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Zechariah says, “Shhhhh. . . .”



Zechariah 4-5

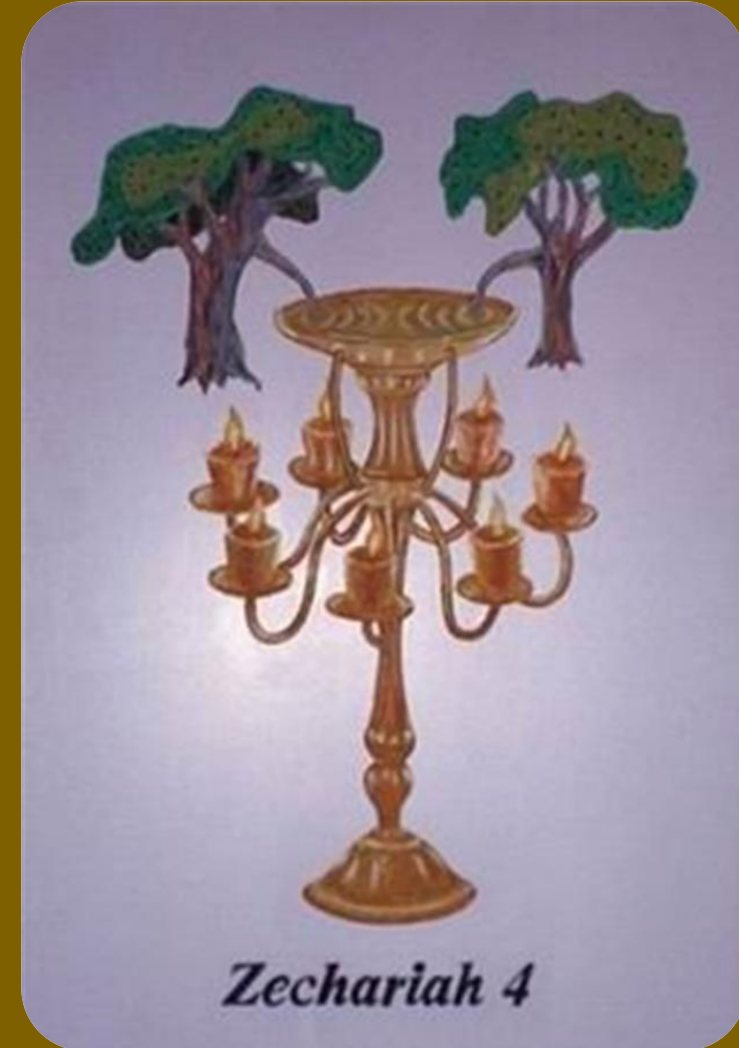


UNLOCKING THE
Mystery OF THE
TWO PROPHETS
REVELATION 11

Zechariah, chs. 4-5—Three Visions:

- The Lampstand & the Olive Trees
- The Flying Scroll
- The Woman in the Basket

Tabernacle Lampstand vs. Zechariah's Lampstand



Significance of the Lampstand

- Light = spiritual illumination
- God is Light (1 John 1:5).
- Jesus is the Light of the world (John 9:5).
- God's Word is a light to our feet (Psalm 119:105).
- God chose Israel to be a light to the nations, to be His witnesses (Isaiah 49:6; 43:10).



Significance of the Lampstand

- “I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6b).
- “You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen” (Isaiah 43:10a).
- In the New Testament, Jesus tells believers that they are “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14-16).

Who exactly was Zerubbabel?

- He was the governor of the Persian province of Judah, the civil leader of the Jewish remnant (Haggai 1:12).
- He was the son of Shealtiel, who was the son of the former king of Judah: King Jehoiachin (aka, Jeconiah or Coniah, 1 Chron. 3:17).
- He was a descendant of David and an ancestor of Jesus (Matthew 1:12-13)—in the royal line.

Who exactly was Zerubbabel?

- He worked together with Joshua, the high priest, to rebuild the temple during the time of the prophets Haggai & Zechariah (Haggai 1:14).
- He received encouragement from God that he would complete the temple (Zechariah 4:9).
- He, along with Joshua, served as a type of the coming Messiah, King & Priest (Zechariah 4:14).

God's Message for Zerubbabel

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts (4:6).

- Encouragement that God will enable him to complete his mission.
- *Might* = the strength of many
- *Power* = the strength of one mighty person
- The oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit, Who anoints His servants for His work.

God's Message for Zerubbabel

- God will remove all obstacles that might hinder the completion of the temple (4:7).
- God will enable Zerubbabel to complete a beautiful temple amid joy (4:7).
- Zerubbabel's success will confirm that Zechariah has been giving him God's message (4:9).
- Don't despise small things. "Little is much when God is in it." If God is happy with it, I should be too (4:10).



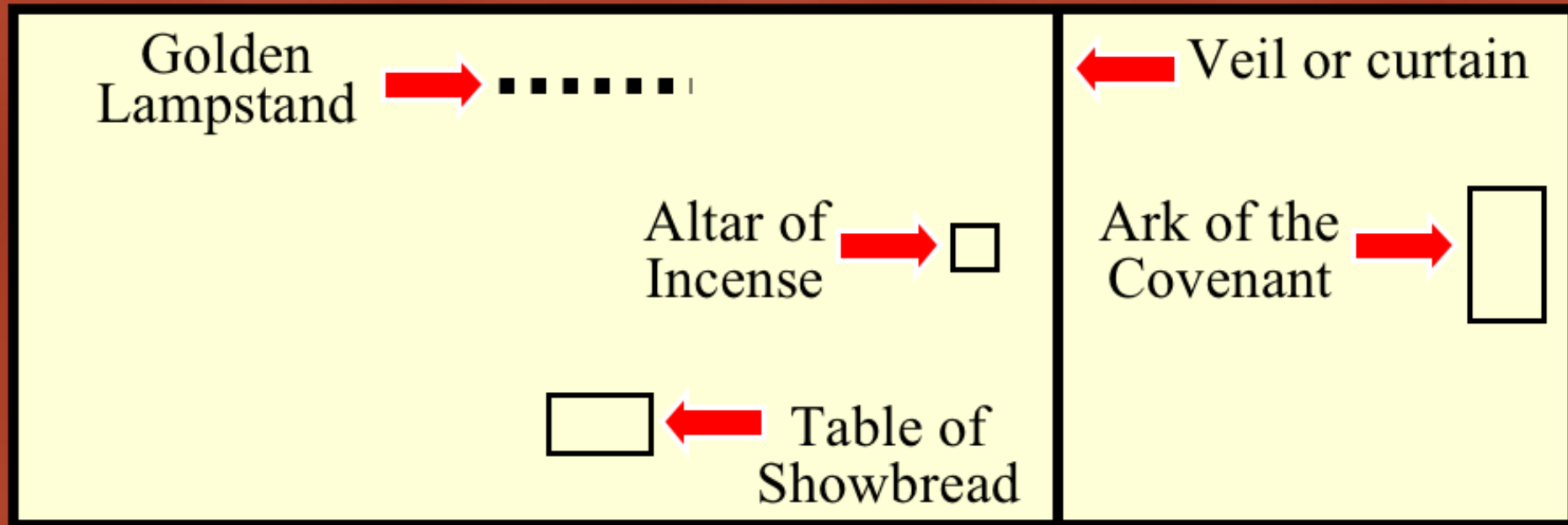
Zechariah

Chapter Five

The Vision of the Flying Scroll (5:1-4)

- Its dimensions are the same as those of the Holy Place of the Tabernacle (30' x15').

The Tabernacle Tent



Holy Place

Most Holy Place
(Holy of Holies)

The Vision of the Flying Scroll (5:1-4)

- Its dimensions are the same as those of the Holy Place of the Tabernacle (30' x15').
- It's printed front & back with words from God's law.
- One side quotes the middle commandment of the first tablet of the law (no swearing) & the other side quotes the middle command of the 2nd tablet of the law (no stealing).



The Vision of the Flying Scroll (5:1-4)

- Together they represent the whole law (synecdoche) & indicate that God will punish those who break His law & do not repent.
- Synecdoche = Using a part to represent the whole
- They will find no place to escape His judgment.

The Woman in the Basket (5:5-11)



The Woman in the Basket (5:5-11)

- She personifies Wickedness.
- She tries to escape & remain among God's people.
- The cover that contains her shows God's power & control.
- The flying women obey God & remove Wickedness from Judah.
- They take Wickedness to Babylon (Shinar), where it will be worshipped.

The Woman in the Basket (5:5-11)

- In Revelation Babylon represents immorality, sensuality, false religion, and materialism.
- It will thrive for a while, but God will eventually conquer it.
- When Babylon falls, the righteous will rejoice (Rev. 18:20), for the city also persecuted & murdered God's people (Rev. 18:24).

Lessons from the Lampstand:

- Take seriously God's command to be the light of the world. Tell others about Jesus (Mt. 5:14).
- Don't be too proud or afraid to admit that you don't know something. Then you can learn! (Zech. 4:5, 13).
- God will enable us to do what pleases Him (Zech. 4:6; Philippians 2:13).
- "Little is much when God is in it." (4:10).
Do the next right thing.



Lessons from the Scroll & the Wicked Woman:

- “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law” (Galatians 3:13). “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1).
- God rescues believers from the penalty, power, & presence of sin—justification in the past; sanctification in the present; glorification in the future.

