This is the Word of the LORD

Zechariah 4:1—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.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.   
10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

## A Vision of the Restored Temple—**A Clear Vision of Restoration**

### Zech. 4:1-6

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.

Human might and power did not and will not establish God's church, and they cannot destroy it. From age to age his Spirit is an overflowing fountain of life and strength to his servants; it makes them victorious over all opposition, and enables them, under His care, to carry forward the work of his spiritual temple in the face of mighty foes. This glorious work shall never cease till its completion amid shoutings of "Grace, grace unto it." (Eph 1:6) “To the praise of the glory of his grace”

Zec 4:7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

Ge 20:7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Ge 40:13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

Ge 42:25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

Ps 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Isa 1:26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

42:22 But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

45:22—Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Da 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Mt 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Ga 6:1 ¶ Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Thessalonians 2:1—Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

4:1—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

1. The Completed Temple Symbolized –

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.

1. Wakened out of sleep –

a, Zechariah was wakened –

Symbolic of Israel's need to be wakened.

The Church's need to be wakened. Rom. 13:11-14 I Cor. 15:34 Eph. 5:14

2. Zechariah saw a Golden Candlestick -

He saw in vision what was to come -

(1.) It was a Revelation of Temple worship.

(2.) It was symbolic of the Church - "The Seven Lamps" Rev. 1:12

II. The Complete Restoration of Israel -

1. The Mission of Israel was to give light - To receive light and give light.

2. Symbolic of the Church being the light of the world. Matt. 5:14 Phil. 2:15

3. The lamps in the vision were supplied with oil - Through pipes from the olive trees.

Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

4. The Results of the Oil -

(1.) Supplies the Lamps with Oil -

The Fire is Sustained - Life -

Fire was never to go out.

(2.) Makes the Lamps to Shine -

Through the visitation of the Holy Spirit

the Church is invigorated - made luminous - and crowned with success.

The light which the Church possesses is not her own -

It is light communicated and sustained by oil from above.

III. The Means of Restoration Revealed - vs. 6

1. The Elements of False Confidence -

"Not by might, nor by power"

(1.) You cannot make men moral by -

The Power of the Law -

The Power of Reason -

The Power of Sympathy -

(2.) You cannot make men spiritual by -

The Doctrines of Men

The Creeds of a Church

The Religions of the World -

2. The Method God Uses - vs. 6

The Need of God's Spirit -

(1.) Our life begins with the Operation of the Spirit -

(2.) Our sanctification is through the Spirit -

(3.) Our knowledge of truth comes through the Spirit - I Cor. 2:9

(4.) Our Power in service comes through the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8

## **The Two Olive Trees and Two Olive Branches**

### Zech. 4:11-14

This was a material image of the mysterious operation of God's divine power giving success unto the work in which Zerubbabel was engaged.

The message this vision was to convey was an assurance of God's presence and readiness to help, and of utter dependence on Him.

The prophet asks a question - vs. 11

"Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?"

In vs. 2-3 The Prophet saw a golden candlestick, with a bowl upon the top of it, and seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: "And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof."

In vs. 4 He asks the question - "What are these, my Lord?"

In vs. 11 He asks the question again - "What are these two olive trees?"

In vs. 14 The answer is given - "These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

I. The Two Olive Trees Revealed

1. First who they are not -

(1) They are not Zerubbabel and Joshua -

(2) They are not Enoch and Elijah -

2. Second who they are -

(1) They are the source of the oil -

Oil flows from them.

(2) They are an unending supply of oil -

Oil trees - Always producing oil

(3) They are the living word - and the Holy Spirit

The only source of oil and light.

II. The Two Olive Branches Revealed

In verse 12 the prophet asks the question

"What be these two olive branches"

1. They are branches -

In Rom. 11:17 speaks about branches -

Some broken off - some grafted inTo the Olive Tree

2. The oil flows from the olive trees through the branches -

In the Hebrew "branches" can mean -stream or channel.

These are channels which through them the golden oil flows through the two golden pipes into the candlestick.

3. They are divinely anointed -

At this time probably referring to Zerubbabel and Joshua - prince and priest - anointed ones or sons

4. They receive divine knowledge -

From the source of oil -

5. They communicate divine knowledge -

The oil flows to the candlestick.

David said, "I am like a green olive in the house of God."

He was receiving life - "green" - olive

He was revealing light - he had oil