

The “Never Wrong”

Prophet Zechariah

Part 6

We are continuing in Zechariah chapter 4 from part 5 of our series...

Zechariah 4:8 KJV

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

Zechariah 4:8 AMPC

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"Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying": As follows, which is a confirmation of the angel's interpretation of the vision. This is a break in the previous message.

Zechariah 4:9 KJV

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.

Zechariah 4:9 AMPC

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house; his hands shall also finish it. Then you shall know (recognize and understand) that the Lord of hosts has sent me [His messenger] to you.

“Me”: This is the Angel of the LORD (see 1:11), the Protector, Deliverer, Defender of Israel, sent to bring this to fulfillment in the future.

He will come as Messiah to set up worship in the temple in His Kingdom. The temple being built under such adverse circumstances symbolizes the establishment of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God promises Zerubbabel he will see it finished. It is several years in the building and this encourages me and should all of us as well...the Spirit that God places within us seems a little thing, and our talent to do the job seems even smaller, but God can, and will, make great things of that small beginning.

The church, that we know today, began with just Jesus and 12 apostles.

Zechariah 4:10 KJV

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.

Zechariah 4:10 AMPC

10 Who [with reason] despises the day of small things? For these seven shall rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. [These seven] are the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro throughout the whole earth.

“The day of small things”: Though the rebuilding of a temple smaller than Solomon’s may have been discouraging to some (Ezra 3:12; Hag. 2:3), the LORD announced that His pleasure was upon this work, and that His omniscient care was watching over and taking pleasure in its completion.

He said in effect, “Don’t despise what God is pleased with.” This was only a picture of the glorious restoration when Messiah comes to reign. That temple will make all others pale by comparison (Ezek. Chapters 40 to 48).

God is the all-seeing, all-knowing...there is not one thing on this earth that happens that He is not aware of. Zerubbabel and these people thought they could not finish the temple nice enough to please God. They did not realize that God was not so interested in the expensive things of the temple, as He was in their faithfulness to build it.

Little is much when God is in it. God made something very beautiful out of their humble beginnings.

Little Is Much When God Is In It

In the harvest field now ripened (there is a work)
There is a work for all to do
Hark, the Master's voice it's calling
To the harvest, calling you

Does the place you're called to labor
Seem so small and little known?
Well, it is great if God is in it
And He will not forsake His own

Little is much when God is in it
Labor not for wealth or fame
There's a crown, and you can win it
If you go in Jesus name

And when the conflict here has ended
And our race on Earth is run
He will say, "If you've been faithful
Welcome home, My child, well done"

For little is much when God is in it
Labor not for wealth or fame
And there's a crown, and you can win it
If you go
If you go
If you go in Jesus name

Zechariah 4:11 KJV

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?

Zechariah 4:11 AMPC

11 Then I said to him [the angel who talked with me], What are these two olive trees on the right side of the lampstand and on the left side of it?

"Then answered I, and said unto him": To the angel that talked with him (Zech. 4:1).

"What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?": (In Zech. 4:2), they are said to be on each side of the bowl.

The mystery of the candlestick being explained to Zechariah by the angel, the prophet desires to know the meaning of the two olive trees that were on the right and left of it. One on one side, and the other on the other side.

Zechariah 4:12 KJV

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?

Zechariah 4:12 AMPC

12 And a second time I said to him, What are these two olive branches which are beside the two golden tubes or spouts by which the golden oil is emptied out?

Zechariah desires to know what are the two olive trees.

Zerubbabel and Joshua, this prince and this priest, were endued with the gifts and graces of God's Spirit. They lived at the same time, and both were instruments in the work and service of God. Christ's offices of King and Priest were shadowed forth by them.

From the union of these two offices in his person, both God and man, the fullness of grace is received and imparted. They built the temple, the church of God. So does Christ spiritually, He is not only the Messiah, the Anointed One himself, but he is the Good Olive to His church; and from His fullness we receive and the Holy Spirit is the anointing which we have received.

From Christ the Olive Tree, by the Spirit the Olive Branch, all the golden oil of grace flows to believers, which keeps their lamps burning. The "golden oil" symbolizes the Holy Spirit, which is distributed to those churches we mentioned earlier. The church (with Jesus as the Head Stone built on the Cornerstone) carries the Holy Spirit of God to the unsaved world.

Zechariah 4:13 KJV

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

Zechariah 4:13 AMPC

13 And he answered me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord.

"And he answered me, and said": That is, the angel answered to the prophet's questions. "Knowest thou not what these be?":

"And I said, No, my lord": (See Zech. 4:5). The purpose in this question is to show that wisdom, and the ability to interpret parables, comes from God.

Zechariah 4:14 KJV

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

Zechariah 4:14 AMPC

14 Then said he, These are the two [a]sons of oil [Joshua the high priest and Zerubbabel the prince of Judah, the two anointed ones] who stand before the Lord of the whole earth [as His anointed instruments].

“The two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth”:

The context clearly favors identifying them as Joshua, the high priest (a descendant of Eleazar), and Zerubbabel (a descendant of David), the governor, who will be the channels through whom God will manifest His light.

Together, they foreshadow the Messiah, in whom these two offices are combined (6:13; Psalm 110), and who is the true source of blessing to make Israel the light to the nations (Isa. 60:1-3). They had positions of responsibility in service to “the Lord of the whole earth,” a millennial term that points to the final kingdom (Micah 5:4).

Zechariah 6:13 AMPC

13 Yes, [you are building a temple of the Lord, but] it is He Who shall build the [true] temple of the Lord, and He shall bear the honor and glory [as of the only begotten of the Father] and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a Priest upon His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between the two [offices—Priest and King].

Psalm 110:1-2 AMPC

A Psalm of David.

1 The Lord (God) says to my Lord (the Messiah), Sit at My right hand, until I make Your adversaries Your footstool.

*2 The Lord will send forth from Zion **the scepter** of Your strength; rule, then, in the midst of Your foes.*

Jacob (Israel) Blessing His Sons Foretelling of THINGS to Come

Genesis 49:1-12 AMPC

49 And Jacob called for his sons and said, Gather yourselves together [around me], that I may tell you what shall befall you in the latter or last days.

Genesis 49:8-12 AMPC

8 Judah, you are the one whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down to you.

9 Judah, a lion's cub! With the prey, my son, you have gone high up [the mountain]. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, and like a lioness—who dares provoke and rouse him?

10 **The scepter** or leadership shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes to Whom it belongs, and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

11 Binding His foal to the vine and His donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washes His garments in wine and His clothes in the blood of grapes.

12 His eyes are darker and more sparkling than wine, and His teeth whiter than milk.

Let's pick back up in Psalm 110

Psalm 110:3-7 AMPC

3 Your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power, in the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning; to You [will spring forth] Your young men, who are as the dew.

4 The Lord has sworn and will not revoke or change it: You are a priest forever, after the manner and order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at Your right hand will shatter kings in the day of His indignation.

6 He will execute judgment [in overwhelming punishment] upon the nations; He will fill the valleys with the dead bodies, He will crush the [chief] heads over lands many and far extended.

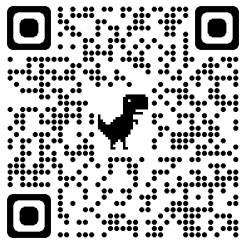
7 He will drink of the brook by the way; therefore will He lift up His head [triumphantly].

Isaiah 60:1-3 AMPC

1 Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you.

3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.



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