



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.

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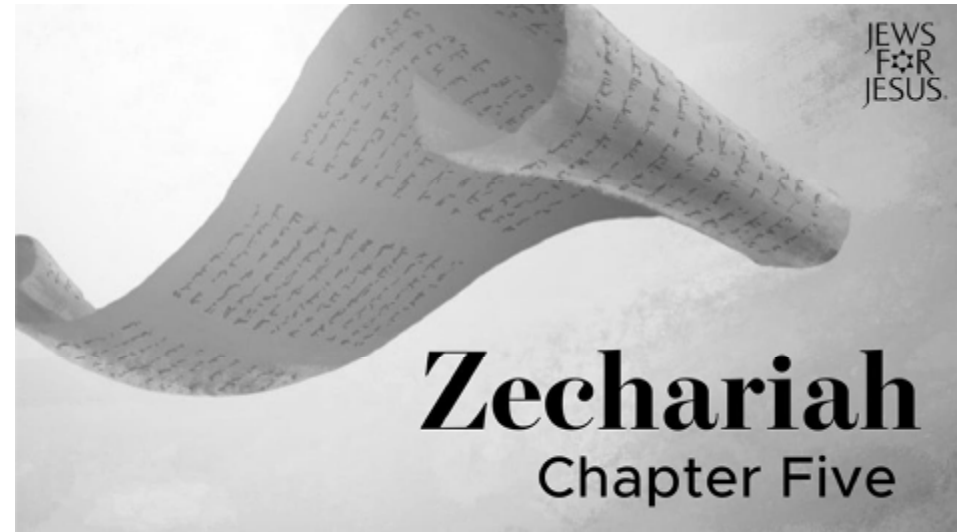
- He worked together with Joshua, the high priest, to rebuild the temple during the time of the prophets Haggai & Zechariah (Haggai 1:14).
- He received encouragement from God that he would complete the temple (Zechariah 4:9).
- He, along with Joshua, served as a type of the coming Messiah, King & Priest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

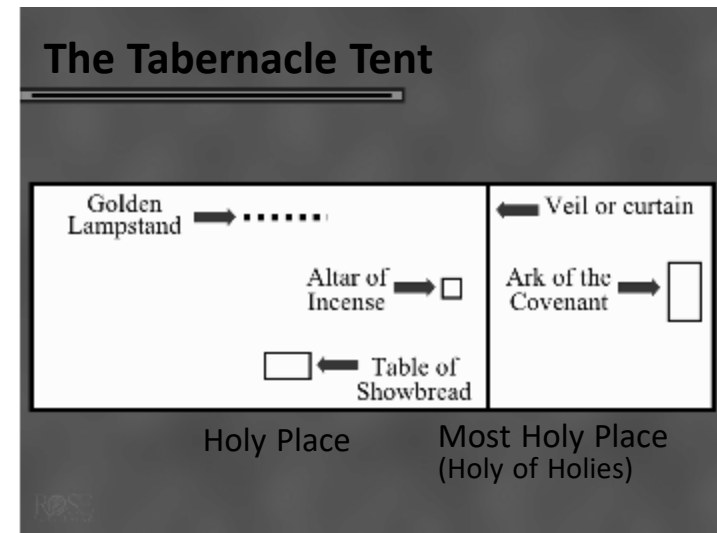
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- God will remove all obstacles that might hinder the completion of the temple (4:7).
- God will enable Zerubbabel to complete a beautiful temple amid joy (4:7).
- Zerubbabel's success will confirm that Zechariah has been giving him God's message (4:9).
- 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).



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- 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)



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- 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.

