

Study Outline: Zechariah Six—Horses and Chariots

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Text for Study: **Zechariah 6:1-8** (see chart on next page)

1. What does a mountain represent in scripture? **Zech. 8:3, Mic. 4:1, 2**—God's people, His church on earth.
2. Why brass?
Rev. 1:15—where Christ stands is purity

The two brass mountains thus represent the church of God in the NT era from pentecost to pentecost—**Acts 2:1-4; Joel 2:28-29**

3. What does the valley represent?
1 Thess. 2:1-3—a falling away from the Truth and decent into the Dark Ages.
4. What do the horses and chariots represent?
Zech. 1:8-11; 10:3; Joel 2:4-5, TM 489, 490. They represent God's church bearing a message to the world. It is comprised of leaders (horses) and the laity (passengers in the chariot).
5. Who do the red horses symbolize? **EW, p. 18, 19; GC 40**—a fitting symbol for the martyrs.
6. Who do the black horse symbolize? **Eze. 26:7** (north country = Babylon), **GC 382, 383**. The fallen protestant churches.
7. Who do the white horses symbolize? White represents a pure religious movement—the church of Philadelphia—brotherly love—the Millerites, see: **GC 401**
8. How do we understand the grisled and bay horses?
Grisled: mixture of black and white—hypocrites, **Rev. 2:9**
Bay: means "strong" (see: margin) those is the church who stand strong for the Truth
EW 270—there will be a shaking in the SDA church between two classes—the wheat and tares.
9. What does it mean that the grisled are trying to take the church to the "south country"?
Gen. 20:1—the south country is a symbol of Egypt—worldliness (see: **5T 217**).
10. What event allows the bay to "go forth to and fro the earth"?
Ezekiel 9, 3T 266, 267—The church must be purified.

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Summary:

- The vision of Zechariah six shows the history of the God's church in the NT era from pentecost to pentecost.
- The horses and chariots show the progression of God's message during the Dark Ages on up to the time of the Seventh-day Adventist church.
- The SDA church is experiencing a titanic struggle today between two classes trying to lead the church in two different directions: one towards Egypt—worldliness and the other towards purification.
- The SDA church must be purified (separated from the hypocrites) before the 144,000 bay horses can emerge, be filled with the latter rain power of the Holy Spirit, and go forth to proclaim the Loud Cry.

