

37.2 Prophetic visions (Zechariah 1:7–6:8)

a four horsemen, four horns, and four smiths (horses of four different colors) who patrol the earth: God’s blessing of Israel and judgment of the nations (1:7–2:4)

b man and the measuring line: The Lord is coming to dwell in Jerusalem; the exiles should leave Babylon and return to Jerusalem, which will be restored (2:5–13)

c The house of the Lord will be purified; high priest’s iniquity is removed; sin of the land will be removed (3:1–10)

d CENTER: the temple will be completed! The lampstand and olive trees (4:1–14)

c’ every sinner’s house is cursed: the scroll (same dimensions as tabernacle) with the curses goes out over the land to bring a curse on any sinner (5:1–4)

b’ women and the measuring basket (ephah): Israel’s idolatrous worship is carried back to Babylon (5:5–11)

a’ four chariots (with horses of four different colors) who patrol the earth: Israel and the nations (6:1–8)

David A. Dorsey, *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis–Malachi* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004), 318.

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5th Vision

1 Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep.

2 He 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; *(the lamp enlightens all the articles of the Holy place and holiest of all)*

3 also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side.”

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

5 So 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.”

Words of encouragement / divine unction [Ex. 31:3-5] / God’s work

6 Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by *(human)* strength nor by *(human)* power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.

7 ‘What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the *capstone* with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!” ’ ”

8 Also 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.

The 7 (lamps) / the way God sees the world

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.”

11 Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?”

12 And 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?”

13 So he answered me, saying, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.”

14 Then he said, “These are the two ones *of the shining oil* who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.”

Secular and sacred light

God’s people and how God views the world

God’s work

God's shining ones

Note:

The issue is not size but His presence (Hag. 2:1-5)