

**Return, Rebuild, Restore**  
Study Guide  
Zechariah 4

**Big Idea: We are light bearers.**

1. Read Zechariah 4:1-3.

The Menorah was known as the “lamp of God” (1 Sam. 3:3), and was a reminder that God’s Spirit (oil), would allow Israel to be a light to the nations (1 Chron. 16:23b-24a). Today the church is to be that light. (Matt. 5:14; Rev. 1:20b). Describe the way this works. How does God allow the Holy Spirit to make you into a “light” for others? Discuss.

2. Read Zechariah 4:4-10.

Discuss how the Holy Spirit helps us.

a. Power (v. 4-6)- Give an example of trying to force a situation rather than relying on God’s Spirit. What do we learn through these examples?

b. Grace (v. 7)- What is a “mountain” that God has removed in your life? How does the grace of God help you in tough situations?

c. Timing (v. 8-10)- The rebuilding of the Temple had been halted at this point and it would be another 5 years before it was completed. What does v. 10a mean: “...*whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice.*”? Share a time when you thought that what you do doesn’t matter. How may God be completing things for you?

3. Read Zechariah 4:11-14.

Notice the reference to the two “anointed” branches. It seems the vision implies the King and the Priest; a civil leader and a spiritual leader. (i.e.- Zerubbabel & Joshua, Moses and Elijah, David and Samuel...). Notice that the oil of God’s Spirit flows from the vine, through the “anointed” branches into the twigs and into producing fruit/light for the nations.

What are the implications of this vision, to see that we are all connected to each other and on a common mission of producing light for the nations?

What has been your attitude towards the unity of the body? How can we do a better job of working together to be a light to the nations?

## Message Slides

### Newcomer Drop-in

#### Zechariah 4:1

“And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep.”

#### Review of Visions:

1. Man on the Red Horse- God is jealous for us.  
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2. The Four Horns- God is fighting for us.
3. Measuring Line- God is rebuilding us.
4. Filthy Garments- God is cleansing us.
5. The Golden Lampstand- God is filling us.

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#### A. God’s Spirit as a Light to the Nations (v. 2-3)

<sup>2</sup>And he said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. <sup>3</sup>And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.”

#### Image of Menorah

- 1 Chron. 16:23b-24a- “Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations.”  
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- Matt. 5:14- “You are the light of the world!”
- Rev. 1:20b- “...and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

#### Image of Menorah

John 8:12 (Jesus)- “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

#### Image of Olive Trees

#### B. God’s Spirit to Help Us (v.4-10)

##### 1. Power (v. 4-6)

<sup>4</sup>And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” <sup>5</sup>Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

#### B. God’s Spirit to Help Us (v.4-10)

##### 2. Grace (v. 7)

<sup>7</sup>Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

## **B. God’s Spirit to Help Us (v.4-10)**

### **3. Timing (v. 8-10)**

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>9</sup>“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. <sup>10</sup>For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

“These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.”

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## **C. The Branch-Effect (v. 11-14)**

<sup>11</sup>Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?” <sup>12</sup>And a second time I answered and said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?” <sup>13</sup>He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” <sup>14</sup>Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

### **Image of Olive Trees**

Acts 4:31- “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

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