### Zechariah

## Chapter 5

1Then I turned and raised my eyes and saw what looked like a flying sickle.  
  
2And he asked me:  
  
 ‘What do you see now?’  
  
And I replied:  
  
 ‘I see a flying sickle… It’s 20 forearms long and 10 forearms wide!’  
  
3Then he said:  
  
 ‘This is the curse…  
 The one that will go ‘cross the face of the earth.  
 One side brings death to all thieves,  
 And the other, to those who would lie in a trial.  
  
 4‘For Jehovah the Almighty says this:  
  
 ‘I will [soon] send it forth…  
 I’ll send it to the thieves who would enter My House  
 And to those who swear false oaths in My Name.  
 It will come and enter their houses,  
 And then it will wipe them away,  
 Along with their woodwork and stones.’  
  
  
5Then the messenger who was speaking to me came up and said:  
  
 ‘Now, raise your eyes and see what’s coming!’  
  
6And I asked him:  
  
 ‘What is it?’  
  
And he said:  
  
 ‘What’s coming is the measuring basket  
 That will measure the land’s unrighteous ways.  
 7Look… I have a measure of lead.  
 And look… There’s a woman inside of [that basket]!’  
  
8Then he said:  
  
 ‘This [lead] is their lawless ways!’  
  
And at that, he threw [the lead] at the basket, and it fell into the woman’s mouth.  
  
9Then I raised my eyes and I saw two more women coming. Both had wings that were like those of a hoopoe bird, and [their wings] thereafter became filled with the wind. Then they picked up the basket and lifted it between the land and the sky.  
  
10So I asked the messenger that was speaking to me:  
  
 ‘Where are they taking the basket?’  
  
11And he replied:  
  
 ‘To the land of Babylon, they’ll take it,  
 In which there [will be] a house,  
 That they’ve prepared for it there.’