

Zechariah

(6) The Fifth and Sixth Vision

The golden lampstand vision...4:1-14

Describe Zechariah's fifth vision. 4:1-3 see Ex.25:31-40 Lev.24:1-4 Ex.30:7-8 → Jn.8:12

Solid gold lampstand w/bowl on top, 7 lights and 7 pipes to the lights. 2 olive trees by it.

What is Zechariah's obvious question to the angel? vs.4 Answer: vs.5

What are these? (likely referring to the 2 olive trees). Answer, don't you know? Ans. No.

What is the seemingly 'abstract' response of the angel? vs.6

The word of the LORD to Zerubbabel. Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit...

What was the 'near term' meaning of this statement?

They were discouraged. No might (military), no strength. The Spirit would empower them.

And the encouraging promise to Zerubbabel? vs.7-10

Obstacles (mountains) will fall, he will complete the temple amidst shouts of praise!

What is the present day application of the lampstands? Mt.5:14-16; Rev.1:12, 17-20; 2:5;

We, the church, are lights in this dark world. If we do not obey Him, our light is removed.

And today's application of the continual supply of olive oil? 4:12 cp.Ex.30:22-33 Lu.4:18-19

The oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. The two olive trees symbolic of His continual supply.

And, again (vs.11-13), who are the two olive trees? vs.14 (Priest and King...)

Ans.: the 2 anointed ones serving the Lord of the whole earth. Joshua & Zerubbabel?

The flying scroll vision...5:1-4

The last (3) visions cover the Lord's purging of Israel. Comment? IPet.4:17; Ez.9:3-10

God's judgment always begins with His people. Israel and the Church are first...

How does this principle of the Word tie with 2:13? (likely reference to Tribulation/Millennium)

Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord for His judgment is about to begin. His own first...

What does Zechariah see now in this sixth vision? 5:1-2

A huge (30' x 15', identical to tabernacle) scroll. It is written upon on both front and back.

The angel declares that this scroll and it's writing represent what to Israel? vs.3a

This is a curse going out over the whole land. Sounds like Ez.9:3-10.

What are the writings on the two sides of the scroll? vs.3b cp.Ex.32:15

One side = 3rd commandment (don't swear) and the other side = 8th. Don't steal

Why were these 2 commandments singled out? James 2:10

Perhaps prevalent among returning Jews. Or because #3, #8, are central to 2 tablets/Law?

What is the overall theme of this vision for Israel? Rom.2:12-13

Israel will be judged by the Law. Their only hope is to flee to Grace! James 2:13 Mercy!