

**Zech. 5:1 Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll.**

**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.**

No sooner is the last vision completed, than Zechariah turns and looks up to see another. This time he sees a flying roll/volume. Again, the angel asks Zechariah what he sees. Zechariah carefully notes that he sees a flying roll that measures 20 cubits x 10 cubits (some of the translations record this as 30' x 15'). This information has to have been supernaturally revealed to him since he is declaring it from observation only. It indicates that the contents of the roll are measured and specific in what they declare. It would also indicate that the roll is unrolled to expose its size.

**Zech. 5:3 Then said he unto me, 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; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.**

**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.**

The NLT gives a more easily understood consensus translation:

Then he said to me, "This scroll contains the curse that is going out over the entire land. One side says that those who steal will be banished from the land; the other side says that those who swear falsely will be banished from the land. And this is what the LORD Almighty says: I am sending this curse into the house of every thief and into the house of everyone who swears falsely by my name. And my curse will remain in that house until it is completely destroyed—even its timbers and stones."

It would seem that the curses declared by the contents of the roll were able to be read by the people who saw it.

I had no clue as to further application of these verses, so decided to check some commentaries. Some observations that were interesting to me were:

- The measurements matched the measurements of the Holy of Holies where the Ten Commandments were kept in the Ark of the Covenant.
- Stealing represents the commandments that address our actions toward our fellowman, and swearing represents the commandments that address our actions toward God.

I would assume that in context the message from Zechariah as he reported his experience to the people was a warning to live in obedience to the commandments of God. I can't help but wonder if there is further application to be made during the millennial reign of Christ or maybe to the messenger angels of Revelation 14.

**Zech. 5:5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.**

**Zech. 5:6** And I said, *What is it?* And he said, *This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.*

The angel instructs Zechariah to look up again to see another vision. Zechariah looks, but has to ask what he is seeing. He is told that it is an ephah (a specific size of container for measuring grain). The indication is that this unit of measure is the same throughout the earth (i.e., one world economic system).

**Zech. 5:7** And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

**Zech. 5:8** And he said, *This is* wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

**Zech. 5:9** Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

All of a sudden the lead lid of the container lifts up to reveal a woman sitting in the middle of it. The angel informs Zechariah that she represents wickedness. The angel then pushes the woman back down into the container and closes the heavy lead lid. Then Zechariah sees two women with wings like storks come out and fly off carrying the ephah.

**Zech. 5:10** Then said I to the angel that talked with me, *Whither do these bear the ephah?*

**Zech. 5:11** And he said unto me, *To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.*

Zechariah asks the angel where they are carrying the ephah. He is told that they are taking the woman to the land of Shinar to build it a house where she will establish a base of operation.

Shinar is another reference to Babylon. The ephah represents business transactions. The fact that the woman is described as wickedness indicates that Babylon will become the base of evil business operations. It's interesting to note that the ephah appears normal throughout the earth (v6), so the business transactions made in Shinar may appear to be fair, but they will evidently be used to promote wickedness. This is especially interesting since a worldwide base of wicked business practices could not have described the Babylon of Zechariah's day. Today is a different story; and if, as I believe, the Antichrist establishes his base there, this would again have direct application to end times. It's just hard not to think that there is a connection between this evil woman and the whore of Revelation 17-18.

**Rev. 17:1** And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, *Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

**Rev. 17:2** *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

**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.*

Rev. 17:4 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:

Rev. 17:5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Rev. 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Rev. 18:3 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.

Rev. 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

(7/08) The stork is an unclean bird. This evil financial empire will be established through the scheming of unscrupulous, wicked men.