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As the sun sets on March 27 if one will look toward the western sky the first sighting of the visible crescent moon will be visible from Ysrael and the western hemisphere. From India the sighting will be possible only under perfect sighting conditions. In Num. 10:8,10 יהוה stated that the start of the months was to be announced by the priests. Eventually the priests were settled in the land of Kenaan (Ysrael). This instruction was never changed in the Scriptures, thus we should start the Biblical months today by the visible crescent moon from Ysrael.

Pesach/Matzos (Passover/Unleavened Bread)

Fourteen days later would be the festival of Pesach/Matzos, starting at the end of April 9 and going through to Apr. 17.

Below is a list of the places where A.O.Y.M. pastors are keeping a full eight day festival in Andhra Pradesh, India.

Eathakota, E.G. dt. - Br. M. Madhu Babu, 9491447401

Kambotlapalem, W.G. dt. - br. Tony, Pas.V. Abinav, Pas. M. Hariem, Pas. D. Karunakar, 9951279199, 08814-252478

Visakhapatnam, - Br. G. Raja Prasad and family, Pas. K. Prakash Paul, 9010698432, 9848112403

Hyderabad, - Pas. Y. Sunith Premanand, 9885521445

Malkapuram, W.G. dt. - br. V. Nova, 9395313732

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Below is an interpretation of the prophecy of Zech. 6:1-8.

Prophecy is history written in advance that יהוה gives to warn, prepare, and encourage His people for what is coming in the future, see Amos 3:7. Prophecies will many times have more than one application, so one must study a prophecy and see if it fits a period of time in the past, present or future. If no principles of Scripture are violated and the prophecy fits the period of time, then it applies as valid to that period of time.

Two Mountains of Brass, by br. Matithyah

In Zecharyah 6:1-8 we read of two mountains of Brass, *"¹And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.*

²With the first chariot were red horses; and with the second chariot black horses; ³And with the third chariot white horses; and with the fourth chariot spotted and strong horses.

⁴Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, what are these, Adoni? ⁵And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Adon of all the earth.

⁶The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the spotted go forth toward the south country. ⁷And the strong went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the

earth. ⁸Then cried he upon me, and spoke unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."

In the Scriptures יהוה refers to mountains sometimes as His abiding place where His people will dwell with Him, see Ex.15:17 *"Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance,..."* Isa. 65:25 *"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith יהוה."* Isa. 51:16 *"...and say unto Zion, thou art My people."* Here in Zech. 6 we see two mountains of brass. Brass is strong metal that is an alloy of copper and zinc or tin; copper was found in the mountains of Ysrael in this alloyed form, Dt. 8:9. It is non corrosive and handles friction fairly well thus it is used in various applications where it will come in contact with the elements, such as locks, shipbuilding, bullet casings. Doorknobs will be made of brass as bacteria cannot live for long on a copper alloy. It is also fairly malleable and thus it is used in the making of various musical instruments, where it will be polished to a smooth, bright, golden finish. A mountain of brass could symbolize יהוה's people that He is pleased with and thus blesses.

Four Chariots

From between these two mountains come four chariots with horses of various colors. In an earlier vision in Zech. 1:8-10 the symbol of the horses is explained, *"I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, spotted, and white. ⁹Then said I, O Adoni, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these be. ¹⁰And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom יהוה hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth."* So thus we see that the horses symbolize those that יהוה sends forth into the world.

The first horses were of red color. Red is symbolic in Scripture of either sin or bloodshed, see Isa.1:18 and 63:2,3

ישוע Mashiach commanded His disciples to go and to teach all peoples, Mt. 28:19. All of the early apostles met with martyrdom, except Yochanan. The early believers in Mashiach ישוע were highly persecuted by the existing Roman empire and thus they had to hide away and keep their faith secret from most of society. Zecharyah tells where the other chariots in Zech. 6 went, but no mention is made of where the red chariots went, thus showing that many were martyrs for their faith.

The next chariot had black horses. Blackness is an absence of light. It is יהוה's Word that is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, Ps. 119:105. Without the light of יהוה's Word we would be in great spiritual darkness in this world. Sometime after the early disciples of ישוע Mashiach died, the Christian Church compromised the principles of truth and gained popularity by lowering the standard of righteousness and allowing idolatry, Sabbath breaking, and the inculcation of many pagan practices. This resulted in a great era of intellectual darkness that secular historians today refer to as the dark ages. During this time the Word of יהוה

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was forbidden, on pain of death, to be owned or read in much of the European world. The light of יהוה's truth was withheld and thus darkness or blackness came on much of the world.

The horses in the second chariot are said to go into the "north country". The Yahudian mind would consider Ysrael and Yarushalem as the center of the earth and Babylon is mentioned in Scripture as being a country from the north, as the Babylonians had to approach Ysrael from the north, see Eze. 26:7; Jer. 6:22; 23:8.

The Scriptures also speak of Babylon in a spiritual sense as being a great mother whore with many harlot daughters, see Rev. 17:1,5. יהוה further says that many of His people are lost in spiritual Babylon and He calls upon them to come out of her (Rev. 18:4), that they partake not of Babylon's sins. During the so called "dark ages" of European history יהוה still had His faithful witnesses that spoke against the prevailing errors of the society of their day; men such as John Wycliff, John Huss, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, etc... Although these men were not perfect they stood strong for many important doctrines of truth at the risk of their lives. Thus the horses of the black chariot went toward the spiritual north country of their day, by countering the rampant doctrinal errors of the corrupted Christian church.

Following the black horses is a chariot with white horses. These also go toward the north country. After the imprisonment of the pope in 1798AD, by Napoleon, the Catholic church was removed from European dominance. The Western world then experienced a comparative time of freedom and spiritual growth that resulted in the widespread establishment of the Protestant ideology in the minds of many European and American citizens. Many from the European and American continents at this time went as missionaries to much of the Eastern world. This movement followed in what it knew to be true, but yet it still had not come back to full obedience to the Torah of יהוה. During this time there was enlightenment in many people's mind upon the issue of the true Sabbath, resulting in several groups that promoted obedience to the Torah in various degrees. Being that this movement taught against many of the corrupting doctrines of the Catholic church it is said to be going toward the north country. The abominations and atrocities of the past Papal organization are great and many, but the work of the black and white chariots are said to have satisfied the Almighty in regard to exposing these wrongs in the eyes of mankind. Thus the angel says that the work of these chariots "have quieted my spirit in the north country."

Finally, in the last chariot there are two sets of horses going in different directions but yet linked to the same chariot. The spotted horses of the fourth chariot are going toward the "south country" whereas the strong horses are said to be seeking to walk to and fro in the earth, but their efforts are being hindered as they are linked to the spotted horses who desire only to go toward the south country.

Mitsrayim(Egypt) is spoken of in Scripture as the south country being that Mitraites would enter Ysrael from the south, see Gen. 12:9,10. The Scriptures will always speak of one coming *up* from Mitsrayim(Ex. 17:3) or going *down* to

Mitsrayim(Gen. 26:2). In Mitsrayim the children of Ysrael could not properly serve יהוה because the king of Mitsrayim would not acknowledge יהוה as Elohim(Ex. 5:2). Thus Mitsrayim is symbolic of people living in willful forgetfulness of יהוה and His commandments.

In the fourth chariot Zecharyah said the spotted horses went toward the south country. The spotted horses are not fully white or fully black and they are seeking to go to a place where יהוה is not honored; ישוע said some have a lukewarm faith, they are not cold nor hot, thus He threatens to separate them from His presence(Rev. 3:16).

The strong horses in the fourth chariot are said to be seeking to walk to and fro in the earth. Why only seeking? Why not doing? They want to go and teach in all the earth the truth of יהוה but their efforts are hindered because they are linked to the spotted horses who only want to live a lukewarm spiritual life. Finally, a voice says, "get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth". What causes the strong horses to finally be able to go and teach the truth properly? Why are they no longer seeking; but are doing? Somehow they must have been severed from the spotted horses that were hindering them.

יהוה seeks to purify his people by the testimony of his Word, but if that does not fulfill His purposes יהוה will take matters into His Own hands at times as He did in Acts 5 with Chananyah and Shaphira, see also Eze. 8,9; Isa. 66:15-17. A man can deceive others and maybe he will even deceive himself, but man cannot deceive יהוה. יהוה has no use for hypocrites in His service and He will eventually give them just punishment.

Two Brass mountains

These four chariots are coming from between the two Brass mountains. When the early Messianic assembly was started it received the fullness of the power of יהוה; Acts 2 describes how 3000 joined the Assembly in one day. The early believers in ישוע Mashiach had a strong, non-corrosive faith, that could withstand the friction of the physical and spiritual elements of their day, and in spite of much persecution they continued to shine like a well trained harmonized orchestra following conductor ישוע Mashiach.

Before the closing of this worlds history, prophecy foretells of another group of people that will spiritually be "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners" Songs 6:10 They will be "a large and mighty army ..., such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come." Yoel 2:2 They will give a loud cry to the world to come out of Babylon, "that you received not of her plagues", Rev 18:4. They will be the second mountain, a mountain of Brass.

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"...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the

*firstfruits unto Elohim and to the Lamb and in their mouth
were found no guile: for they are without fault before the
throne of Elohim.” Rev. 14:4*