

September 26, 2010  
"Horns vs. Craftsman"  
Zechariah 1:18-21

I. The Horns –

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns.<sup>19</sup> And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem." (Zechariah 1:18-19 NKJ)

1. Horns are symbolic in Scripture of power, government, kings –

Note Daniel's question about his own vision and the angel's answer –

Question: "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;<sup>20</sup> and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows. (Daniel 7:19-20 NKJ)

Answer: "Thus he said: The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.<sup>24</sup> The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. (Daniel 7:23-24 NKJ)

2. Note also in Daniel 7 four ungodly gentile kingdoms are compared to beasts, beasts with horns, big horn sheep, rams, bulls are dominant among their kind, ungodly kingdom's are all about gaining and keeping such beastly dominance-

But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them."<sup>26</sup> "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. (Matthew 20:25-26 NKJ)

3. There were four horns - :18

A. Could refer specific to the four kingdoms referenced in Daniel 7, which are ultimately representative of all ungodly empires

B. Four also represents four directions: North, South, East and West – "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem." - :19

God's people are to expect persecution in this world and this persecution comes from EVERY DIRECTION –

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12 NKJ)

II. The Craftsman –

Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.<sup>21</sup> And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it." (Zechariah 1:20-21 NKJ)

What is represented by THE CRAFTSMEN?

1. These are builders, the beasts rip and tear, destroy, the craftsmen BUILD –

A. This makes them Christ-like –

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10 NKJ)

"Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? (Matthew 13:55 NKJ)

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18 NKJ)

B. This relates to the task they had, which Christ would accomplish –

"Then speak to him, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD;<sup>13</sup> Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."<sup>14</sup> "Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.<sup>15</sup> "Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you

diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God." (Zechariah 6:12-15 NKJ)

C. *We are that temple Christ builds –*

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,<sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJ)

2. *Yet, not only are the CRAFTSMEN builders, they are intelligent PERSONS: God, Angels, Human beings sanctified by God –*

A. *If we know God, we are restored to the image of God in knowledge, righteousness and holiness –*

and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:24 NKJ)

and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, (Colossians 3:10 NKJ)

B. *With the knowledge of God comes mercy and real education, we are created in God's image, therefore every life is valuable: Christians were the first to build schools and hospitals, the KNOWLEDGE of God lifts and improves the mind ---*

*Note: ungodly education does not lift us but evolution teaches us we are beasts / animals / the survival of the fittest / it teaches HORN ideology!*

3. *Note: Just as there were four horns, there are also four craftsmen, meaning God will more than match the enemy, He will provide according to His promise, remember this VISION in connection to the previous*

Therefore thus says the LORD: "I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My house shall be built in it," says the LORD of hosts, "And a surveyor's line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.""<sup>17</sup> "Again proclaim, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts: "My cities shall again spread out through prosperity; The LORD will again comfort Zion, And will again choose Jerusalem.""" (Zechariah 1:16-17 NKJ)

A. *God Himself comes to His people –*

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (Matthew

1:23 NKJ)

...and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen. (Matthew 28:20 NKJ) NKJ)

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (John 14:26 NKJ)

B. *He comes to build –*

My house shall be built in it," says the LORD of hosts, "And a *surveyor's* line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18 NKJ)

C. *Even cities are an example of His blessing / prosperity –*

"My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;

*This is opposite of wilderness, the home for BEASTS –*

<sup>31</sup> Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the LORD *for* His goodness, And *for* His wonderful works to the children of men! <sup>32</sup> Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders. <sup>33</sup> He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground; <sup>34</sup> A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it. <sup>35</sup> He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings. <sup>36</sup> There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place, <sup>37</sup> And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest. <sup>38</sup> He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease. (Psa 107:31-38 NKJ)

D. *Four craftsmen mean there are more with us than against us, in any situation –*

<sup>15</sup> And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

<sup>16</sup> So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them."

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (2Ki 6:15-17 NKJ) SEE ALSO Romans 8:31-39