

## VISION #5 – BUT BY MY SPIRIT – PART 2

--ZECHARIAH 4:4-10--

### INTRODUCTION:

Knowing that God was present and active among them would have been very encouraging to Zechariah and the people to whom he ministered as they worked to rebuild the temple. God's Spirit ensured that the people under the leadership of their governor Zerubbabel, would be able to complete the rebuilding. But as we have seen in these visions already, the message went beyond the immediate events in the prophet's lifetime. Zerubbabel's success in completing the building of the temple in his day prefigured the Spirit empowered work of the Messiah who will one day return and build the final house of God, the millennial temple. As this vision clearly reveals, God's Spirit is active to empower His people and to accomplish His promises. (Philippians 4:12-13)

### I. GOD'S POWER (Zechariah 4:4-7)

- a. After describing to the angel what he saw, Zechariah again spoke to the \_\_\_\_\_ who had roused and asked him what he saw.
- b. This interpreting angel welcomed the prophet's \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. With this reply the angel answered Zechariah's first request, he prefaced his \_\_\_\_\_ by declaring it was from the LORD or from Yahweh.
- d. The message of encouragement that God gave to Zerubbabel was "*Not by might nor by power, but by my \_\_\_\_\_, 'says the LORD of hosts.*" (Zechariah 4:6b, NASB95)
- e. The truth that was to encourage Zerubbabel is that spiritual work can only be accomplished by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit of God.
- f. The image of the \_\_\_\_\_ in this vision was a powerful example of this truth.
- g. Yahweh, the LORD of hosts reinforced this point by declaring, "*What are you, O great \_\_\_\_\_? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain.*" (Zechariah 4:7a, NASB95)

- h. God finished this first message to Zerubbabel by declaring that by doing the rebuilding in the power of God's Spirit the result would be a \_\_\_\_\_ temple.
- i. This prophecy or this message in verses 6-7 not only points to Zerubbabel and his workers but also anticipates the ultimate work of the \_\_\_\_\_-King. (Isaiah 40:4)

### I. GOD'S MESSIAH (Zechariah 4:8-10)

- a. As we just saw, the message to Zerubbabel was also a \_\_\_\_\_ that pertained to more than just him and his time.
- b. This Word of Yahweh focused again on the work of Zerubbabel portraying it as the work of a \_\_\_\_\_ king. (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:13)
- c. The Word of Yahweh emphasized the \_\_\_\_\_ of Zerubbabel which began this process would be the same hands that would finish it.
- d. "*Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has \_\_\_\_\_ Me to you.*" (Zechariah 4:9b, NASB95)
- e. These \_\_\_\_\_ gave a new and triumphant perspective to those in Zechariah's day.
- f. The LORD challenged such disdain, he stated, "*But these \_\_\_\_\_ will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.*" (Zechariah 4:10b, NASB95)
- g. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD added a further explanation to these seven just mentioned. (Revelation 5:6)

### CONCLUSION:

The obedience of Zerubbabel to fulfill God's call to rebuild the temple by the power of the Holy Spirit was considered a small thing by some Israelites, but it was not a small thing to God. He had sovereignly ordained this time in history in keeping with His perfect purposes. The Holy Spirit empowered Zerubbabel's efforts, and rejoiced over them, because they were a part of God's plan to send the Messiah and to display His glory throughout the whole world. For this reason, the LORD charged Zerubbabel and all the people to live not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit. (Ephesians 5:15-21)