

#1020 The Whore's Latter Rain – Zechariah Chapter 4 and the Latter Rain of April 9, 1906, and Latter Reign of April 6, 1917, part 21, The Two Witnesses: The Two Olive Trees of Zechariah 4 point to the Two Olive Trees of Revelation 11

The Two Witnesses

Key Understanding: *The two olive trees of Zechariah 4 point to the two witnesses of Revelation 11. All Bible scholars would acknowledge that the Candlestick and Two Olive Trees of Zechariah 4 point to the Two Witnesses of Revelation 11, who are said to be “the Two Olive Trees.” Let’s look at key parts of both passages for comparative purposes.*

***Zechariah 4:1-6 (KJV)** And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,
2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold A CANDLESTICK ALL OF GOLD, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:
3 And TWO OLIVE TREES by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.
4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?
5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, saith the LORD of hosts.*

***Zechariah 4:11-14 (NIV)** 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?"
13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said.
14 So he said, "These are THE TWO [the governor, Zerubbabel, in the symbolic office of **King**, and Joshua in the office of **Priest**] WHO ARE ANOINTED to serve the Lord of all the earth."*



Zechariah 4:14 – These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth

Let’s now go to Revelation 11:1-4, noting the distinct similarities between Zechariah 4 and Revelation 11.

Revelation 11:1-4 (KJV) *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and MEASURE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3 And I WILL GIVE POWER unto my TWO WITNESSES, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the TWO OLIVE TREES, and the TWO CANDLESTICKS standing before the God of the earth.



Revelation 11:4 – These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth

Similarities between the passages of Zechariah 4 and Revelation 11 include the themes of:

- (i) **Two Olive Trees** – Both passages contain Two Olive Trees.
- (ii) **Candlesticks** – Zechariah 4 speaks of one Candlestick, though it is an extension of the Two Olive Trees, with the Candlestick representing the Jewish “church”, and the Two Olive Trees representing two offices/leaders of that Jewish “church”; Revelation 11:1 speaks of Two Olive Trees and Two Candlesticks, indicating that what represents the Two Olive Trees also represents the Two Candlesticks, which is similar in fashion to what is seen in Zechariah 4.
- (iii) **Measuring the Temple** – In Zechariah 4, the main topic is the issue of the rebuilding of the Temple by Zerubbabel and Joshua (see also Zechariah 2 for the specific theme of “*measuring*” Jerusalem), and in Revelation 11:4, the instruction is given to “*measure the temple of God.*” The fact that Zerubbabel and Joshua were involved in rebuilding the Temple of God points to the possibility that the Two Witnesses of Revelation 11 might be involved in “rebuilding” the Temple of God, the New Testament Church.
- (iv) **Power** – In Zechariah 4, the Temple is not rebuilt by *might* or *power*, but by the Lord’s *Spirit*. In Revelation 11:3, the Lord gives “*power*” to his Two Witnesses, but since they are the Two Olive Trees, which represent *oil*, or the *Spirit*, one gets the sense that the “*power*” of the Two Witnesses is by the *Spirit*, hearkening back to Zechariah 4:6, and not in any semblance reflective of the world’s *might* and *power*.

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