

## **Zechariah Lesson 37**

**1-7-2003**

1. Last week I completed the exegesis of Zec 3:9 and when time expired we were in the process of reviewing the Doctrine of The Day of the Lord.
2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will return to The Day of The Lord and point 5.4 where we were relating the Day of The Lord to the fulfillment of Israel's millennial promises.
3. Before we continue I want to give you an expanded translation of Zec 3:1-9.

**Zec 3:1 And then the interpreting angel showed me a scene in heaven; there I saw Joshua, Zerubbabel's High Priest, standing alongside the Lord Jesus Christ and beside Joshua stood Satan accusing Joshua of all manner of sin and evil.**

**Zec 3:2 And then the Lord Jesus said to Satan "I rebuke you Satan;" after all I am the One Who chose Jerusalem and is not this Israel whom I rescued from the fire.**

**Zec 3:3 Now Joshua, standing beside the Lord Jesus Christ, was attired in the regal garments of the High Priesthood but his garments were covered with excrement.**

**Zec 3:4 And the Lord Jesus said to the angels standing around Him "take from Joshua his filthy clothes;" then the Lord said to Joshua "see I have caused your iniquity to pass from you and I have clothed you in the sacred garments of the high priesthood."**

**Zec 3:5 Zechariah was so impressed by what he had seen, he proclaimed "place the bright and clean turban upon Joshua's head" and so they placed the turban of the High Priest on his head and the angels wrapped him in a robe of honor even as the Angel of The Lord stood near.**

**Zec 3:6 Then the Lord Jesus Christ solemnly affirmed to Joshua saying, Zec 3:7 "The Lord of the Armies, My Father affirms in this manner: "if you will walk in my ways, if you will act as a guardian of My Word and if you yourself will properly rule and guard My Temple courts including the Holy Place and Holy of Holies, then will I let you govern the Temple and I will give to you authorization, power and privilege to walk among the angels who serve Me in the Third Heaven."**

**Zec 3:8 "Now I urge you Joshua as the High Priest, both you and your friends who sit before you as priests and many of those who will follow as priests, I want you to listen, hear and concentrate; each of you are a sign and therefore you must do your job conscientiously and expertly for you are all prototypes proclaiming the future coming of My Servant, the Branch."**

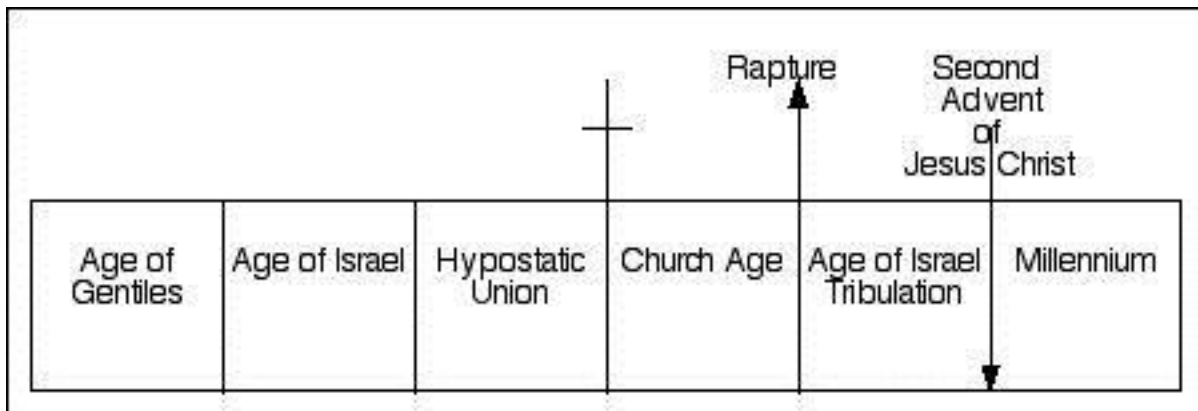
**Zec 3:9 Now Joshua take a look at the Stone which I have placed before you, a stone which has seven eyes" declares the Father, the Lord of the armies;**

**"furthermore" said the Father, the Lord of the Armies, "I shall engrave on that Stone the following "all sin and iniquity will be removed from the land in one day."**

4. Now let's return to our study of The Doctrine of The Day of The Lord.

5. "The term "day of the Lord [Jehovah]" is that period of time when the Lord openly intervenes in the affairs of men. When we find the word day in Scripture it can mean a literal 24 hour day as in the restoration, it can mean right now as in "today is the day of salvation," it can have a metaphorical meaning as in a day is as a thousand years in the eyes of the Lord or as in our case it can refer to several eschatological events "when the Lord returns to intervene in the affairs of man."

5.1 The Day of The Lord will be inaugurated with the rapture of the Church.



1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

5.2 The day of the Lord in prophetic times will cover the time of the coming tribulation (Revelation chapters 6 through 19) and the reign of Christ on David's throne (Revelation chapter 20).

5.3 It will be brought to an end by the judgment of the Great White Throne and the ushering in of the new heavens and earth, called "the day of God."

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to their works as recorded in the books.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to their works.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2Pe 3:11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

2Pe 3:12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

2Pe 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

5.4 The time of fulfillment will occur in the latter days when Israel turns to the Lord and her enemy Babylon is destroyed.

Hos 3:5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book-- will be delivered.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Isa 13:19 Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the glory of the Babylonians' pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isa 13:20 She will never be inhabited or lived in through all generations; no Arab will pitch his tent there, no shepherd will rest his flocks there.

Isa 13:21 But desert creatures will lie there, jackals will fill her houses; there the owls will dwell, and there the wild goats will leap about.

Isa 13:22 Hyenas will howl in her strongholds, jackals in her luxurious palaces. Her time is at hand, and her days will not be prolonged.

Isa 14:1 The LORD will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Aliens will join them and unite with the house of Jacob.

Isa 14:2 Nations will take them and bring them to their own place. And the house of Israel will possess the nations as menservants and maidservants in the LORD'S land. They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors.

Isa 14:3 On the day the LORD gives you relief from suffering and turmoil and cruel bondage,

Isa 14:4 you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: How the oppressor has come to an end! How his fury has ended!

5.5 Armageddon (the name itself is to be found only in Rev 16:16 - they gathered the kings to the place that in the Hebrew is called Armageddon) is the ancient hill and valley of Megiddo, west of the Jordan in the plain of Jezreel between Samaria and Galilee. Much of that which occurs during the Day of The Lord takes place in this famous valley.

5.6 It is the appointed place where the armies of the beast and false prophet will be destroyed by Christ's descending to earth in glory.

Rev 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

5.7 It is as well the place where other forces will come to join the beast in his attack on Palestine.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Rev 19:14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

Rev 19:18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Rev 16:16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

Mat 24:27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Mat 24:28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

Mat 24:30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

5.8 The battle is a fulfillment of the smiting-stone prophecy of Dan 2:35 when the Lord returns at His Second Advent to establish His kingdom on earth.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

6. In summary:

6.1 The Day of the Lord is that period of time when God openly intervenes in the affairs of men--in judgment and in blessing.

6.2 It will begin with the translation of the Church and will terminate with the cleansing of the heavens and the earth and the ushering in of the new heavens and the new earth.

6.3 The order of events:

6.3.1 the rapture of the Church just preceding the beginning of the Day of the Lord (1Th 4:16 and 17);

6.3.2 the fulfillment of Daniel's seventieth week (Dan 9:27), the latter half of which is the great tribulation (Mat 24:21);

Dan 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

Mat 24:21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now-- and never to be equaled again.

6.3.3 the return of the Lord in glory to establish the millennial kingdom (Mat 24:29-30);

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

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6.3.4 the destruction of the beast, the false prophet, and their armies, which is the "great and terrible" aspect of the day of the Lord (Rev 19:11-21);

Rev 19:19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army.

Rev 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Rev 19:21 The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

6.3.5 the judgment of individual Gentiles according to their treatment of Christ's brethren, the Jewish people (Mat 25:31-46) and the judgment of Israel (Mat 25:1-13; Mat 25:14-30 and Eze 20:34-38);

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

Mat 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Mat 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Mat 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

Mat 25:36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Mat 25:37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

Mat 25:38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

Mat 25:39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

Mat 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Mat 25:42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

Mat 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

Mat 25:44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

Mat 25:45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Mat 25:46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

### Ten Virgins

**Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.**

**Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.**

**Mat 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:**

**Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.**

**Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.**

**Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**

**Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.**

**Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.**

**Mat 25:9** But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

**Mat 25:10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

**Mat 25:11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

**Mat 25:12** But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

**Mat 25:13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

### **Talents**

**Mat 25:14** For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

**Mat 25:15** And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

**Mat 25:16** Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

**Mat 25:17** And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

**Mat 25:18** But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

**Mat 25:19** After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

**Mat 25:20** And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

**Mat 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Mat 25:22** He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

**Mat 25:23** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Mat 25:24** Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

**Mat 25:25** And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

**Mat 25:26** His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

**Mat 25:27** Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

**Mat 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.**

**Mat 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.**

**Mat 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Eze 20:34 I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered-- with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

Eze 20:35 I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you.

Eze 20:36 As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 20:37 I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

Eze 20:38 I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me. Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

6.3.6 the millennial reign of Christ on earth (Rev 20:4-6);

Rev 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

6.3.7 the satanic revolt and its judgment (Rev 20:7-10);

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog-- to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

Rev 20:9 They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

6.3.8 the destruction of the present earth and heaven by fire preparatory for the future "day of God" (2Pe 3:10-12); and

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.



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6.3.9 the resurrection and final judgment of the wicked (Rev 20:11-15);

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

6.3.10 the creation of the new heavens and the new earth (Isa 65:17-19; Isa 66:22; 2Pe 3:13 and Rev 21:1).

Isa 65:17 "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

Isa 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

Isa 65:19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

Isa 66:22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure.

2Pe 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."

7. Now let's review quickly that which we learned of verse ten:

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Zec 3:10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Principles:

1. The Father, the Lord of the Armies, continues to speak.

2. The Father uses a familiar idiom "you shall call every man a friend." This is idiomatic for prosperity.
  3. Notice it is to come in **that day**. That day is a reference to the day of our Lord's return at His second advent.
  4. Zechariah uses the phrase "in that day" both here and elsewhere to describe the day when the Lord Jesus will return for His people.
  5. The uses of the phrase in that day in chapters twelve and fourteen are especially contextually profound given the subjects of chapters 12-14: the abuse, rescue and restoration of Israel.
  6. Rather than give you a detailed study of the Lord of The Armies, let's just stipulate the meaning of the phrase "**saith the Lord of the hosts**." Most of you, know from earlier studies that the phrase the Lord of Hosts is better rendered the Lord of the Armies.
    - 6.1 Most often it is a reference to Jesus Christ, however here we have an exception, it refers to God the Father.
      - 6.1.1 Clearly when Jesus Christ as the Angel of The Lord speaks and says "the Lord of The Armies says" the antecedent is either the Father or the Holy Spirit. I have opted for The Father. So the Father, as Lord of The Armies declares.
    - 6.2 The phrase emphasizes the sovereignty and power of God Almighty.
    - 6.3 So therefore two of His essences are portrayed "Sovereignty and Omnipotence."
    - 6.4 What the Lord of the Armies says will happen, Happens!
  7. Now for the phrase "**shall ye call every man his neighbour**." This is an idiom for prosperity. When Christ returns, both Israel and the nations will be prosperous. There will be full employment, marital bliss, perfect health, perfect weather and easy access to Bible Doctrine for all who want it.
    - 7.1 It probably doesn't need to be said but Israel is our subject and Zechariah was written primarily with Israel in mind therefore the phrase "**under the vine and under the fig tree**" must be interpreted in the light of Israel and her metaphors.
  8. Under the vine and the fig tree is repeatedly used in the OT to describe Israel. It is especially used when Israel is in a proper spiritual relationship with the Lord.
- Mic 4:4 But they shall sit every man **under his vine and under his fig tree**; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

1Ki 4:25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man **under his vine and under his fig tree**, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

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