

b. The symbols:

- (1) the horns:
- (2) the carpenters:
- (3) the suggested symbolic actions

- c. The message: Every foe that has come up against Judah has been dealt with by God. He will continue to do so.
- d. The lesson: Don't worry about enemies...God will deal with them. His people should be faithful to Him but wherever foes arise, God will meet their challenge. Get busy and build the Temple.
- e. And you will observe that this elicits another question... Why does God want the temple built at all...why does he want it built now?

3. The Man with the Measuring Line 2:1-5

- a. A quick synopsis: A man with a measuring line is asked by the prophet concerning the object of his measurement. The response is that Jerusalem is going to be blessed by God beyond measure.
- b. The symbols:
  - (1) the measuring line
  - (2) the symbolic action
- c. The Message: Jerusalem is going to be inhabited beyond anything previously seen. Its future is sure. The Lord himself will protect her and be her glory.
- d. The Lesson: The temple is the worship and teaching center. How can the purposes of God be achieved without it? It must be built.
- e. But this will raise a further question: Are we sure God will accept us? We have failed often and perhaps now we are so stained with failure that God will not honor us.
- f. At this point I note that 2:6-13 is a great song of deliverance and I will comment on it after we have finished the visions. Notice also the eschatological picture that is building in vss 4-5. It would seem that the present Jerusalem is used as a model for a Jerusalem to come.

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4. The Cleansing of Joshua: 3:1-10

- a. A quick synopsis: To answer the previous question this vision shows the best man of his time in filthy garments and being accused of being unworthy before God. But God acts in grace towards him, accepts him, cleanses him, and commissions him to do His work.
- b. The symbols:
  - (1) a brand from the fire v. 2
  - (2) filthy garments v. 3

*Rev. 12:10*