#999 The Whore's Latter Rain – Zechariah Chapter 4 and the Latter Rain of April 9, 1906, and Latter Reign of April 6, 1917, part 4, Correlating Zechariah 4 and Revelation 1-5: Kings and Priests in Revelation 1-5

Zechariah chapter 4 has themes that correlate with Revelation chapters 1-5. A correlating theme of great consequence is that of <u>kings and priests</u>. In this Unsealing, we are addressing Revelation only (not Zechariah 4).

Revelation 1-5 – Kings and Priests

Revelation 1:4-6 (KJV) John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us KINGS AND PRIESTS unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Key Understanding: Kings and priests. While Jesus Christ is "the prince of the kings of the earth" (Revelation 1:5), the exercising of the direct and immediate rule of Jesus Christ over the earth, as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords" (Revelation 19:16), comes upon his return. It does not come now, during the Church Age, with Jesus Christ sitting on the throne in heaven, acting in the role of "the prince of the kings of the earth," with his believers having delegated authority as "kings and priests" to implement his rule over the earth. Rather, the "kingship" role of the believer comes in the next age, after the return of Jesus Christ. This is an important point, for the spirit of the Woman of Revelation 17:18 – and thus of the harlot church – is that of ruling over the kings of the earth now. This is exactly the error strongly linked with and/or emerging from both the first part of the second phase of the



Melchizedek was <u>king</u> of Salem, and <u>priest</u> of the most high God (Hebrews 7:1)

Statue of Melchizedek in the Borghese Chapel of the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore (a Roman Catholic church in Rome, Italy) Protestant Reformation of the April 9, 1906, Latter Rain-Latter Reign Azusa Street Revival, and the second part of the second phase of the Protestant Reformation of the April 6 [= 9], 1917, Calvinistic Woodrow Wilson-led U.S. entry into World War I.

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

Revelation 1-5 – Kings and Priests (continued)

After the discussion of the Seven Churches in Revelation 2 and 3, and after Revelation chapter 4, comes the subject of the opening of the seals in Revelation 5. Again, we see the very significant subject of believers being **kings and priests**.

Revelation 5:8-10 (KJV) And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God KINGS AND PRIESTS: and WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH.

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