

# Christ as the Corner, the Nail, and the Bow

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Zechariah 10:4

There are many types of Christ in the Bible—The Passover Lamb; the Noah's ark; manna in the wilderness; the tabernacle; the brazen Serpent; Jonah in the whale, etc.

In Zechariah 10:4 are three types of Christ. "*Out of him*" is the tribe of Judah (v. 3). Out of Judah would come Jesus as "*the corner... the nail... the battle bow...*"

## I. The Corner, to **SQUARE** the building.

- A. **IMPORTANCE**—The cornerstone was the most important part of the building. It would be the **starting point** of the building. It was larger than the other stones. It had to be perfectly square. The placement of it must be perfectly level. Each stone used to build the walls, must be in perfect alignment with the corner-stone.
- B. **SYMBOL**—The cornerstone symbolized strength... stability... truth... justice... righteousness... and perfection. Jesus is the embodiment of all these.

➡ Jesus is the Stone that was rejected at His first coming (Ps. 118:22; Mt. 21:42). He will be to the nation of Israel what the cornerstone was to the temple.

## II. The Nail, to **SUPPORT** the nation.

- A. Nails are **building tools**. Nails were usually wooden pegs used as a tent stake, or to secure two timbers together. Jesus is the Nail that holds everything firmly in place.
- B. Nails **support weight**. The nail would be driven into walls or the main post of a tent. It would be a place to hang various things of value—armor, shields, helmets, swords, etc. [ILLUS. I have driven nails into the studs of my garage. On these nails hang tools, lawn chairs, fishing gear, chains, ropes, car ramps, jackets, etc.]

➡ The use and value of the nail is dependent on two things: (1) The **strength** of the nail. (2) The **substance** into which it is driven.

- When the nail holds its place, whatever is hanging on it holds its place. But if the nail bends or pulls out, then whatever is hanging on it will fall also.
- Jesus is the nail that I hang all my hopes... my burdens... and my salvation. He is strong and secured by the Word of God.
- Sometimes a nail is used to display objects we value or admire on a wall (ornaments, pictures, paintings, awards, etc.). Women of Israel would hang their jewelry on a nail in the wall or tent post. You don't hand worthless things on a nail.

➡ See [Isaiah 22:20-25](#)

- All the glory and admiration of the Kingdom will hang on Jesus (Zech. 6:13)!

➡ When Jesus comes in His second advent, He will secure the nation, and place them securely in their land.

### **III. The Bow, to SUPPRESS the enemies of the nation.**

The bow is a **symbol of war**—a type of Christ as a warrior. Jesus will come as “the bow” to **deliver** Israel, and **defeat** of all armies of antichrist.

➡ “...out of him every oppressor together.” Jesus will *suppress* all who *oppress*—All dictators... despots... tyrants... and rulers will be *subjugated* and smitten under Christ's “rod or iron” (Rev. 19:15). He will rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

**SUMMATION:** You are a nail for some one—You are supporting someone who is hanging on you. If you fall, they will fall. If the nail falls, it takes everything that hangs upon it. (Rom. 14:7-“None of us liveth to himself”).

Parent if you fall...

Pastor / Preacher if you fall...

Deacon if you fall...

Christian if you fall...who would fall with you? No one falls alone!

Make sure you are anchored to a secure place—In God's Word and in God's church.