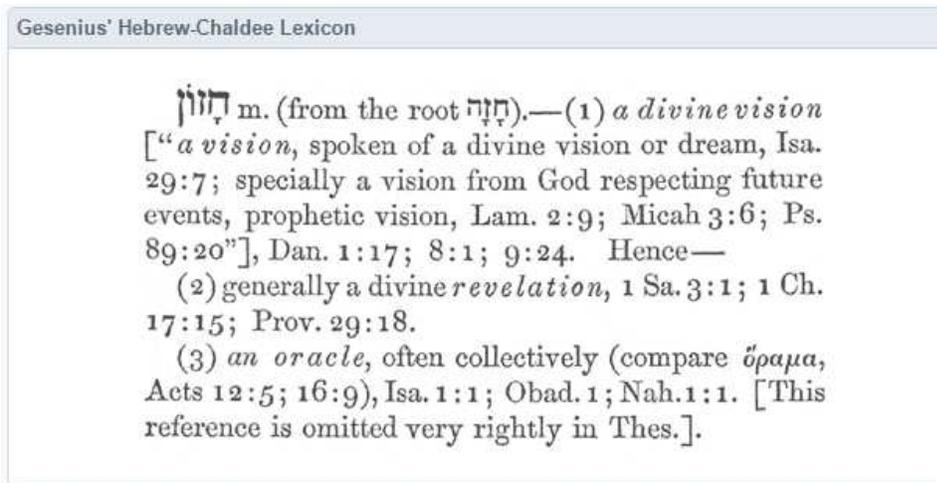


The Visions of Bible Prophecy – Part 1

Introduction:

- There are three words commonly translated as “vision” in the Bible – chazown, mareh and marah.
- These words are symbols representing the vision of prophetic history (chazown), the appearance of Christ (mareh) which causes humiliation and is followed by a preparation to conduct a specific work (marah).
- They represent the experience of the church triumphant.

Chazown:



- The chazown vision refers to “a vision from God respecting future events.”

Dan 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision **[chazown]** is for *many* days.

Hab 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision **[chazown]**, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Hab 2:3 For the vision **[chazown]** is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

- The chazown vision in Habakkuk 2 is set forth on the 1843 and 1850 charts.

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The Lord showed me that the 1843 chart was directed by his hand, and that no part of it should be altered; that the figures were as he wanted them. That his hand was over and hid a mistake in some of the figures, so that none could see it, until his hand was removed. {RH, November 1, 1850 par. 10}

Then I saw in relation to the "Daily," that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text; and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the correct view of the "Daily;" but since 1844, in the confusion, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion has followed. {RH, November 1, 1850 par. 11}

Hos 12:10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions [**chazown**], and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

- Similitude - *daw-maw'*
A primitive root; to *compare*; by implication to *resemble, liken, consider*: - compare, devise, (be) like (-n), mean, think, use similitudes.
- Similitudes are a reference to the reform lines.
 - Sacred history repeats in both the sequence and the nature of the events portrayed thus forming patterns.
 - These patterns are repeated at the end of the world.

Effect of Every Vision:

- Every line of prophetic history in the Bible becomes present truth in the post-911 tarrying time.

Eze 12:21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Eze 12:22 Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision [**chazown**] faileth?

- "Every vision faileth," or in other words – the prophecies of the Bible are no longer understood by God's church. This is due to the working of the mystery of iniquity – higher education, the adoption false methods of Biblical interpretation etc.

- This leads many to believe that “the days are prolonged.” They have no conception of the fact that we are already in the time of Adventism’s visitation and they put far off into the future the close of probation and their preparation for it.
- It is those who lose their bearings who develop an experience described as smiting their fellow servants and eating and drinking with the drunken.

Mat 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Mat 24:46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Mat 24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

Mat 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, **My lord delayeth his coming;**

Mat 24:49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

Mat 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Mat 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Amo 6:1 Woe to them *that are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

Amo 6:2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

Amo 6:3 **Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;**

Amo 6:13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

Amo 6:14 But, behold, **I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hemath unto the river of the wilderness.**

- Hemath was the northernmost boundary of Israel. It was conquered by Jeroboam II (2 Kings 14:23-28).
- Hence the enemy afflicting Israel from the entering in of Hemath comes from the north. This was Assyria which is the king of the north.
- “Seat”

H7675 - *sheh'-beth*

Infinitive of [H3427](#); properly *session*; but used also concretely, an *abode* or *locality*. Compare [H3429](#): - place, seat. Compare [H3429](#).

- “Violence”

H2555 - *khaw-mawce'*

From [H2554](#); *violence*; by implication *wrong*; by metonymy unjust *gain*: - cruel (-ty), damage, false, injustice, X oppressor, unrighteous, violence (against, done), violent (dealing), wrong.

- The seat of violence is “wrong” or “cruelty” is the smiting of the fellow servants in Matt 24:48.
- The judgement for this is that they shall be destroyed by the King of the North at the Sunday Law.

[Eze 12:23](#) Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, **The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision [chazown]**.

- 1Cor 10:11, Rom 15:4.
- The entire Bible is prophetic.

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A portion of Ezekiel's prophecy also was a source of strength and comfort to believers: "The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God. . . . **The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.** . . . I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged." "They of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of My words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done." Ezekiel 12:21-25, 27, 28. {GC 392.3}

- Eze 12:23 was understood in connection with the first disappointment in Millerite history which typifies 911 at the end of the world.

[Eze 12:24](#) For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

[Eze 12:25](#) For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: **for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.**

Rome Establishes the Chazown Vision:

Dan 11:14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision [**chazown**]; but they shall fall.

- Dan 11 sets forth a point by point account of the vision of prophetic history.
- Verse 14 identifies the exaltation or rise of Rome as establishing (or confirming) the veracity of the vision.

2. The establishment, the growth, and the reign of the papacy as a world-power, is distinctly a subject of prophecy, as really as is the fall of Rome and the planting of the Ten Kingdoms upon the ruins thereof. *Indeed, the prophecy of this is an inseparable part of the prophecy of the other. To any one who will closely observe, it will plainly appear that in the three great lines of prophecy in Daniel 7, and 8, and 11, the great subject is Rome. In the Scriptures in each of these chapters far more space is given to the description of Rome than is given to Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Grecia all together. And in Dan. 11 : 14 when the entrance of Rome upon the scene is marked, it is definitely and significantly stated "the children of robbers shall exalt themselves to establish the vision." That is to say: **Rome is the particular object of the vision; and when Rome is reached and she enters upon the scene, the vision is established.** {1901 ATJ, An Ecclesiastical World Power 1.2}*

*And again: In Dan. 11:4 there is marked the concurrence of events which calls into the field of prophecy and history the Roman power. And when the Roman power does enter the field, the Word says that it is done "to establish the vision"—"the children of robbers shall exalt themselves to establish the vision." **This shows that the Roman power was the great object of the vision; that whatever was given preceding the rise of that power, was given only as certain stepping-stones unto the time when that power should rise; and that when this power was met, in its rise, the object of the vision was met—the vision was established.** And when that power is once entered upon the scene, it continues, if not in one phase then just as certainly in another, till the time of the coming of the Lord and the end of the world. {November 21, 1900 ATJ, Signs of the Times 4.10}*

- Rome was the principal persecutor of God's church at the beginning (Ephesus, Smyrna) and it will be their chief persecutor at the end (Dan 11:44).
- It is the power that continues until Christ's second coming (2 Thess 2:1-8).

Where There is No Chazown Vision:

- Prophecy likened to the eyes of the church.

1Sa 9:9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for *he that is now called* a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

- Seer - *raw-aw'*

A primitive root; to *see*, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitively, intransitively and causatively): - advise self, appear, approve, behold, X certainly, consider, discern, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, X indeed, X joyfully, lo, look (on, one another, one on another, one upon another, out, up, upon), mark, meet, X be near, perceive, present, provide, regard, (have) respect, (fore-, cause to, let) see (-r, -m, one another), shew (self), X sight of others, (e-) spy, stare, X surely, X think, view, visions.

- Therefore to be blind is to be without understanding of visions of Bible prophecy.

Mat 15:12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

Mat 15:13 But he answered and said, **Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.**

Mat 15:14 **Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.**

- The blind fall into the ditch that is the Papacy. They shall receive the Mark of the Beast.

Pro 23:26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

Pro 23:27 For a whore *is* a deep ditch; and a strange woman *is* a narrow pit.

Pro 22:14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Rev 17:5 And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE **MOTHER OF HARLOTS** AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

- Where there is no understanding of prophetic history, people will fall for the deceptions of Rome that will ultimately cause them to be lost.

Those who become confused in their understanding of the Word, who fail to see the meaning of antichrist, will surely place themselves on the side of antichrist. There is no time now for us to assimilate with the world. Daniel is standing in his lot and in his place. The prophecies of Daniel and of John are to be understood. They interpret each other. They give to the world truths which every one should understand. These prophecies are to be witnesses in the world. By their fulfillment in these last days they will explain themselves. {7BC 949.6}

Pro 29:18 Where *there is* no vision [**chazown**], the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

Deu 29:29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what God has wrought, I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. **We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.** {CET 204.1}