

#1002 The Whore's Latter Rain – Zechariah Chapter 4 and the Latter Rain of April 9, 1906, and Latter Reign of April 6, 1917, part 7, Correlating Zechariah 4 and Revelation 1-5: Joshua was a High Priest first, then crowned as King



Review: *Two branches into one, the Branch.* The offices of king and priest joined together in one man, *the Branch*, also relates directly to the Two Olive Branches of Zechariah 4:12, the governor, Zerubbabel, representing the office of king, and Joshua, representing the office of priest. Thus, the two men (Zerubbabel and Joshua), symbolized by the Two Olive Branches in Zechariah 4:12, become represented through one man, *the Branch*, in Zechariah 6:12. In short, *two* branches are made into *one*, “*the Branch.*” [Note that the Lord conveniently has what is in Zechariah 4:12 = what is in Zechariah 6:12.]

Zechariah 6:11-13 (KJV) *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.*

Key Understanding: *Priest and king.* Furthermore, Joshua was a high priest *first*, then symbolically crowned to become priest and king. This is a picture of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, as well, for

during the age of the Church, though he is “*the prince [ruler] of the kings of the earth*” (Rev. 1:5), he functions primarily as high priest for the Church. His direct and immediate rule as King over the kings of the earth comes upon his return, at which time comes the fullness of his role as King-Priest upon his throne.

Likewise, true believers function as the Lord’s “*kingdom of priests*” (Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:9) during the Church age, but are kings and priests as joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Romans 8:17) after the Lord’s return. If believers fall on their own sword by becoming kings now – as in “Kingdom Now” teachings – they are doing so without the prompting of the oil of the Holy Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 4:8 (NIV) Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich!
YOU HAVE BECOME KINGS—AND THAT WITHOUT US! How I wish that you really
had become kings so that we might be kings with you!*

*Revelation 17:18 (KJV) And **THE** [Scarlet] **WOMAN** which thou sawest **IS THAT GREAT CITY** [Babylon the Great], **WHICH REIGNETH OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH**
[by Making the World Safe for Democracy].*

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