

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of Zechariah is filled with many prophecies regarding YHWH's interaction with the nation of Israel and His plan for the end times.
- * Over the past several messages we have been considering the 2nd Word of YHWH to Zechariah.
- * Two weeks ago we began considering the 2nd section of this 2nd Word of YHWH - which is comprised of five visions – by considering the Vision of the Golden Lampstand and the Two Olive Trees.
- * In that message, we considered the practical application of the vision, the importance of the Word of God being poured into our lives that we might shine brightly drawing people to God! As we examined the two Olive Trees we mentioned the prophetic aspect of the vision by considering the two witnesses mentioned in Revelation 11. I failed to highlight v. 4 of Revelation 11 which states, "These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth." Additionally, we referred to the fact that the Temple would be built in the future, and that there would be a "Zerubbabel" who would fulfill this prophecy by building the future temple.
- * Today, we continue with the future aspect of these visions ... which, as we will see, are a condensed version of Revelation 11-18!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND AND THE OLIVE TREES (4:1-14)

A. The Vision to Zechariah (v. 1-5, 10-14)

1. THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND ... a. Identification b. Purpose c. Location
2. THE OLIVE TREES
 - a. Translation (two sons of oil)
 - b. Interpretation – Moses (Law) & Elijah (Prophets)
 - c. Application – We are to be shining the light of the Word of God

B. The Word to Zerubbabel (v. 6-10)

1. INTRODUCING THE MAN – Governor of the land; co-worker of Joshua (High Priest)
2. UNDERSTANDING THE PLAN (v. 6) ... "not by might (khayil) nor by power, but by My Spirit"
3. CLEARING THE MOUNTAIN (v. 7) ... Mt. Moriah ... opposition
4. BUILDING THE TEMPLE (v. 7-9) ... the foundation and the finish will be performed by Zerubbabel

A continuation of the future aspect of this Word of YHWH (cf. Revelation 11:1-13; 13:1-18; 14: 6-20; 17:1-6, 18; 18:1-10,23-24)

II. THE FLYING SCROLL (5:1-4)

A. The Translation

Zechariah 5:3 And he saith unto me, 'This is the execration that is going forth over the face of all the land, for every one who is stealing, on the one side, according to it, **hath been declared innocent**, and every one who hath sworn (in YHWH's name to a falsehood, v.4), on the other side, according to it, **hath been declared innocent**. (YLT)

B. The Interpretation (cf. Deuteronomy 28; Isaiah 5:20-24; Romans 1:18-32)

III. THE WOMAN IN THE BASKET (5:5-11)

- * Message on October 18, 2009 – Mystery: Babylon the Great ... almost exactly 10 years ago!

A. Her Identification

B. Her Location

IV. THE FOUR CHARIOTS (6:1-8)

A. Their Description

B. Their Duties

V. THE CROWN(S) FOR JOSHUA (6:9-15)

A. The Description of the Crown(s)

B. The Description of Joshua

INTROSPECTION

- * Do you believe that God has an actual plan for the end times?
- * Do you believe that the world as a whole, and people individually, will give an account to God for their actions?
- * What effect does the return and reign of Christ have upon your every day life?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * As we discover variants in the translations, what affect should that have upon our reading and studying of the Word of God?
- * As we consider the prophetic declaration of Christ's return and the godlessness of the nations, what affect should that have on our individual lives and the vision of our assembly?