

6. **The Flying Roll** Zechariah 5:1-4

a. **Precise:** This vision is often placed with the next one and they are treated as one unit. I have generally divided them in that it seems to me they are separate pictures although the general treatment is, I believe, in a common area. This one presents the truth that judgment for ill doing will destroy the individual and his house.

b. **The Persons of the vision**

- (1) The prophet and (apparently) his angel
- (2) The Lord, by pronouncement

c. **The Symbolic actions:**

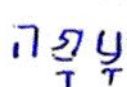
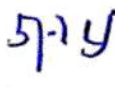
(1) v. 1-2, the flying roll. The unique thing is that it is open (note the measurements in v. 2) and can (v. 3) be read on both sides. The measurement may not be significant although numerologists may have a field day with it. It obviously symbolizes a Divine proclamation visible and available to all who will see it. What is that proclamation..that is the query.

(2) v. 3-4 the roll is pointed against those who steal and those who take oaths falsely by "my name". It symbolizes the anger of God on a particular type of crime.

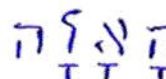
(3) it is called a curse...symbolic of those who are judged by it when it enters their areas of responsibility and finds them deficient. It judges those guilty in either of the areas mentioned and this, as you can see, would apply to all segments of the society equally.

d. **Notes on the Hebrew text**

5:1  "roll" BDB 166

 Q. Pt. "fly" 

5:2..note the dimensions..no small thing

5:3  "curse" "oath"