

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) **Psalms 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) **Psalms 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. *Phillians* 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!!