

Zechariah

1. What is the project that Zechariah and Haggai are seeking to advance in Jerusalem?

Both Haggai and Zechariah were called on by God to instruct the returned remnant to resume the work of rebuilding the temple. (Hag. 1:4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?") and Zech. 1: 3 "Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty.")

2. What may be the meaning of the lampstand in Zechariah chapter 4?

The lamp stand could have been a representation of the menorah, this would have symbolized the presence of God and is said to remind us of the burning bush which was not consumed. Because of the aspect of the vision that was to encourage Joshua and Zerubbabel in reminding them of their divine resources, I would speculate that the lampstand may also appeal to the idea of bearing the light of God as His people, especially in His temple.