

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Zechariah 4: 1 - 14

Title : Not By Might, Nor By Power, But By My Spirit

Introduction

1) Context:

- 538 BC: Exiles returned from Babylon to Palestine to rebuild the temple
 - Under Sheshbazzar (Ezra 1)
 - Under Zerubbabel (Ezra 2)
- 536 BC: The returnees laid the foundation of the temple (Ezra 3:7-11)
 - Opposition to the rebuilding of the temple (Ezra 4:1-5)
 - Work on the rebuilding stopped
- 520-19 BC: Zechariah & Haggai stirred up the people to resume work on the temple (Ezra 5:1-2)
- 515 BC: Temple completed (Ezra 6:15)

2) The Fifth Vision (4:1-4)

- A golden lampstand, with a bowl on top and seven lamps on it
- Two olive trees by the lampstand

2) The Message (4:5-14)

- Zerubbabel shall complete the temple (4:5-10)
 - “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit” (v. 6)
 - “Who dares despise the day of small things ... ?” (v. 10)
- The two anointed ones who serve the Lord of all the earth (4:11-14)

For Reflection and Action