#1000 The Whore's Latter Rain – Zechariah Chapter 4 and the Latter Rain of April 9, 1906, and Latter Reign of April 6, 1917, part 5, Correlating Zechariah 4 and Revelation 1-5: King (the governor, Zerubbabel) and Priest (Joshua) in Zechariah 4

Now we are coming back to Zechariah 4 to interpret what is being said in the chapter.

Key Understanding: *The two olive trees*. The long-standing standard interpretation of the Two Olive *Trees* in Zechariah 4 is that they symbolize the two offices in Israel's history of king and priest that would be anointed by the Lord. Furthermore, the Two Olive *Branches* (v. 12) symbolize the persons of the governor, <u>Zerubbabel</u>, and the priest, <u>Joshua</u>, who were the *specific* representatives of the two offices of king and priest, respectively. These "two sons of oil" (as it is in the original manuscripts), or "two anointed ones," would lead in the completion of the task of the building of Zerubbabel's Temple. It was all symbolized by the golden oil pouring from the Two Olive Trees into the bowl, and flowing from there to the candlestick.



Zerubbabel and Joshua were the two anointed ones who would lead in the completion of the task of building of Zerubbabel's Temple.

[The two figures depicted above will appear soon in a similar role, but for this particular presentation, they represent Zerubbabel and Joshua.]

To sum up the vision of Zechariah 4, the Lord was promising that he would pour out his anointing (symbolized by the *golden oil* from the Two Olive Trees/Two Olive Branches) upon the governor, Zerubbabel, and the high priest, Joshua (symbolized by the *Two Olive Branches*), who were representing the historical offices of King of Judah and High Priest (symbolized by the *Two Olive Trees*), to lead the Jews (that is, the 'spiritual temple' Body of Jews, symbolized by a *candlestick*, like the churches of the 'spiritual temple' Body of Christ are

symbolized by *candlesticks* in Revelation) to the completion of the building of the Second (**Zerubbabel's**) Temple (a physical temple).

Remember, Zerubbabel and Joshua were doing so with the blessings of Cyrus, the king of Media-Persia. The governor, Zerubbabel, would not be the king of an independent Israel, but the Lord was presenting the anointing as if he was (because essentially, Zerubbabel points to the future king of the Davidic line, Jesus Christ).

The fact that the offices of <u>king</u> and <u>priest</u> are symbolized *separately* by the Two Olive Trees is further substantiated by the fact that Zechariah 4 is tied to Revelation 1-5, which also contain the theme of "kings and priests." **Of course, the extended idea is that of the building of the temple of the Church in the last days, not by might or power, but by the Holy Spirit.**

Zechariah 4:11-14 (NIV) Then I asked the angel, "What are these TWO OLIVE TREES on the right and the left of the lampstand?"

12 Again I asked him, "What are these TWO OLIVE BRANCHES beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?"

13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said.

14 So he said, "<u>These are THE TWO</u> [the governor, Zerubbabel, in the office of 'King'; Joshua in the office of Priest] WHO ARE ANOINTED to serve the Lord of all the earth."



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