

The Lord Remembers
Prophetic Pictures, Part 4
Zechariah 6

As High Priest, He (Jesus) continually intercedes for all those He saves. Because a priest must represent both God and men, He could not have been believers' High Priest apart from His deigning to become a man.

-John MacArthur

I. The Chariots

II. The Crown

Into the Bible

In the Old Testament there were three key offices that exercised authority over God's people—prophets who spoke for God, priests who administered God's grace in forgiveness for sins, and kings who ruled over God's people. When Christ began his earthly ministry people began acknowledging him as a prophet. Does Jesus fit the description as one who spoke for God? (John 6:68, Acts 3:22, Hebrews 1:1-2)

The offices of priest and king were specifically kept separate in the Old Testament. King Saul provoked God's displeasure and earned a sharp rebuke from Samuel for taking on himself the role of priest to offer a sacrifice to God. (1 Samuel 13) Zechariah's crowning of Joshua looks forward to Christ fulfilling both roles upon his return. What qualifies Christ to combine both roles? (Hebrews 9:13-14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Ephesians 1:20-21)

Application

The minor prophets have repeatedly described the wrath of God poured out in judgment on his own people and those nations surrounding them. At times it does seem to support the idea of an angry God taking it out on the world. Why is it wrong for us to see God in this light?
(Romans 1:18-20, 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:17-18)

For Families

Talk with your children about how Jesus acts as our high priest in forgiving sins.