

He Shall Build The Temple Of The LORD
Zechariah Chapter 6 Verses 09-15

Zec 6:9 ¶ "And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; 11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; 12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. 14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD. 15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

God is making a prophesy to Israel and unto Joshua, the symbolic king, and the high priest of God, of "**the man whose name is The BRANCH**." The word **The BRANCH** being all capitalized points us to Jesus Christ. It has the meaning of to sprout, or to bring forth a branch, as a branch of a vine, which is what this prophesy tells us. "**Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**"

Having the New Testament scriptures: we know that **The BRANCH** is a prophesy of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, who, in this text, is prophesied to build a spiritual kingdom and to build a spiritual temple. This spiritual temple, and kingdom, is built upon Jesus, the Son of God, as seen in: **Mt 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."** Jesus did not say that he was building his temple, and kingdom, based upon what Peter had just proclaimed **Mt 16:16 "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."** This is the stone upon which the church, the spiritual temple, will be built.

"**and he shall grow up out of his place,**" Christ Jesus had to come to earth when the law service was in effect, that he might be the true sacrifice for sin as was prophesied by the Old Testament scriptures. While here on earth, Jesus established the kingdom of God and established that he was the vine, and we are the branches. The Branch is still sprouting new branches today, each time a child of God is born again.

"**and he shall build the temple of the LORD:**" While Jesus was on the earth, he established the church, and he ushered in the age of salvation by grace. Remember, what Jesus said in: **Joh 2:19 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."** Jesus was speaking of his body, which would be resurrected from the dead after three days and nights in the tomb. What does that have to do with building the temple? The spiritual temple is the church, the body of Christ, which spiritual body is all those that Jesus saved from their sins on the cross, seen in: **1Co 6:19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"** and is further stated in: **Ro 12:5 "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."** This text makes it plain that the church is the body of Christ on earth today.

"**and he shall bear the glory,**" Upon whom is this spiritual temple built? Jesus Christ. Do we have any glory of our own to claim in the building of this spiritual temple? No. All the glory is upon Jesus Christ, who is the foundation stone, who is the builder, who is the owner, and the ruler. What do you mean he is the ruler of this spiritual temple? This spiritual temple is the kingdom of God. Who rules over kingdoms? The king. Who rules over this spiritual kingdom? King Jesus. Zechariah's prophesy just told us that he "**shall sit and rule upon his throne;**" Where is Jesus today? **Heb 8:1-2; 1 ¶ "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."**" Remember we were told in the text "**and he shall be a priest upon his throne:**" Jesus Christ is our King, and our High Priest, seated at the right hand of God the Father, on the heavenly throne of God.

"and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." Who are the both? Who shall be at peace with each other? It is God the Father and God the Son and the church. What do you mean? What happened when man fell in sin? The peace that Adam had with God before he sinned was destroyed, and thus a war between the will of man and the will of God began. When Jesus established the church, he reestablished that communal peace, which Adam lost for all mankind when he sinned. Christ Jesus having satisfied the demand of the law for the shedding of blood for the eternal remission of sins, Jesus became our council of peace. We are the body of Christ on earth, we are at peace with a once offended God, only because of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

As this text in Zechariah is an Old Testament text, which Jesus tells us is a prophesy of him, seen in: **Joh 5:39** **"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."** We can, having the New Testament scriptures, can look forward to the time, when this temple built by Jesus will be seen in the fulness of the glory of God, in the eternal place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. In that place: we shall see the gathering of every member of the temple of Jesus Christ. There we shall see the glory of Jesus Christ. Here on earth in our tribulations we sometimes forget our Saviour. There, we shall always recognize his Kingship and Glory. In that place he has prepared for us, we shall experience the council of his peace, and know eternally that God the Father is satisfied with the finished work of God the Son, Hallelujah! Amen!