

## Zechariah 6:9-14

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I remember as a young boy my greatest anticipation, the thing I looked forward to the most, was our yearly trip to Iowa to hunt pheasants. My fondest memories are from those hunting trips, especially the conversations my dad and I had along with talk about what the future might hold for me.

The Jews had just gotten good news that they could return to their homeland that had been decimated by the Babylonians and rebuild their Temple along with instituting Temple worship and sacrifices with the High Priest. Times of anticipation were exciting as they made plans to rebuild and execute this plan.

Zechariah gave them a glimpse of the coming Priest that would sit and rule on the throne forever and institute counsel and peace. They were told to make a crown out of silver and gold and place it on the head of Joshua the High Priest and from there it would be a reminder and anticipation of the one who would come one day to fulfill that role forever. His name would be Branch which literally means "sprout" and would later be fulfilled by Jesus Christ as that man in Isaiah 11:1-5. He would have many titles from King of Kings and Lord of Lords to Savior, the Prince of Peace. He would be the mediator between God and man the faithful High Priest that interceded on our behalf and lastly the promised and anticipated savior to Israel and all who would believe.

***"The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110:4***

***"So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,***

***'You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you';***

***as he says also in another place,***

***'You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.'***

***In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek."***

***Hebrews 5:5-10***