

The Kingdom of God is not by Force (Zechariah Chapter 4) **Zechariah's Visions and Prophecies**

Introduction

The carnal approach brings forth carnal results, which has no lasting satisfaction. But the Spirit of God establishes eternal rewards.

Jas 4:1 From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?

Jas 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Jas 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

By definition of "disciple", the believer and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ endeavors to walk in the Spirit, just as his master.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk (*are present*) in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God (*whom is Spirit*) to the pulling down of strong holds;)

When Jesus planted seeds of the Kingdom of Heaven in the earth he did not do it by force, but by his submission to death, burial, and resurrection according to sacrifice; being led of the Spirit. Even when scorned, he did not retaliate!

And upon his returns those whom the Kingdom of Heaven has taken root in, shall be gathered into his kingdom according to John 3:16.

Zechariah Chapter 4

In my mind, Verses 4:2 through 4:6 is the truth revealed to Zechariah of how the plan and work of the Spirit of God always bring forth His desired results.

Revelation Chapter 1, and Revelation Chapter 11 also identifies the candlestick and two witnesses, respectively, as primary participants that are given great responsibility, authority, and importance in the kingdom of the LORD Jesus Christ. And his kingdom is established: Not by might, nor by power (carnal force?), but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

This is also how the LORD shall use whomsoever, but specifically, Zerubbable and the high priest, Joshua at this time in Jerusalem to rebuild Judah of Israel, and the Temple after the Babylonian destruction of 586 B.C.

Zec 4:1 And the angel (*Jesus?*) that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,

Zec 4:2 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:

Zec 4:3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.

- Zec 4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What *are* these, my lord?
- Zec 4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
- Zec 4:6 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. ***(The Spirit of the LORD searches out those that have a heart to do his bidding. He knows who that is, but invitations are in reminiscent of John 3:16)***

Zerubbable and Joshua are types of Jesus and his works in the coming kingdom

Zec 4:7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain (*or obstacle to the restoration of Jerusalem*)? before Zerubbabel (*thou obstacles shalt become*) a plain (*flat/ no obstacle*): and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it (*the headstone which represent Jesus, the grace of God??*).

Zec 4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me (*Zechariah*), saying,

Zec 4:9 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 (*Zechariah, and Jesus*) unto you (*Judah of Israel*).

Zec 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet (*guideline/ standard*) in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven (*Zechariah 4:2*); they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

The two olive trees, or anointed ones receive of the Spirit of the LORD represented by the oil that replenish them out of the candlestick/ Menorah/ (Spirit of God?).

Zec 4:11 Then answered I (*Zechariah*), and said unto him (*the angel that talked with Zechariah, whom seem to be Jesus*), What *are* these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the left *side* thereof?

Zec 4:12 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?

Zec 4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No, my lord.

Zec 4:14 Then said he, These *are* the two anointed ones (*Zerubbable, and Joshua?*), that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. (*Also see Revelation 11:4*)

In order that kingdoms on earth change; men must be changed, or taken out of the way. But kingdoms shall change, then the judgment (Revelation 11:15 through 19)!