

Book of Zechariah

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Read Paragraph > **Zechariah 4:1-7**

Vision of: A Lampstand, Bowl, 7 Spouts, and Two Olive Trees

Working Outline > **Zechariah 4:1-7** (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

X. A Lampstand, Bowl, 7 Spouts, and Two Olive Trees 4:1-7 ¶ (Feb 15th) (519BC) (at Night)

- A. 1 Then **the angel (Jesus)** who was **speaking** with **me (Zechariah)** returned and roused **me**,
 1. **as** (Simile) a **man** who is awakened from **his** sleep.
- B. 2 **He (Jesus)** said to **me (Zechariah)**, “What do **you** see?”
 1. And **I (Zechariah)** said, “**I** see, and behold, a **lampstand** all of **gold**
 - a. with **its** (lampstand’s) **bowl** on the top of **it** (lampstand),
 - b. and **its** (lampstand’s) **seven lamps** on **it** (lampstand)
 - c. with **seven spouts** belonging to each of the (7) **lamps** which are on the top of **it**;
 2. 3 also **two olive trees** by **it** (the bowl), (**Jer 11:15-17**)
 - a. **one** (olive tree) on the right side of the **bowl**
 - b. and the **other** (olive tree) on **its** (the bowl’s) left side.”
- C. 4 Then **I (Zechariah)** said to **the angel (Jesus)** who was speaking with **me (Zechariah)** saying,
 1. “What are **these (lampstand + bowl + two olive trees)**, **my lord (Jesus)**?”
 - a. 5 So **the angel (Jesus)** who was speaking with **me (Zechariah)** answered and said to **me**,
 - b. “Do **you** not know what **these (lampstand + bowl + 2 olive trees)** are ?” (**Zech 4:11-14**)
 - c. And **I (Zechariah)** said, “No, **my lord (Jesus)**.” [Don’t call angels Lord]
 2. 6 Then **he (Jesus)** said to **me**, “This is **the word of the Lord (the Father) to Zerubbabel** saying,
 - a. ‘Not by might nor by power, but by **My Spirit**,’ says **the Lord of hosts (the Father)**.
 3. 7 ‘What are **you, O great mountain?**
 - a. Before **Zerubbabel you** (great mountain of Zion ?) will become a **plain**;
 - b. and **he (Zerubbabel)** will bring forth the **top stone** (Capstone of **Temple**)
 - i. with shouts of “Grace, grace to **it** (the **Temple**)!” ’ ’ ”
 - ii.

Questions of the Text: Zechariah 4:1-7

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Q1: WHAT 5 things did **Zechariah** see, in **Verse 2 & 3** ?

SEE CHARTS

A1:

Gold Lampstand



**A Talent
of Pure Gold**
(Approx. 75 lbs)

Ex 25:35-40

Bulbs on Center Support

Under The 1st Pair Of Branches
Under The 2nd Pair Of Branches
Under The 3rd Pair Of Branches

One Piece, Bulbs and Branches

Of One Piece
Of Hammered Work
Of Pure Gold

The 7 Lamps, 25:37

Mount To Shed Light
On The Space In Front Of It

Snuffers and Trays

From A Talent Of Pure Gold
With All Utensils.

*Make Them After The Pattern
Shown To You On The Mountain*

Olive Oil for Gold Lampstand

Exodus 27:20-21



Olive Oil

Clear Oil, of Beaten Olives, for Light

The Lamp, Burn Continually, to Provided Light for Priests, Ex 25:37

Aaron and His Sons (as Priests) Shall Keep the Light

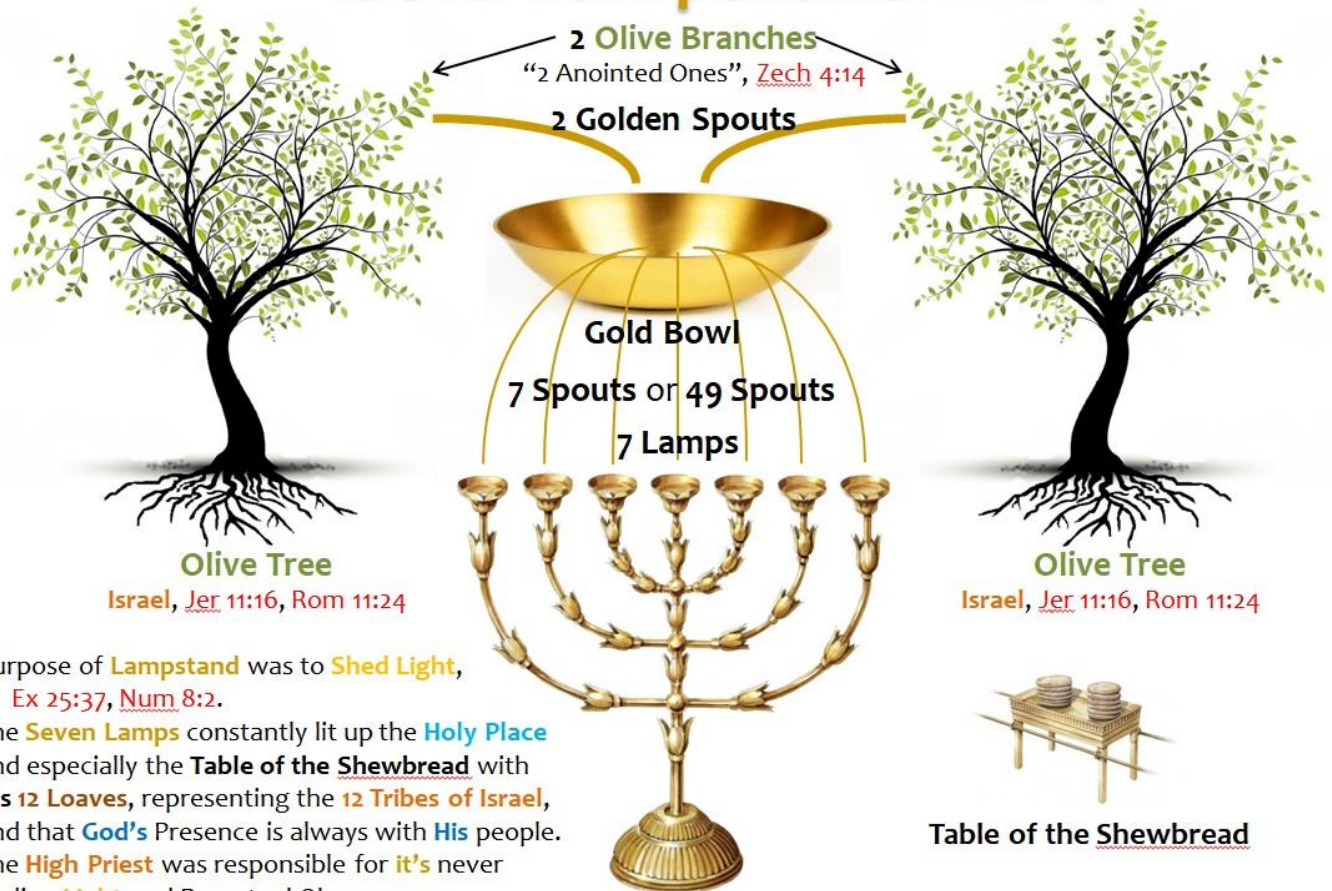
“In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep **it** in order from evening to morning before **the LORD**;

it shall be a perpetual statute throughout **their** generations for **the sons of Israel**,
Exodus 27:21



Lampstand - Light

Gold Lampstand Zech 4:1-14



Purpose of **Lampstand** was to **Shed Light**,
 Ex 25:37, Num 8:2.
 The **Seven Lamps** constantly lit up the **Holy Place**
 and especially the **Table of the Shewbread** with
 its **12 Loaves**, representing the **12 Tribes of Israel**,
 and that **God's** Presence is always with **His** people.
 The **High Priest** was responsible for its never
 ending **Light** and **Perpetual** Observance.

Gold Lampstand, Ex 25:31-40, Ex 27:20-21, Lev 24:1-3

What we know:

The **Intended Audience**: was the **Nation of Israel**, thru **Zerubbabel** and **Priest Joshua**

Lampstands in the Tabernacle and the Temple

The Purpose for the Tabernacle **Lampstand** was to shed **Light** in the **Holy Place**, Ex 25:37, Num 8:2, Heb 9:2

The **seven lamps** constantly lit up the **Holy Place**, Ex 25:37, Num 8:2, Heb 9:2

The **Lampstand** was meant to burn **perpetually** (forever), Exodus 27:20-21

The **High Priest** filled the **Lampstand** with **Olive Oil** in the **Holy Place**, Exodus 25, Lev 24:3

Lampstand in Zechariah

Zechariah 4:2

2 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**;
a lampstand all of gold with **seven lamps**

The 2 Olive Trees, next to the Bowl, Zech 4:3

The 2 **Olive Trees** probably represent the **Nation of Israel**, Jer 11:16, Rom 11:24

The 2 Olive Trees Branches, beside the 2 Golden Pipes, Zech 4:12

The 2 **Olive Branches** "empty **the golden oil** from **themselves**", Zech 4:12

IF the 2 **Olive Branches** are "the two **anointed ones**", Zech 4:14

THEN "the two **anointed ones**" are the source of **the golden oil**

AND "the two **anointed ones**" "are standing by **the Lord** of the **whole earth**", Zech 4:14

“the two **anointed ones**” or the 2 **Olive Tree Branches**

Most Commentators say, “the two **anointed ones**” are probably **Zerubbabel** and **Joshua**

The Two, **Zerubbabel** and **Joshua**, are “the **anointed (with Oil) Ones**” set apart by **God**.
Anointed with **Oil** > symbolized **their** being set apart (sanctified or made holy) for the purposes of **God**,
to serve as a **King** or as a **Priest** or as a **Government Leader**, Ex 40:15, Num 3:3

Anointed with **Oil** > also symbolizes **the Holy Spirit** because of the work **He** does in **God’s** people.

The **Oil** itself has no empowering but **the Holy Spirit**, the **Oil** symbolizes, does.

Levitical priests were **Anointed** with **Oil** for a perpetual **priesthood**, Exodus 40:15, Numbers 3:3

Believers “have been **Anointed** by **the Holy One**”, 1 John 2:20, 2:27 and are **Priests**, 1 Pet 2:5, 9

“**God Anointed Jesus** of Nazareth with **the Holy Spirit**”, Acts 10:38, Luke 4:18

Joshua was **Anointed** with **Oil** for a perpetual **priesthood** and **Zerubbabel** for **His Governing Israel**.

IF **Zerubbabel** and **Joshua** “are the two **anointed ones** who are **standing by the Lord**”, in Zech 4:14

THEN **they** are the two (**Zerubbabel** and **Joshua**) who **the Lord** stirred up **their spirits**, in **Read** Hag 1:14

The 2 **Olive Branches** called “the two **anointed ones**”, supplied the **Olive Oil** for the **Lampstand**, Zech 4:14.

In this **Vision**: the **Lampstand** was **perpetually** filled with an endless supply of **Oil** by the 2 **Olive Branches**,

called “the two **anointed ones**” who are the two, **Zerubbabel** and **Joshua**,

who will **perpetually**, supply **Light** to the **Nation of Israel** as Governing **Leader** and **Priest**.

They are the **Light** to **Israel**, empowered by **the Holy Spirit** as Purposed by **the Lord**.

Questions of the Text: **Zechariah 4:1–7** [Continued]

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The angel (Jesus) doesn’t answer **Zechariah’s** question of **WHAT these things** were, in **Verse 5**

Q2: What was **Zechariah** to tell **Zerubbabel**, the one in charge of **Finishing the Temple**, in **Verse 6**

A2:

Any obstacle, including a **Mountain**, will become a **Plain** OR No Obstacle for **Zerubbabel**, in **Verse 7**

He (**Zerubbabel**) will bring forth the **top stone** (Capstone or Completion of **Temple**)

with shouts of “Grace, grace to **it** (the **Temple**) !”, **Verse 7** (**Fulfilled prophecy**, in **Ezra 6:22**)

Zerubbabel began and finished the **foundation** only of **Ezra’s Temple**, in **536 BC**, **Ezra 3:2, 8-11**

Zerubbabel began again to work on **the Temple Structure**, in **520 BC**, **Read** **Ezra 5:1-2**

Zechariah’s Prophecy concerning **Zerubbabel** Completing **the Temple** by the Power of **the Spirit**

was given in **539BC**, in **Zech 4:7**

Zerubbabel finished the work on **the Temple Structure** 4 years later, in **515 BC**, **Read** **Ezra 6:14-15**

Therefore: **Zechariah’s Prophecy**, in **Zech 4:7**, was **Fulfilled** !

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XI. Zerubbabel the Temple and the 7 eyes of the Lord, Zechariah 4:8-10 ¶ (Feb 15th) (519BC) (Night)

A. 8 Also the word of the Lord came to me (Zechariah), saying,

1. 9 “The hands of Zerubbabel (governor of Judah, Hag 1:1) have laid the foundation of this house (the Temple), and his hands will finish it (the Temple).
2. Then you (Zechariah) will know that the Lord of hosts (Father) has sent me (Jesus) to you.
3. 10 “For who has despised the day of small things?
4. But these seven (eyes of the Lord) will be glad
 - a. when they (eyes of the Lord) see the plumb line (Israel out of Plumb, Amos 7:7-8)
 - b. in the hand of Zerubbabel (governor of Judah)
 - c. these (seven eyes) are the eyes of the Lord (Zech 1:10, 3:9, 4:10, 6:4-7, 2 Chr 16:9, Rev 5:6)
 - d. which range to and fro (patrol, go about) throughout the earth.” (Zech 1:10)

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“The hands of Zerubbabel (governor) have laid the foundation of this house (Temple), (Ezra 3:2, 8, 10, 11) and his hands will (in Future) finish it (the Temple structure). (Ezra 6:14-15), in Verse 9 Then you (Zechariah) will know that the Lord of hosts (the Father) has sent me (Jesus) to you. Verse 9 The Fulfillment of the words of “me (Jesus)” will cause you (Zechariah) to know that Jesus was sent by the Father to (Zechariah). This Prophecy is then Validated as true !

Q1: WHAT are “these seven”, as described in Verse 10 ?

A1:

This is the ALL SEEING attribute of the Lord

The Lord at Times is seen as sending Horses/Angels to Patrol the Earth to SEE, (Zech 1:10-11, 6:4-7)

These Horses/Angels are > “the four spirits of heaven”, Zech 6:5

4 Then I spoke and said to the angel who was speaking with me, “What are these, my lord?”

5 The angel replied to me, “These are the four spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth,

6 with one of which the black horses are going forth to the north country;

and the white ones go forth after them, while the dappled ones go forth to the south country.

7 “When the strong ones went out, they were eager to go to patrol the earth.”

And He said, “Go, patrol the earth.” So they patrol the earth. Zechariah 6:4-7

The Lord at Times is seen as sending the seven Spirits of God about the Earth to SEE

And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Here the Lamb (Jesus) is seen as having seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, Rev 5:6

The Lord at Times is seen as sending the eyes of the Lord about the Earth to SEE

“For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His, 2 Chron 16:9

Here the eyes of the Lord is seen as moving to and fro throughout the earth, ALL SEEING

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XII. The two olive trees, two olive branches, two golden pipes, golden oil and the seven pipes, 4:11-14 ¶
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- A. 11 Then I (Zechariah) said to him (the angel of the Lord, Jesus),
1. "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?"
(Zech 4:1-5) (Jer 11:15-17)
- B. 12 And I (Zechariah) answered (Jesus) the second time and said to him (Jesus),
1. "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes,
a. which (two olive branches) empty the golden oil from themselves (olive branches)?"
- C. 13 So he (Jesus) answered me (Zechariah), saying,
1. "Do you (Zechariah) not know what these (olive branches) are?"
a. And I (Zechariah) said, "No, my lord."
- D. 14 Then he (Jesus) said,
1. "These (two olive branches) are the two anointed ones
a. who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth." (Rev 11:3-4)

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First: Zechariah asks to him (Jesus), "What are these two olive trees, in Verse 11.

Second: Zechariah asks to him (Jesus), "What are these two olive branches, in Verse 12.

Jesus then answers the Second Question about branches, But Not the First Question about trees.

Then Jesus answers, "Do you (Zechariah) not know what these (olive branches) are?" , in Verse 13

Q1: WHAT are the two olive branches according to Jesus, in Verse 14 ?

A1:

Q1: Then WHAT are the two anointed ones, in Verse 14, as said previously ?

A1:

The two Witness in Book of Revelation, have similarities with Zerubbabel and Joshua
Revelation 11:3-4

3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for
twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These (two witnesses) are the two olive trees and the two lampstands
that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Compare Rev 11:4 with Zech 4:14

The "two witnesses" are referred to as "the two olive trees" and "the two lampstands" , in Rev 11:4

"the two olive trees" we said symbolize the Nation of Israel, in Zechariah 4

"the two lampstands" we said symbolize the Light of Israel, in Zechariah 4

The "two witnesses" "that stand before the Lord of the earth", in Rev 11:4

The "two olive branches" "who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth", Zech 4:14