

#997 The Whore's Latter Rain – Zechariah Chapter 4 and the Latter Rain of April 9, 1906, and Latter Reign of April 6, 1917, part 2, The Two Olive Trees and the Golden Candlestick

Zechariah chapter 4. Work was resumed on the Temple in 520 B.C. and the project was completed in 516 B.C. It was constructed under the direction of Zerubbabel (Ezra 3:1-8; 4:1-14), who was a descendant of David (1 Chronicles 3:19). Zechariah used a series of eight visions, recorded in Zechariah 1:7–6:8, to encourage the remnant to complete the rebuilding of the Temple.

The fifth vision, that of the Golden Candlestick and the Two Olive Trees, is seen in Zechariah chapter 4.

Zechariah 4:1-14 (NIV) *Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep.*

*2 He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a **SOLID GOLD LAMPSTAND** [candlestick] **with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights.***

*3 Also **there are TWO OLIVE TREES by it**, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." [Two olive trees, one on each side of the bowl, are feeding their oil into the bowl, which then has seven channels carrying the oil from the bowl to the seven lights of the lampstand (candlestick).]*



4 I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"

5 He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied.

*6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,**' says the LORD Almighty.*

7 "What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. [The mountainous obstacles that had stood in the way of the building of the second Temple would be removed.] Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" [The capstone – the headstone – represents the completion of the project.]

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me:

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

10 "Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "(These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth.)"

11 Then I asked the angel, "**What are these TWO OLIVE TREES** on the right and the left of the lampstand?"

12 Again I asked him, "**What are these TWO OLIVE BRANCHES** beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" [At this point, there seems to be new information that is added. The two olive trees seem to both have a specific branch coming from each of them (and thus two olive branches) from which golden oil is pouring into two gold pipes which are feeding the oil into the bowl. Seven channels from the bowl are carrying the golden oil from the bowl to the seven lights of the lampstand (candlestick).]

13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said.

14 So he said, "**These are THE TWO WHO ARE ANOINTED to serve the Lord of all the earth.**"

Key Understanding: The golden oil from two olive trees. In Zechariah's vision in Zechariah chapter 4, golden oil from two olive branches which are from two olive trees pours into a bowl, and then from the bowl is dispensed to seven lights of the lampstand (candlestick) through seven pipes. The oil represents the Spirit of God feeding the Jewish 'Church'.

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