

Zechariah 4

Zechariah 4.1-5

V1 – Beginning of the fifth vision

- Zechariah seems to have fallen asleep after the 4th vision
- Who woke him up?** The angel

V2 – **What did Zechariah see in this vision?** Seven branches, a golden lampstand, bowl on top of the lampstand, two olive trees on each side of the bowl to supply oil to it (name: menorah)

- The lampstand is the Jewish nation
- See any standard Bible dictionary for a picture of a menorah

V3 – **What would the trees represent?** Two sources of strength for Israel

V4 – Zechariah asked about the two trees

V5 – The angel prepared to tell Zechariah about the two trees

Zechariah 4.6-10

V6 – **What did one of the trees represent?** A message to Zerubbabel

- What was the message of God to Zerubbabel?** *“Not by might or power, but by My Spirit.”*
- Message?** The rebuilding of Jerusalem would be carried out by the power of God
- In human vision it looked hopeless, but with God it could be done

V7 – **What would happen to the obstacles before Zerubbabel?** Like mountains turned into plains (they would disappear)

- People would shout at the completion of the temple

V8 – More messages from God

V9 – **What prophecy did God make here?** Zerubbabel would be the one to finish the temple

V10 – Famous verse – We don’t always see the good that will come from “small things”

- Application?** The temple had a small beginning, but it would become a great temple
- “These seven” refers to the seven lampstands
- The menorah represents Israel in God's eyes and His presence in the world
- What did these “eyes” want to see?** Zerubbabel back at work on the temple

Zechariah 4.11-14

V11 – **What question did Zechariah ask?** What do the two trees stand for?

V12 – Zechariah had to ask a second time

- Maybe the angel was puzzled that Zechariah still had not figured it out
- Notice also that the question was enlarged a second time

V 13 – The angel is still amazed that Zechariah has not figured it out

V 14 – **What did the two trees stand for?** Zerubbabel and Joshua

Lessons from Chapter 4

- Zerubbabel would finish the temple with God's help
- God would support His people

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