

TZEMACH



- Branch, shoot, sprout
- The first thing the Branch does is build the Temple
- Judaism sees this Temple as a literal physical Temple
- The Church is split: some see the Temple as a physical structure, others see it as spiritual (the Church is the Temple)

THE 2 CROWNS



- Gold and silver brought to make crowns
- A silver crown for Joshua, but who gets the gold crown?
- A crown has no place among Priests
- The crowns are symbols of God's validation of Joshua and Zerubbabel as the 2 leaders of Yehud
- The symbols apply to Zechariah's time and to the future





- The ***Tzemach*** must be a descendant of King David
- ***Tzemach*** will make 2 appearances; Zechariah is speaking only of the 2nd appearance
- ***Melchizedek*** Priest-King Genesis 14:18 – 20
- Book of Hebrews helps to connect ***Tzemach***,
Messiah Yeshua and Melchizedek Hebrews 5:1 - 6



- Writer of Hebrews took his cue from Psalm 110
- It's the Father who anoints His Son as High Priest
- Tzemach, the Messiah, Yeshua of Nazareth, The Son of God, the One who sits on the Millennial Throne are all the same person
- We have the benefit of history to get a clear picture

THE CROWN AS A SIGN



- “Council of Peace” *Shalom* = divine well-being, wholesome completeness
- The ruling King will be in perfect accord with the Covenant of the Law that the High Priest represents
- Vs. 14 Crown is singular, NOT plural
- The 4 named men are probably same as who brought the gold and silver for the crowns
- *Zikkaron* = a sign, to be used to remember

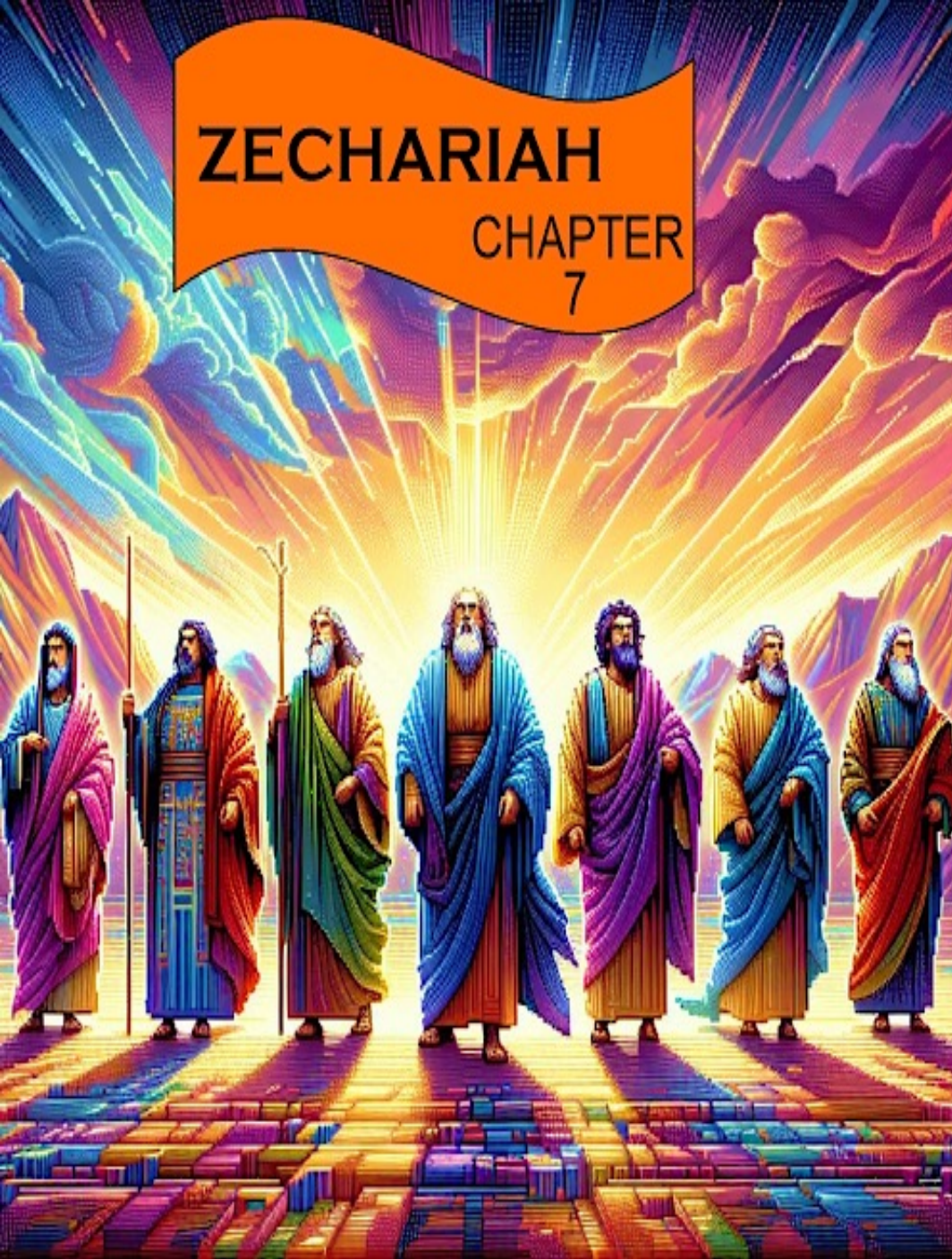
RETURNING TO BUILD THE TEMPLE

- Zech. 6:15
“...those who
are far away...”
- Probably speaking
about the Jewish
Diaspora and 10
Lost Tribes
- Deut. 28:1
- God’s promises
are conditional
and based on
Covenant
- A Promise from
God is not different
from a Covenant
from God



ZECHARIAH

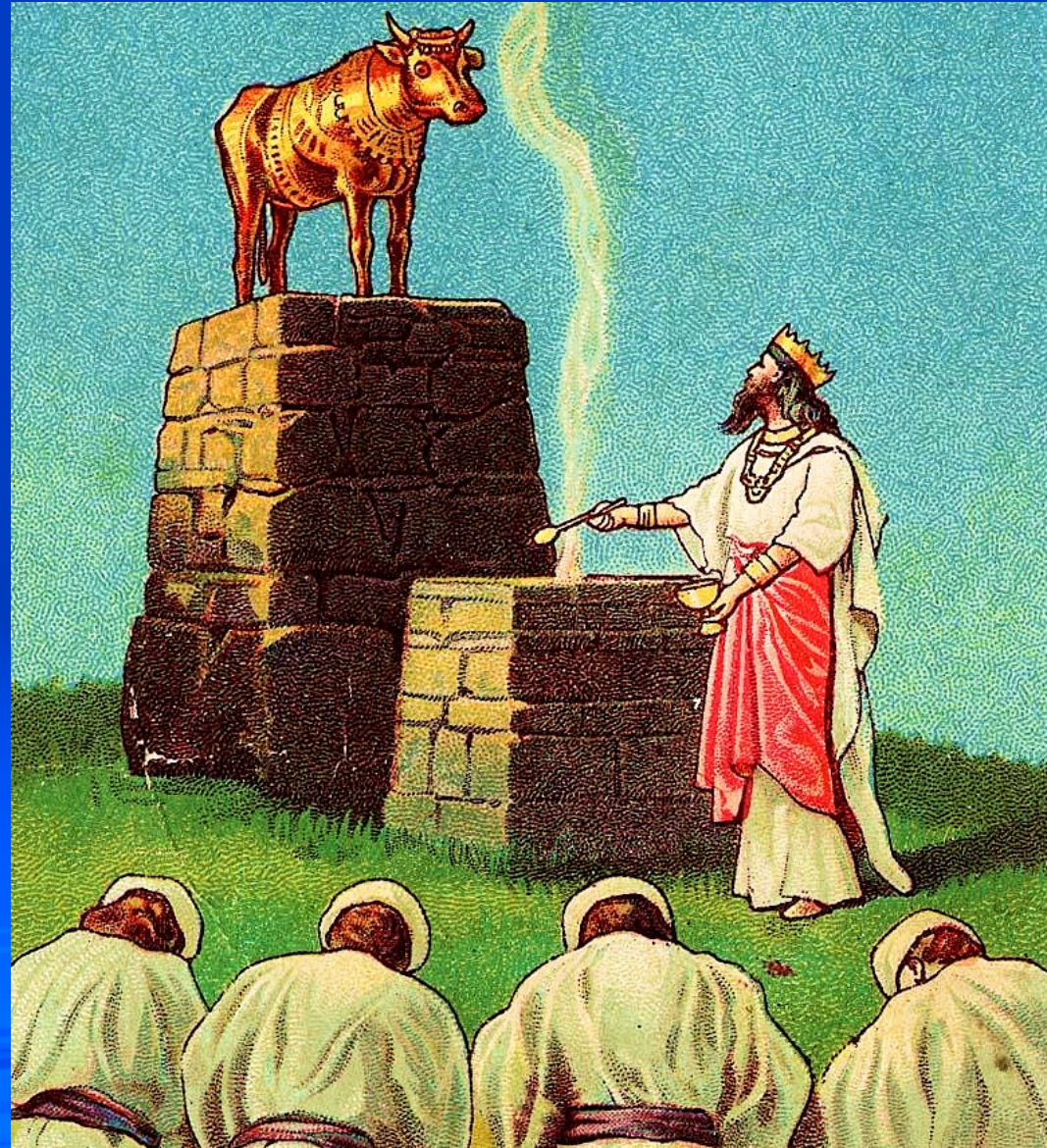
CHAPTER 7



- God answers a question
- Took place on 4th day of Kislev, year 4 of Darius's reign = December 7, 518 BC
- Bethel sent a delegation led by *Sar-ezer* and *Regem-Melech* to Jerusalem
- They had to speak to Yehoveh's Priests and Prophets

THE PROBLEM OF BETHEL

- This new oracle came 2 years before the Temple was completed
- 1Kings 12:25 – 29
- **Beit-El** = House of the God El
- Bethel now part of the province of Yehud, so under the governor Zerubbabel
- The matter the delegation brought had historic and religious importance



“Should I weep?”



- The delegation accepts the authority of the Jerusalem priesthood
- Prior to the exile, they would have sought the Priests, and not the Prophets
- “Should I weep in the 5th month” means should I do our mourning ceremony?
- Weeping and fasting are typical Middle Eastern mourning traditions

“In the 5th month...”



- 2Kings 25:8 – 11
- This question was asked in 518 BC, so almost 70 years had passed
- Does this mean the time of Judah's punishment is over?
- Even though the delegation is from Bethel, God says this response is for all the people of the *eretz*