and with whom she too was made rich from their unholy alliance: *“And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire”* (Revelation 17:16).

(2) **COMMERCIAL BABYLON-KING OF TYRE**—The *“Merchants of the Earth”* will bemoan the destruction of The Great City, Babylon. The “heart and soul” of this great mercantile empire of the Latter Days—that bastion of economic activity and international exploitation (both in the salves (bodies) and souls of men)—shall be utterly exposed for her dastardly deeds in which this “Harlot of

Commerce” has trafficked. No doubt that with their Commercial Nexus destroyed, the Beast and False Prophet shall ***“plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him”*** (Daniel 11:45)—for lo, his (their) doom is sure.

(3) **POLITICAL & MILITARY BABYLON-KING OF BABYLON-**Armageddon itself will be the instrument, which the Judge of All the Earth will use to execute the Despicable Duo of this Unholy Trinity. ***“And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him*** (“The Word of God” and “King of Kings” and “Lord of Lords” (Revelation 19:13b & vs. 16)) ***who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh”*** (Revelation 19:19-21).

The scroll of Zechariah and the one of Revelation, wherein the Seven Seals are loosed to reveal their pronouncements, unveil the end-times evidence that the Prosecution is compiling against the Great City and its leadership.

The two-sided scroll of Zechariah overspreads upon all thieves and perjurers: ***“Then he said to me, ‘This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: ‘Every thief shall be expelled,’ according to this side of the scroll: and, ‘Every perjurer shall be expelled,’ according to that side of it.”*** (Zechariah 5:3).

A ***“curse has entered the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name . . . it shall remain in the midst of his house and consume it, with its timber and stones”*** (Zechariah 5:4) and the Lord of Hosts has commissioned the sending of this curse into their house of lies.

The scroll’s pronounced “curse” encompasses the entire earth: ***“The face of the whole earth.”*** Specifically, a thief is one who steals; yet, more, one who is habitual in stealing is a real thief. Likewise, one who swears falsely (i.e., under oath) perjures himself and one who makes a habit of swearing falsely is indeed a perjurer; thus, practicing thieves and perjurers.

In both cases, thieves and perjurers abide the curse and/or judgment of the flying scroll throughout the whole earth. Both are destined for expulsion.

***“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy”*** (John 10:10a). Also, ***“It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves’”*** (Luke 19:46).

Likewise: ***“And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me,’ says the Lord of hosts”*** (Malachi 3:5).

The associations of both the thief (stealing, killing and destroying) and that of the perjurer (sorcerers, adulterers, exploitation of laborers, widows, and orphans and those turning away aliens) encompass a wide-range of iniquities and bald face wickedness. These are considered within the scroll, in light of the Almighty’s pending judgments, most egregious violations. These are “cursed” upon the earth—the pronouncement of divine judgment awaits them!

Lest I find myself too far upstream, lost in an economic eddy of Babylon’s cursed commercial exploits, I shall temper my comments to but a few of her current thieveries—this will provide a preview, as well, of a text abiding full release entitled *The King of Tyre*.

Of late, the “Merchants of the Earth” have gasped at her whoredoms—even they are taken aback at how flagrant are her prostitutions! And, although much more can be said of the growing incursions of the religious with the “mammon of unrighteousness” – we must limit our consternations to the commercial leadership of Babylon, which has refined the nefarious art of commercial thievery to heights heretofore unknown amongst the money changers of the globe.

Wave after wave of scandals crash upon our shores—the Savings and Loan fiascos, costing investors hundreds of billions of dollars; the international banking and refinance scandals—whose costs will never be known; the accounting firm’s who cooked the books, lied and cheated and were utterly complicit in the recent demise of the stock markets with their falsified reporting practices—over-inflating scores of stocks and causing millions of unsuspecting investors to loose literally trillions in pension funds, etc. Earnings reports, which artificially prop up stock prices, are over-inflated, and, in sum, bald-faced lies—hence, thievery!

Fast behind this financial manipulation are the energy firms who ripped off billions from the public trust in the name of “privatization” (here, both business and politics teamed up to rip off the public). Countless headlines of CEO’s and their abhorrent multi-million dollar “packages”—forever living up to the expectations of their board’s greed and bottomlines, no matter what it takes to

secure greater and greater profits—siphoning off fabricated profits at the expense of stockholders who are powerless to do anything about it. Then, like the fox who was assigned the job to count the eggs in the hen house, the SEC (forever understaffed) is assigned duties to police these manipulators.

Grant it, there's the good, the bad and the ugly, but the countless white-collar criminals ever proliferate in today's markets—and their punishments normally take the “out of court settlement” routes and bear little semblance to public justice. We witness, for example, the recent slap on the hands of Sonic, the multi-billion dollar financial auto dealership empire, whose Financial and Insurance Departments typify an industry designed to pillage millions from consumers in overcharges and interest rates.

Pray tell, aside from a small fine in the low millions by the Attorney General's office in Florida (*Dateline*, November-December, 2003), how can the auto dealership industry be held accountable, if ever? Surely, the words of James, the brother of Jesus, cry out against them, again and again for their discriminatory practices wherein they rob the poor, while oppressing them when it serves their greed:

***“My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and say to the poor man, ‘You stand there,’ or, ‘Sit here at my footstool,’ have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors”***  
(James 2:1-9).



Now witness the traders, called “specialists” who defraud millions from mutual funds—another monetary menace lurking the floors of the stock exchanges of the nation. Here, Carolyn Said of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, lists their obdurate practices, entrenched in a system of corruption resistant to policing itself since 1890—count their crimes:

“‘Front-running’ – Also called ‘Trading ahead,’ it occurs when specialists step in ahead of investors who want to buy a stock by buying it for themselves at a good price, then ‘flipping it’ to the investors at a slightly higher price, pocketing the difference.

“‘Interpositioning’ – Also called ‘penny jumping.’ When a specialist has buy and sell orders for a stock and, instead of executing them simultaneously, steps between the buyer and seller to execute his own transactions on the stock, making a profit of pennies per share on the difference between the buy and sell prices.

“‘Freezing the book’ – when specialists prevent electronic orders from immediately reaching the floor so they can complete their own trades first.”<sup>1</sup>

We are not talking chump change here—this multi-million dollar inside trader theft rivals the greatest of bank heists ever recorded! Firms like LaBranche & Co., Fleet Boston Financial Corp.’s Fleet Specialists Inc., Goldman Sachs Group’s Spear, Leeds & Kellogg, Van Der Mooden Specialists USA, Bear Wagner Specialists, Performance Specialist Group and Susquehanna Specialists Inc. (you know, those masses of foot solders scurrying around on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange making deals happen for you, the stockholder).

Meanwhile, CalPERS the California Public Employees’ Retirement System, the nation’s largest public pension system with assets of over \$148 billion and a \$60 billion stock portfolio, (according to the aforesaid article), intends, according to State Treasurer, Phil Angelides, to sue the New York Stock Exchange for full disclosure of such practices and restitution for these fraudulent practices (good luck, but don’t count your chickens before they hatch—the fox is in there counting for you).<sup>2</sup>

One ponders upon this little snippet of thievery and hesitates to conclude, but must the words “trust” and “honesty” not frequent the literary parlance of the moneychangers? And, even the so-called sophisticated investor is, like my father-in-law once said: If you can be, you will be. Thus, so let it be written—so let it be done, for the Golden Rule amongst the thieves of Wall Street abides in stone: He who has the gold, has the rule.

### **GLOBALIZATION – THE DEATH OF A DREAM?**

Paul Krugman in The Nation writes about “*The Death of Horatio Alger*” in the context that Americans are increasingly becoming less upwardly mobile, economically:

“The article (he’s quoting from Business Week, which published an article titled “*Waking Up From the American Dream*”) summarizes recent research showing that social mobility in the United States (which was never as high as legend had it) has declined considerably over the past few decades. If you put that research together with other research that shows a drastic increase in income and wealth inequality, you reach an uncomfortable conclusion: America looks more and more like a class-ridden society.

“And guess what? Our political leaders are doing everything they can to fortify class inequality, while denouncing anyone who complains—or even points out what is happening—as a practitioner of ‘class warfare.’

“Now they’re back. According to estimates by the economists Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez—confirmed by data from the Congressional Budget Office—between 1973 and 2000 the average real income of the bottom 90 percent of American taxpayers actually fell by 7 percent. Meanwhile, the income of the top 1 percent rose by 148 percent, the income of the top 0.1 percent rose by 343 percent and the income of the top 0.01 percent rose 599 percent. (Those numbers exclude capital gains; so they’re not an artifact of the stock-market bubble.) The distribution of income in the United States has gone right back to Gilded Age levels of inequality.

“Never mind, say the apologists, who churn out papers with titles like that of a 2001 Heritage Foundation piece, ‘Income Mobility and the Fallacy of Class-Warfare Arguments.’ America, they say, isn’t a caste society—people with high incomes this year may have low incomes next year and vice versa, and the route to wealth is open to all. That’s where those commies at *Business Week* come in: As they point out (and as economists and sociologists have been pointing out for some time), America actually is more of a caste society than we like to think. And the caste lines have lately become a lot more rigid.”<sup>3</sup>

Globalization’s impact on the American worker, and the so-called middle class, has finally come full circle. The “open markets” foisted upon America’s competitors wherein, for example, Argentina’s manufacturing sectors were virtually gutted and brought to China (I mean entire plants shipped overseas, all in the name of “free trade.”). Now, Argentina, unable to pay its loans to the World Bank/IMF (encumbered under an avalanche of interest, fees, fines, etc.) has finally had enough and opted “out of the system,” and *ipso facto*, GATT.

What Argentina is encountering under her massive national debt (a nation’s GNP which rivaled that of the USA’s at the close of WW II) is the total collapse of her peso against the American dollar and a virtual “barter system” is in place, where goods and services are exchanged without paper money of any kind—she is left bereft in a sea of debt, staggering unemployment, and the assurance that if she will not “play the game” in accordance with the American New World Order System (which includes economic hegemony), then this will be her lot—a “testimonial” of going it alone.

Meanwhile, America’s corporate moguls—with their insatiable bottom line appetites—continue to pillage the “system” for everything its worth. Flush from their new tax breaks for the rich and famous—and having “globalized” (i.e., shipping tens of thousands of American jobs in manufacturing overseas to China

and other slave-wage states to maximize profits)—they are now hard at work in doing the same with “white collar job flight.” I mean, why be satisfied with the disappearance of a couple of million factory positions—following the blue-collar crowds, are the white-collar workers of America.

One ponders, how can the American economy be booming when nearly 10 million (and that’s the published figure) Americans are “officially unemployed?” Now listen to these quotes taken from Bob Herbert’s recently published article in the New York Times. First, from an IBM (that same firm that sold the computer equipment to Nazi Germany to keep track of holocaust victims with their numbered-tattoos—now you know why they had those numbers on their arms, etc.) executive named Harry Newman who alludes to the fact that IBM has drafted plans to ship thousands of upscale jobs from the United States to lower-paid workers in China, India, etc. – listen to Newman:

“I think probably the biggest impact to employee relations and to the HR field is this concept of globalization. It is rapidly accelerating, and it means shifting a lot of jobs, opening a lot of locations in places we had never dreamt of before, going where there’s low-cost labor, low-cost competition, shifting jobs offshore.”<sup>4</sup>

Herbert quotes an executive at Microsoft, the ultimate American success story, who apparently told his department heads last year:

“Think India . . . pick something to move offshore today.”<sup>5</sup>

Herbert spares no pity on these “merchants of the earth” whose innovative “thieveries” never cease to amaze:

“We’ve already witnessed the carnage in manufacturing jobs. Now, with white-collar jobs at stake, we’ve got executives at IBM and Microsoft exchanging high-fives at the prospect of getting ‘two heads for the price of one’ in India.”<sup>6</sup>

Quoting Herbert again, who quotes AFL-CIO economist Thea Lee:

“If you take this to its logical extreme, the implications for the entire middle-class wage structure in the United States are terrifying.”<sup>7</sup>

Finally, Herbert’s summation is foreboding to the American middle-class:

“Accurate data on the number of jobs already lost are all but impossible to come by. But there is no disputing the trend, or the fact that it is accelerating. Allowing this movement to continue unchecked will eventually mean economic evisceration for hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of American families.”<sup>8</sup>

Again, this “thievery” has reached “Biblical proportions” – and that’s precisely what Zechariah’s visionary preachments have in mind. Likewise, you must remember, the “economic trickle down effect” is so minimal to the people in these “slave-wage” markets that it utterly compounds the thievery. It happens to be, according to Revelation 18, “the merchants of the earth” who grossly benefit from this globalization—handsomely these profiteers, the so-called oligarchs of America’s hegemonic economic empire, are bought off by the same corporate fat cats lining their pockets at the expense of America’s middle class, keeping their masses under lock and key to insure their own opulence. “What goes around, comes around” – and now the “Wal-martization” of the American consumer, who in their greed relish lower prices at the super market, will have that much less to spend in any event—so where does the difference go? The merchants of the earth know—and now you do too!

The above analysis, where the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer (all in the name of “fair” and “free trade,” a.k.a. “globalization”) and the Merchants of the Earth get even, was all the more disconcerting to this author when I attempted to enlighten my son, now 20, to this disparity of wealth taking place amongst Americans (to say nothing about the peoples of the planet—wherein nearly 1/5 of its 6 billion live in abject and grinding poverty).

Several weeks later he casually informed me that his mentor, a leading Christian musician who openly admits that the “Christian music industry” has been subverted by five major distributors who “tell you what to sing and how to sing it” (so much for “singing unto the Lord”), categorically announced, upon my son’s economic concerns: “That’s not true, the rich are NOT getting richer, and the poor (in America) are not getting poorer.” I did not, at the time, contest this ignorant observation based on myth, but I mused to myself, “Wealth’s blinding influence skews even the most thoughtful of souls.”

No, I do not think my son’s mentor perjured himself—at least I hope not—but they who have, in the Name of God, sought to mix the gospel with greed, shall one day hear their high crimes and misdemeanors read upon the Flying Scroll!

To abuse the Name of God, to swear falsely by it, to speak or to prophesy in His name when He has not spoken, is blatant perjury—for He has not spoken nor has He declared the matter. In essence: ***“But there shall by no means enter it***

(i.e., the New Jerusalem) *anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie . . . but outside* (of the New Jerusalem) . . . *are . . . whoever loves and practices a lie*” (Revelation 21:27 and 22:15). Furthermore: *“All liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death”* (Revelation 21:8b).

In sum: The Flying Scroll of Zechariah, which shall encompass the whole earth and decry thieves and perjurers (i.e., those who await Gods “curse” or judgment), is akin to the judgments upon them embedded within the Book of the Seven Seals of the Revelation. Within the Book, sealed by the Seven Seals, are judgments, which shall affect the whole earth.

One must take into account, that the Seven-Sealed book of judgment (and this treatise in no way wishes to do an in-depth exploration of these judgments) in the Revelation is, as well, in the form of a scroll—just like the one in Zechariah. The Seven Seals primarily deal with the first half of the Seventieth Week of Daniel’s prophecy. Included within the Seventh Seal are the Seven Trumpets. Out of the incessant war, chaos and confusion—and the world conquest of Antichrist—comes the “winnowing” of God’s people during the first half of Daniel’s Seventieth Week.

The Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 8) heralds the second half of the Seventieth Week. Yet prior to this is the revelation of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6:12-13) and the Red Dragon of Revelation 12. Here, in the midst of the Seventieth Week is the emergence of the Beast—i.e., Antichrist’s body is inhabited by Satan himself! Thus, is the “son of perdition” again upon the earth in bodily form. Having possessed Judas during the betrayal, he finds fertile habitat in the “man of sin” (Luke 22:3; John 13:27, John 17:12).

Also, “enfolded” within the Seventh Trumpet are the Seven Vials or the very “wrath of God” (Revelation 15-16). Suffice it to say, the Revelation “fleshes out” Zechariah’s scroll—but its fundamental curses, written on both sides, are what triggers these prophetic occurrences and judgments of the Revelation. In other words, the final “consummation” (Zechariah 5:4) or “burning from within” that takes place in Zechariah’s vision of the flying scroll, is no small allusion to the “consummation” and the “burning” of that found in the Revelation:

*“And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning”* (Revelation 18:8b-9).

Think it not strange that the vision of the flying scroll is immediately followed by the vision of the “Woman in the Basket” whose name is WICKEDNESS.

The “scroll of the curses” is a veritable indictment against the thievery—these high crimes and misdemeanors of the merchants of the earth—and of their accomplices in crime, those that have used the name of God (i.e., the “perjurers”) to justify this “theft of the earth.” The description of how this flying scroll finds itself entering into the very house of the thief and of the one “*who swears falsely by My name*” and how it “*shall remain in the midst of his house and consume it, with its timber and stones*” is a most frightful depiction—as if the flying scroll had a life of its own (and it does—the outrage of the Almighty!).

Thus, the book of the Seven Seals, with its manifold and diverse accounts of the judgments of God Almighty, is predicated upon the written curses of the flying scroll—they compliment one another and bespeak of the totality of God’s coming judgments upon the earth and upon all those so entitled as thieves and perjurers. Both of them shall be EXPELLED. It’s as if the three most awful words of the English language have come full circle: YOU’RE FIRED! (Note: Donald Trump doesn’t have exclusive rights to this phrase!) The same thieves and perjurers who have grown wealthy off the backs of the poor, with their global “downsizing and outsourcing” – now must hear their own recipe for success: YOU’RE FIRED! EXPELLED.

As a math instructor and school administrator, and as a member of the business community—these ominous words bring terror into the hearts of the hearer. Helpless, without recourse—these terminating phrases echo long and loud in the ears of the unemployed and expelled. But now, the tables have been turned—it is they who fire and expel who will receive their just dues; for they shall be administered by the Lamb Who alone is worthy to break the seals—to loose the seals thereof. The scroll of Zechariah has been accumulating evidence, if you would, DOCUMENTING the very ones who brought so much terror into the hearts of the helpless—who in their greatest hour of need and vulnerability, were often times treated with contempt and alleged “professional wisdom” by those who claimed (yes, even claimed) that what they did to them was done either “professionally” and, of course, done under the approval of God Himself (i.e., they had the audacity to claim God’s authority in their actions).

The Almighty does not, will not, take lightly the actions of employers, of corporate bosses, and administrators who savage their workers, to further their own advancement, position and wealth—for ultimately, this is behind most of their actions, to wit:

***“Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother . . . but they refused to heed, shrugged (lit., “gave a stubborn or rebellious shoulder”) their shoulders, and stopped (lit., “made their ears heavy”) their ears so that they could not hear”*** (Zechariah 7:8-11).

***“And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me, says the Lord of hosts”*** (Malachi 3:5) (my underscore).

Zechariah’s graphic portrayal of those who do not administer true justice, nor show mercy and compassion—but who oppress, exploit the widow, the fatherless, the alien and the poor—tells it like it is in today’s workplace. When their seared consciences are alerted to their evil acts against the vulnerable (e.g., the widows, the fatherless, the alien, the wage earner, and the poor), they blithely “shrug it off” – “stop their ears” – and “it’s like it never happened.” They feign compassion upon the plight of their victims, but, alas, their intentions are full of greed, envy, position—justified by their self-righteous and implacable resolve that somehow this is “best for the firm, best for the worker, not a good fit, best for all involved” (while their true motives wreak with avarice and contemptible greed).

Today’s “aggressive capitalism” is what Zechariah’s vision reveals. Indeed, what has happened in the world’s workplace, with multi-nationals’ “plantationization” of millions of square miles of prime farmland (growing uneatable crops like coffee, tea, cotton, etc.) to suffice the appetites of the Western World—thrusting millions into squalid conditions of urban megalopolises, staggers even the most hardened of hearts: And there is no end in sight! The words of Revelation cry out—but their ears are stopped, and they shrug their shoulders:

***“So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine’”*** (Revelation 6:5-6).

The black horse gallops upon the world scene—even now! Though this forecast of famine and scarcity (i.e., scarcity for the vulnerable—wealth for the rich, for the “wine and oil” is not touched) follows in the train of the white horse

and the red horse. Here, Antichrist, that “righteous (white) conqueror” – who in the name of “peace” and, undoubtedly, democracy and liberty, wages unending war upon the world, bringing all into his orbit of control and into his system of wealth—but what he really brings is nothing more than murder upon the globe; soon the red horse belies his true intentions. And, with deceit and endless wars, famine and scarcity are bound to follow (i.e., the black horse)—until the fourth horse, the pale one, is given “*power . . . over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth*” (Revelation 6:8).

Of interest is the “*fourth part of the earth*” which endures this carnage of the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.” Why? Because, although virtually 1/5 of the planet suffers under grinding poverty—it will not be long until a quarter of the populous endures this outrage!

Yet, they shrug their shoulders, stop their ears—their indifference, their callousness is reprehensible—and the Almighty is making a full documentation of their socio-economic disgraces against humanity. There will always be some who protest that believers, like this writer, should “disinvolve” themselves in such debates and be much more loving and positive—after all, someone’s bound to take economic advantage in capitalism; that’s what it means by definition. And, the rank disparities of wealth suffered under communism’s elite are legendary—so, don’t play the blame game against entrepreneurs who have made an honest buck, even if it is off the backs of wage earners, the poor, the alien, the widow and the orphan.

Friend, the “vulnerable” is precisely what these prophets had in mind when they cried out against the wealthy of the planet. You may try all you wish, but the Scriptures leave little room for opulence, little truck for “the lifestyles of the rich and famous.” Zechariah’s pronouncements and curses, amplified by the Seven-Sealed book of Judgment in the Revelation, “*goes out over the face of the whole earth.*” If this is not “globalization” I don’t know what is! It’s a globalization of such immensity and scope, whose “macro-pathologies” mandate its curses on either side of the flying scroll that encompass the entire earth! The “haves” of the planet want more and more—they are, like Lucifer of old, never satisfied with enough.

Their pattern, model, study, is none other than the one spoken of by Ezekiel:

*“You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering; the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold, the*

*workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground. I laid you before kings, that they may gaze at you” (Ezekiel 28:12-17).*

They, these “merchants of the earth” – these thieves and perjurers, these exploiters of humanity, the calloused of the earth, the deaf and dumb of merchandise and wealth – reflect the character and the person of the one whom they emulate. He had it all and then some—but iniquity was found in him and rebellion filled his beautiful frame.

Listen to these exploiters, thieves, and perjurers cry out when they see her demise—listen, but do not weep for them—for they well deserve the wretched curses written against them and their chief benefactor:

*“The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning . . . the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore . . . the merchants of these things who became rich by her will stand at a distance for fear of her torment weeping and wailing . . . and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning . . . they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing” (Portions of Revelation 18:9, 11, 15, 18-19).*

Normally, we are enjoined by Scripture to “weep with them that weep” – but in this instance, and at the conclusion of all these “crocodile tears” of weeping and mourning, we hear this:

*“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!” (Revelation 18:20).*

With prophetic accuracy and unimaginable precision, Zechariah foresees a global phenomenon wherein worldwide thievery is so pronounced that it well deserves a divine curse and ultimate judgment. This vision goes far beyond the

immediate environs of ancient Israel, or, for that matter, the lands of Israel's captivity—it encompasses the entire earth!

That it appears within the context of the “WOMAN OF WICKEDNESS” (see next vision), all the more substantiates its end-times' implications. Such massive thievery portends an iniquity on a scale so vast that it has infected virtually every area of the planet. Make no mistake, something or someone(s) are robbing and pillaging the continents of the blue planet AND, coupled with their stealing, and their obvious ill-gotten gain, there is a methodology that incorporates perjury—the abuse and misuse of the name of God (i.e., “*swears falsely by My name*” Zechariah 5:4).

What we witness is a flagrant lie of such depth—so incriminating and malignant in its properties—that it bespeaks perjury before the Judge of the Whole Earth of the worst sort: SWEARING FALSELY—i.e. dragging the Name of the Almighty to exonerate and commend their crime. Why have they so perjured themselves? One must conclude that this piety of fraud and deceit, of lying and cheating—yea, this idolatrous design to defame the Name of the Most High by shielding their criminality under His Personage—specifically harkens back to the previous verse that depicts God's outrage against the aforementioned thieves. Behold, the convicted await their sentence:

**“Consume it with its timber and stones”** (Zechariah 5:4b) is inextricably bound to God's fiery judgment of Babylon the Great: **“And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her . . . for in one hour such great riches have been laid waste . . . for in one hour she is made desolate . . . the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found any more”** (Revelation 18:8, 17a, 19b, 21).

Thus, the judgment of this cosmic thief and robber; this exploiter of the earth's treasures and labors—shall be no more! Their HOUSE shall one day crumble under the inferno of divine judgment—the Merchants of the Earth (and it is by no convolution of Holy Writ that these two passages have found their compliment) who have consorted with this Harlot to steal earth's wealth—shall repeatedly bewail her demise (Revelation 18:8-11, 15-19).

Zechariah and John of the Revelation have foreseen this “Abode of Abominations” (i.e., this House and Great City) and, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have renounced this repugnant evil, as well as pronounced a divine curse that goes to the very heart of this outrage: **“I will send out the curse . . . it shall remain in the midst of his house and consume it . . .”** (Zechariah 4:4). It's as if the “interior intent” must go to its very core—burned from the inside out! Within the rooms of her stately edifice—an edifice that glitters with all manner of

precious stones—abides a vileness so repugnant that the Almighty is obliged to penetrate this veneer of deception with, in today’s military parlance, a precision guided missile of divine judgment, aimed at her rotten core. Her house, her cup, and her basket—and all that is within her—is *“full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication”* (Revelation 17:4).

Yet more outrageous is the defilement of God’s very Name in the midst of this canard. Intertwined within this deplorable scandal and shameless grab is the appearance of “righteousness” which justifies the culprits’ booty. Alas! Do these thieves deny they have used His Name falsely and swear that His covering tolerated—yea, condoned—their theft of the world’s treasures? With impunity do they perjure themselves?

There are deliberate orchestrations of deceit in their larceny—they know precisely what they are doing and the manner in which they carry out their craft. Well do the Scriptures record their connivance, side by side, in Zechariah—for the stereoscopic view of his scroll embraces all nations, tribes and peoples who have suffered their theft and anguished under their perjuries and hypocritical disguise, as if God were blessing their joint endeavors! Oh, witness the import of Mystery Babylon and attest to her crimes, for her basket and cup are full . . . .

## **APOSTATE CHRISTIANITY & FREE TRADE**

By combining their Christianity with the rouse of Free Trade (i.e., we trade freely in your backyard or “what’s yours is mine, and what’s mine, is mine” and that’s the definition known as “fair trade”), they have overspread their policies throughout the global village. For centuries has the Sword and the Cross of Christ ravaged the populace—conversion to “free markets” and Christ, at the point of the sword or the barrel of a gun—has become the mantra of this Apostate Church and its loyal ally, the Merchants of the Earth. Their alliance is fraught with greed, avarice, and defilement of God’s Holy Name. What evil lurks behind all that Babylon the Great disburses throughout humanity? There can be no secular, nor so-called noble objective, neither can there be a socio-economic, nor philosophical polemic, that interprets this catastrophic scene perpetrated endlessly, and in ever-increasing patterns, upon the subjugated of the earth. A vile pathology creeps throughout the planet, infecting its masses with an economic virus that is cancerous in its essence, and altogether is it a most malignant and unbridled strain!

Those—especially, those who claim the name of Christ—who forage on the delicacies proffered at her table; and, who suggest (yea, acclaim) her dainties tantalize their palettes, as if this were a sign of the Almighty’s blessings—are only kidding themselves when they blithely surmise that today’s American New World

Order is “good for the world, good for business, and good for America, especially believers!”

***“In the measure that she glorified herself and lived delicately, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow . . . the kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived delicately (i.e., “luxuriously”) with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning” (Revelation 18:7a & 9).***

Worse yet, wresting control of the hidden treasures of the Middle East will assuredly provide opportunity for the gospel of Christ unhindered access into the 10/40 Corridor of Islam. For shame do they take such opportunity for our Lord Jesus Christ!

“The prospect of relief workers preaching Christianity in war-torn Iraq has outraged Muslims and ignited new controversy for Franklin Graham, the evangelist son of the Rev. Billy Graham. Franklin Graham, who heads his ailing father's worldwide organization as well as a global humanitarian aid agency, Samaritan's Purse, has called Islam a ‘very evil and wicked’ religion. Now, the agency is ‘poised and ready’ with supplies and medicine for suffering Iraqis. The purpose is to love and save them in ‘the name of Jesus Christ,’ he said in an interview published in Beliefnet, a multifaith website. ‘God will always give us opportunities.’”<sup>9</sup>

Those who say they are Christians—who claim their prayers for Islam's millions have been answered through the gun turret of an Abram's Main Battle Tank, and the devastating explosion of the 21,000-pound blasts of the MOAB Fuel-Air Bomb—have decidedly brought the Gospel of our Lord and Savior to the last rungs of Dante's inferno!

They've either forgotten, or in their most warped and twisted thinking, justify the slaying of Jews and Moslems, whose blood cries out within the Holy City, as the Knight Templars—those Crusaders of old—celebrated Mass upon the Temple Mount that very evening upon the carnage of their victims! The riches of the Middle East were their reward—the Woman rides the Beast as in the days of yore.

The “civilization” grew from an Image found in Daniel, until it encompassed the whole earth. Who and where would the Rider and the Beast trample next? The blood of the Incas, the Aztecs, the vast majority of the natives

of both North, Central and South America—for Spain, for Portugal, for France, for England, for Holland, for Belgium, for Germany; for with our Cross and with our Sword have we come to take a spoil—both a fortune in souls and earthly wealth.

“Let us exploit the labor of Africa and contrive a plan to inculcate the native oligarchs of yesteryear—there is no price too great that cannot seduce the conscience of the greedy. And, simultaneously, shall we invoke the name of our Christ to save them from their heathendom! To Asia our tentacles extend, until the whole world is infected by the Plague of our insatiable appetite for wealth.” (My contemplations)

Hence, Zechariah’s flying scroll, and the scroll of the seven-sealed book, are, I believe, one in the same. Within that scroll are the cursed deeds and exposures of all that bespeaks of greed, lies, thievery, Antichrist, and the Beast’s Empire—indeed, ***“This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth!”*** But if this flying scroll were not sufficient evidence to bring the consuming judgments of the Almighty, then Zechariah’s next vision most assuredly will—because those who are called to bear witness against all the curses that have gone before, have themselves, fallen prey to their contaminations.

Yes, today, the ***“shame of our nakedness”*** appears again—this time, we, the Church of the Living God, and, to their shame, the ingathering of the exiles (Israel of the flesh)—have apostatized our callings and elections by our robust and unmitigated support for this, the American New World Order System—which bespeaks of that curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth! You thought the flying scroll was bad enough—wait ‘til you see what the thief and liar has wrought in this next nightmare of a vision—then you will know how bad it’s really gotten and then, these infamous pronouncements are made:

***“Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication”*** (Revelation 17:1-2).

Zechariah will behold the “Woman in the Basket,” and it is not a pretty sight, for her name is WICKEDNESS, and she shall be transported to her base, on the Plains of Shinar, pending her final judgment!