- The Lord leads the Jewish people in celebrating the foundation being completed … And leads them to put their hope in a time yet to come – on that day … As His blessing pours out, its purpose goes beyond fulfilling immediate needs … His blessing is instrumental in driving redemptive history forward … Promise to sustain in the present extends to final fulfillment of all things

❖ Message to Zerubbabel (23)

- He's the governor of Judah, but he's also the rightful King of Judah … When Judah was exiled, the dynasty of David seems to be no more … The Lord reminds Zerubbabel: promise to David continues … He is the Lord's chosen **servant** and **signet ring** … He won't sit on a throne, and he'll serve a foreign king, but thru him David's line is reestablished – the Lord's declaration … Thru him will come the final King to sit on David's throne (Mt1:12) … Establishes his **identity** so he can fulfill his **responsibility**

- Lord will shake and overthrow worldly kingdoms for eternal purpose of His Kingdom (**ties to v6**) … **Zc4:6** – the Lord will do this … Zerubbabel, walk in confidence … Walk in obedience … Walk in dependence … **Who God is and what He has spoken**

❖ Message to the Remnant (21-22)

- Not the new beginning they were anticipating … Not a time to revolt against Persia … Time to wait on God Himself to turn the political tide … **Zc4:10** … Walk in confidence, obedience, dependence … GOLDSWORTHY: IT'S MADE PLAIN THAT THE RESTORED NATION IS NOT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. WHAT THEN IS THE PURPOSE… IT REMINDS THE PEOPLE THAT GOD IS STILL ACTIVE IN THE HISTORY OF SALVATION, AND AT THE SAME IT INVITES TRUE FAITH TO LOOK BEYOND THE PRESENT EXPERIENCE TO SOME GREATER FULFILLMENT… A GREATER GLORY YET TO COME

- God's Kingdom is certain – **the promise and guarantee is His Messiah** … Dn2:35,44 … Is9:2-7 … Zerubbabel stands as one pointing to Jesus Christ … **He's the ultimate chosen servant and signet ring** … Pp2:7-11 … Ep1:20-23

❖ Message to Us in Christ

- The storyline moves from a people building a temple, to God building a people who are His temple … This is accomplished by Christ, in Christ, and thru Christ … Individual Christian (1Co6:19) … Local congregation (1Co3:16-17) … Universal church (Ep2:19-22)

- Don't despise the small things in our lives – **everyday faithful obedience** … Small steps of consistent growth is the norm … Not by your strength or your might, but by His Spirit … Walk in confidence … Walk in obedience … Walk in dependence

- The Spirit has been given to us as a promise and guarantee: God's Kingdom is established, Christ is reigning on the Throne, and **on that day, we will see it in its fullness**

- FLAVEL: EVERY WORLDLY KINGDOM IS SUBORDINATE TO GOD'S KINGDOM, MEANING HE RULES AND ORDERS THE FIRST FOR THE BENEFIT AND ADVANTAGE OF THE SECOND … We should be concerned and engaged with what goes on in our country and the world … But we must not forget that we are first and foremost **citizens of God's Kingdom** … And His Kingdom precedes everything else