

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers

"Under the Influence"

Zechariah 4:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

- **REVIEW:** After 70 year in bondage in Babylon Israel now has the opportunity to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and the city wall.
 - Why? To bring Jehovah glory and Worship Him once again.
 - Ezra 1:1-3
 - Ezra 5:1-2
 - Joshua (The High Priest) and Zerubbabel (the Governor) were to lead the way.
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** So, God gives Zechariah 8 Visions in One Night.
 - LAST WEEK - We looked @ Night Vision #4 - The Gospel According to Zechariah.
 - In this Heavenly Courtroom Scene we saw 4 Participants in court.
 - The Defendant - Joshua the High Priest
 - The Defense Attorney - The Son of God -The Angel of the Lord
 - The Prosecution - Satan
 - The Judge - THE LORD - Jehovah
 - The CHARGE?? - High Treason
 - Zechariah 3:1-4

I. TIME TO WAKE-UP

1. Vs 1

- a) "And the angel who talked with me"
 - 1) That's the Interpreting Angel (Guide) i.e. Gettysburg/Israel
- b) "came again and awoke me, like a man who is awakened out of sleep."

2. I can only imagine how tight Zechariah must be wound.

- a) Eight Visions in One Night!!!

II. TIME TO SHINE

A. LIGHT NEEDED TO SEE

1. Vs 2

- a) "What do you see?"
 - 1) "I said, 'I see and behold, a lampstand all of gold'
- b) "Lampstand"
 - a) Made of 1 solid piece of gold.

2. The rule of **Antecedent Scripture**: We must not violate the known usage of a word, and invent another for which there is no precedent. Just as a judge's chief occupation is the study of previous cases, so must the interpreter use precedents in order to determine whether they really support an alleged doctrine. Consider the Bereans in **Acts 17:10-12** who were called "noble" because they searched the Scriptures to determine if what Paul taught them was true.

3. **Exodus 25:31-38**

4. **Revelation 1:12-16**

a) **"Seven golden lampstands"**

1) Seven is the number of completion and perfection.

b) **"and in the midst"**

5. **The Menorah was the only light In the Tabernacle.**

B. REFLECTING THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST

1. **Vs 11**

a) **"to the seven churches"**

2. **A lamp was/is used to dispel darkness.**

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** In Christ's absence, His church is to be the light of the world.

4. The LAMPS were made of clay, which is a picture of humanity.

5. **GET THE PICTURE:** Think of a lampstand for a moment!!!

a) **Golden Lampstand** - is made of pure gold = Purity of Christ

b) **Clay Lamps** - Human frailty

c) **Oil** - Holy Spirit

d) **Flame** - is the Gospel message

e) **PURPOSE** - is to illuminate the beauty of the lampstand.

C. THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

1. **Revelation 1:13**

a) **"one like the son of man"**

b) **"clothed with a long robe"**

1) Cf. **Isaiah 6:1**

2. Vs 13

- a) "and with golden sash around his chest"
 - 1) A picture of His righteous justice.
- b) *Isaiah 11:5*

3. *John 13:4-5*

- a) Jesus no longer girds himself with a towel as a servant but is now seated at the right hand of the Father with perfect righteous judgment.

4. Vs 14a

- a) "*The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow*"
 - 1) Speaks of his purity and wisdom in his judgment.

5. Vs 14b

- a) "*His eyes were like a flame of fire*"
 - 1) *Psalm 11:4*
 - 2) *Hebrews 4:13*
- b) Nothing is hidden from God!!!

6. Vs 15a

- a) "*His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace.*"

7. Vs 15b

- a) "*his voice was like the roar of many waters*"
 - 1) *Psalm 29:4*
 - 2) *Ezekiel 43:2*

8. Vs 16

- a) "*from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword*"
 - 1) *Ephesians 6:17*
 - 2) *Hebrews 4:12*
 - 3) *Revelation 19:15, 21*

9. Vs 16

- a) "*In his right hand he held seven stars*"
 - 1) *James 3:1*

10. Vs 16

- a) "*and his face was like the sun shining in full strength*"
 - 1) What a picture of the glory of the Lord.
- b) *Matthew 17:1-2*
- c) *Acts 26:12-13*

11. *Revelation 20:11-15*

12. *1 Corinthians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10,*

III. IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. HOLY SPIRIT RESERVOIR

1. *Zechariah 4:1-2*

- a) "with a bowl on the top of it"
- b) "and seven lamps on it"
- c) "with seven lips on each of the Lamps that are on top of it"

B. UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Vs 3-5

- a) The two Olive Trees

2. *The Visual is that the two olive trees are no longer controlled by human effort.*

a) Vs 6

- 1) "Not by might, nor by power, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, says the Lord of hosts."

3. *Revelation 11:3-4*

C. LEVELING MOUNTAINS

1. Vs 7

- a) "Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain."

2. *WOW!!!! When you are doing Kingdom work; work that you know God has called you to do; God will level every obstacle before you."*

3. Zerubbabel faces the huge challenge of rebuilding the Temple and eventually the city walls, with the opposition he faces.

4. *Philiians 4:13*

- a) Because God does the impossible work!!!

5. *Philippians 1:6*

IV. FINISH WHAT YOU START

A. STAY ON COURSE

1. Vs 8-9a

B. TRUST THE WORD

1. Vs 9b-10a

a) The "Plumbline" is perfect perpendicular!!

2. Amos 7:7-8

a) The Word of God is God's perfect standard of Righteousness!!!!

3. Isaiah 28:17

C. GOD'S WORK OFTEN STARTS SMALL

1. **Sometimes** - God uses the weak to shame the strong.

a) 1 Corinthians 1:27

2. 2 Chronicles 16:9

V. CONSIDER THE SOURCE

A. AN ABUNDANCE OF OIL

1. Vs 10b

a) "seven eyes"

1) God is aware of what is going on in our lives, and is still advancing His purposes.

2. Vs 11-14

B. THE ANOINTED ONES

1. Vs 14

a) "These are the two anointed ones"

2. These 2 are the source of the supply of Holy Spirit power.

3. Praise and Worship, and the preaching and teaching of God's Word, is to help you connect with God!!