

Revelation. The actual teaching comes back to that of the first vision. The land has been quieted by the power of God and there are no viable enemies about. The people of God, in light of this blessing and the Divine will, should get on with the work pointed up by the visions.

- b. The People in the vision: none but the prophet, his angel, and the horses!
- c. The symbolism:
 - (1) the horse is still the symbol of judgment, warfare, conquest, etc.
 - (2) v. 1...the chariot...with the horses symbolizes the reality of conquest. That there are "four" of them suggests a world view for the vision..or at least a lind-wide view. Four, when used symbolically, generally suggests universality,.
 - (3) v. 1..."mountains of brass"...brass when used in symbol is suggestive of judgment and mountain used figuratively suggests power or strength. Everything in v. 1 indicates a scene of strength and power.
 - (4) the color of the horse may be suggesxtive, the red: blood and warfare; the black: judgment and death; the white: victory and strength; the grisled; famine and astonishment.
 - (5) vss 5-7 find the information that the horses represent the spirits of God that know all that is taking place in the whole earth. The representative action is for them to go forth and walk through the earth. (v. 7)
 - (6) The ones from the north country (v. 8)...the black horses, have the report that the north is quieted. With the white horses, the judgment and victory of God is complete and his spirit is quiet in the land of His enemies. You will remember that all of Israel's eastern enemies came from the north for attack due to the topography...they are generally thought of as the "northerner" as in the book of Joel.