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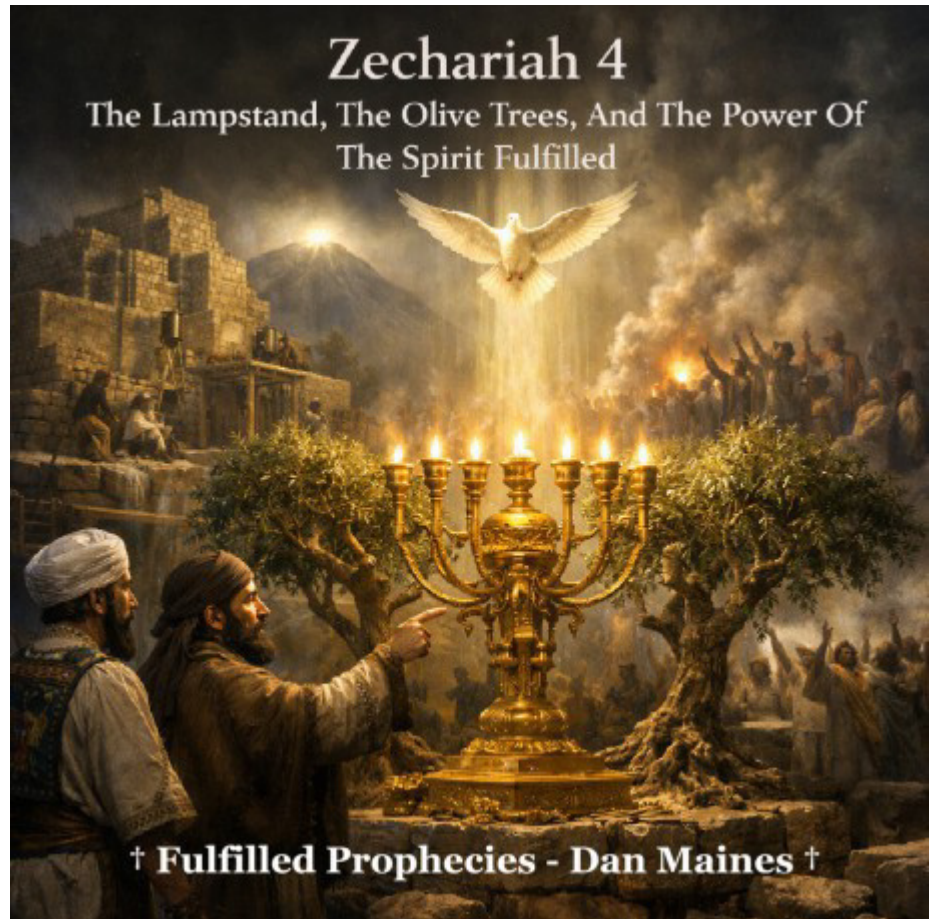
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## Zechariah 4 The Lampstand, The Olive Trees, And The Power Of The Spirit Fulfilled



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### **Introduction**

† Zechariah 4 shows how God's work is accomplished, not by human strength, but by His Spirit, and this was fulfilled in the restoration of God's people and ultimately in Christ establishing the true temple (Zechariah 4:6; Ephesians 2:21-22).

† The vision was given in the days of Zerubbabel, but it pointed beyond the physical temple to the spiritual reality fulfilled in Christ and His body (Zechariah 4:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

† From the fulfilled perspective, this chapter shows that God's presence and power were never dependent on a building, but on His Spirit dwelling in His people (Acts 1:8; John 7:38-39).

### **Zechariah 4:1-3**

Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and woke me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep.

And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;

also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side.

† The lampstand represents God's people as His light in the world, sustained by Him (Revelation 1:20; Matthew 5:14).

† The seven lamps show completeness, meaning God's provision is full and lacking nothing (James 1:17; Psalm 18:30).

† The olive trees show a constant supply of oil, pointing to the Spirit as the source of life and power (Romans 8:9; John 7:38-39).

### **Zechariah 4:4-6**

Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, Do you not know what these are? And I said, No, my lord. Then he said to me, This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of armies.

† This is the central truth, God's work is done by His Spirit, not by human strength (Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8).

† Zerubbabel's work pointed forward to Christ, who builds the true temple (Zechariah 6:12-13; Ephesians 2:21-22).

† The kingdom didn't come through political force, but through the Spirit working through Christ (John 18:36; Acts 2:1-4).

### **Zechariah 4:7**

What are you, you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring out the top stone with shouts of Grace, grace to it.

† The mountain represents opposition and obstacles, but God removes them (Isaiah 40:4; Matthew 17:20).

† What stands against God's purpose is leveled by His authority (Psalm 46:1-3; Daniel 2:35).

† Grace is both the foundation and the completion of God's work (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 11:6).

### **Zechariah 4:8-10**

Also the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of armies has sent me to you.

For who has shown contempt for the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel, these are the eyes of the Lord roaming throughout the earth.

† What God begins, He completes (Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 12:2).

† God uses small beginnings to accomplish great things (1 Corinthians 1:27; Matthew 13:31-32).

† The eyes of the Lord show His full awareness and authority over all things (2 Chronicles 16:9; Proverbs 15:3).

### **Zechariah 4:11-14**

Then I said to him, What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?

And I said to him the second time, What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?

So he answered me, saying, Do you not know what these are?

And I said, No, my lord.

Then he said, These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.

† The two anointed ones refer to Zerubbabel and Joshua, representing king and priest (Haggai 1:1; Zechariah 3:1).

† This finds its fulfillment in Christ, who unites both roles (Hebrews 7:1-2; Psalm 110:4).

† The flowing oil shows the continual supply of the Spirit (John 7:38-39; Romans 5:5).

### **Historical References**

† Josephus confirms the rebuilding of the temple under Zerubbabel (Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book 11).

† Eusebius connects the temple imagery to Christ and the church as God's dwelling (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History).

† Irenaeus teaches that the Spirit is the life of the church, aligning with the oil imagery (Irenaeus, Against Heresies).

## How It Applies To Us Today

† God's work in us isn't by our strength, it's by His Spirit (Zechariah 4:6; Romans 8:11).

† Obstacles don't stop God's plan, He removes them in His time (Matthew 17:20; Isaiah 54:17).

† We are now the temple where God dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:22).

† What seems small in our lives is still part of God's finished work (Philippians 1:6; Zechariah 4:10).

† Everything begins and ends with grace (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:2).

## Q & A Appendix

**Q** What does the lampstand represent?

**A** It represents God's people as His light in the world (Revelation 1:20; Matthew 5:14).

**Q** What does Not by might nor by power mean?

**A** It means God's work is accomplished by His Spirit, not human strength (Zechariah 4:6; Acts 1:8).

**Q** Who are the two olive trees?

**A** They represent God's anointed servants, fulfilled in Christ as King and Priest (Zechariah 4:14; Hebrews 7:1-2).

**Q** What is the great mountain?

**A** It represents obstacles that God removes (Zechariah 4:7; Isaiah 40:4).

**Q** How is this fulfilled?

**A** It was fulfilled in the temple restoration and fully in Christ

establishing the true temple (Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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