

- (3) change of raiment v. 4 (symbolic action)
  - (4) mitre and garments v. 5
  - (5) the Branch, v. 8
  - (6) the stone, v. 9
  - (7) the eyes, v. 9
  - (8) symbolic action 9-11
- c. The Message: It is true that no person is good enough for God but God chooses by His grace and outfits that party so they may do His will. The person so chosen must give himself to God and God's terms but if one does so...one will be given victory and accomplishment.
  - d. The Lesson: Israel will be accepted of God as it allows Him to prepare the nation for blessing. No party can defeat God's intended purposes although His people may frustrate some ends of them.
  - e. And this will raise a further question (are you tired of these? You must realize that this is how people keep from getting the work of God done! They raise endless questions and small points as alibis for non-accomplishment.): The nation is weak and feeble, only recently returned. How can it have the strength to do these things?
  - f. In passing, notice how this chapter is divided and how the challenge is given to a third party. Note the eschatological touch at the end of it. Try to keep these together...they form a nice picture but we may not get to it in this class.
5. The Great Lampstand 4:1-14
- a. A quick synopsis: The vision is of a great lampstand with all the pipes and bowls in place. As it is viewed a voice announces that Zerubbabel will be able to finish the work for he will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
  - b. The symbols:
    - (1) the Lampstand v. 2
    - (2) the olive trees v. 3
    - (3) the mountain v. 7
    - (4) small things v. 10
    - (5) note symbolical actions
  - c. The Message: The holy Spirit will supply the power and energy needed for the job. The people of God do not need to wonder about this. By the power of the Spirit there will be plenty of ability to complete the temple.
  - d. The Lesson: God is really undertaking the work and if one looks to see how He has blessed and supplied through the history of the world one will not doubt that He can continue to do it.
  - e. So another point of non-performance is raised...God will do it but we do not have the stuff with which he wants to work... like money, for instance.