

Winter Conference 2023/2024

The Golden Lampstands (for weeks of January 28, 2024 and February 4, 2024)

Message Two The Golden Lampstands

- I. The lampstand in Exodus, a picture of God's work producing a shining testimony
 - a. With six branches and a central shaft
 - b. With almond bulbs and flowers
 - c. Shaped like an almond tree
 - i. Full of life
 - ii. Full of the authority of life
 - d. Hammered work of one piece
 - e. The seven lamps shed light on the space in front of the lampstand
 - f. God's divine work is to care for the shining of the lights
 - g. The lampstand is a symbol of the shining testimony of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The oil points to the Spirit, the gold points to the divine nature of the Father, and the shape points to the Son.
- II. The lampstand is a work of the Spirit where the oil is supplied by the sons of oil and by the people
 - a. The lampstand, the bowl, and the two olive trees

¹Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep. ²He said to me, "What do you see?" 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; ³also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."
Zechariah 4:1-3

b. The lampstand and trees point to the work of the Spirit

⁴Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." ⁶Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 4:4-6

c. The oil for the lamps is supplied by the sons of oil, like the oil for the lampstand in Exodus is supplied by the people of Israel

¹¹Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?" ¹²And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?" ¹³So he answered me, saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." ¹⁴Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth." Zechariah 4:11–14

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. ³"Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations. ⁴"He shall keep the lamps in order on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually. Leviticus 24:1–4

d. The lampstand supplied by oil will overcome every difficulty and "mountain"

⁷"What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' ' ⁸Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰"For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth." Zechariah 4:7-10

III. The gathering of God's people should be a testimony of God's presence and a testimony of the dwelling of God in spirit

²³Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? ²⁴But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; ²⁵the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you. 1 Corinthians 14:23–25

²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:21–22