

VISIONS VS. SEEING



- The 5th vision is about Zerubbabel
- God validates the leadership of Joshua and Zerubbabel
- In a vision, you don't "see" with your eyes
- Eyes take in light, converts to electrical impulses, connects to Optical Nerve that connects to the Visual Cortex
- Visions do not involve the eyes
- Not like a subconscious dream



- The Interpreting Angel reappears
- The representation but not actual form of the Temple Menorah
- Technically, a *menorah* is ONLY the lamp stand
- **Gullah** (הַגִּלָּה) = the bowl **Nerot** (נֵרוֹת) = the 7 lamps
- **Mutsaqot** (מוֹצְקוֹת) = the 7 tubes
- Exodus 25:31 – 40 The Tabernacle Menorah



ZECHARIAH MENORAH



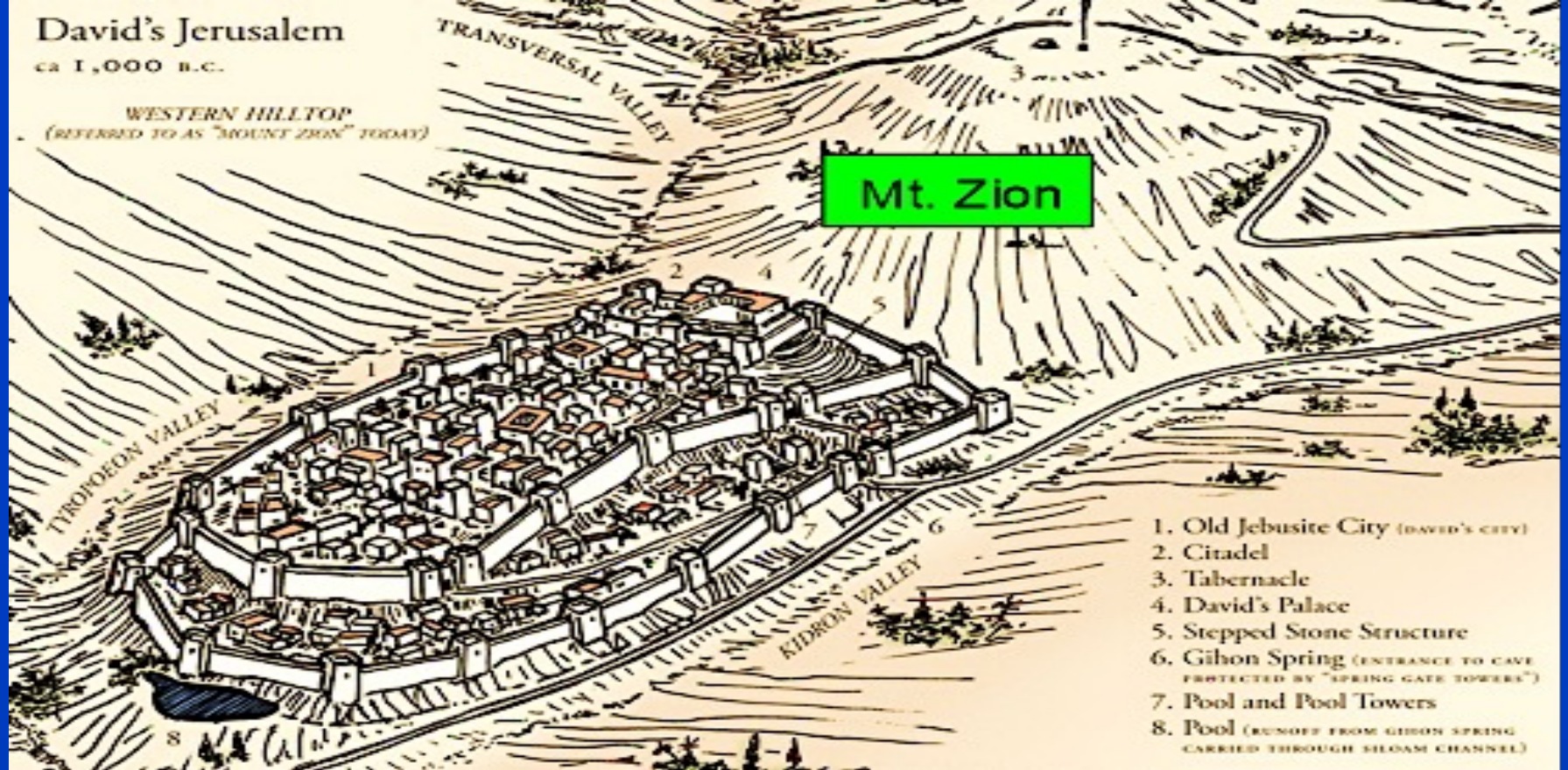
ORIGINAL TORAH MENORAH

- The differences in the menorahs are because:
- 1) Textual transmission... meaning of words uncertain
- 2) The menorah was re-fashioned differently in different eras
- 2Chronicles 4:7 vs. 2Chronicles 13:11
- Zechariah's menorah is from a vision, not real

*"What are these
my lord...?"*

- lord NOT Lord
- **Adon** = lord, sir
- What do the Olive Trees represent?
- Angel gives Zechariah a very cryptic answer
- Lamp stand, bowl, 7 lamps, 7 spouts, and 2 trees are one single symbolic representation
- Angel's response in vs. 6 is not about the trees but rather it is a message to Zerubbabel





- Zerubbabel is to understand the results of his work as God's doing and not his own
- High Places and Temples always went together
- Other cultures built artificial mountains to build their Temples on; Israel used a natural mountain, Mt. Zion

EXPLORING THE SYMBOLISM OF MOUNTAINS

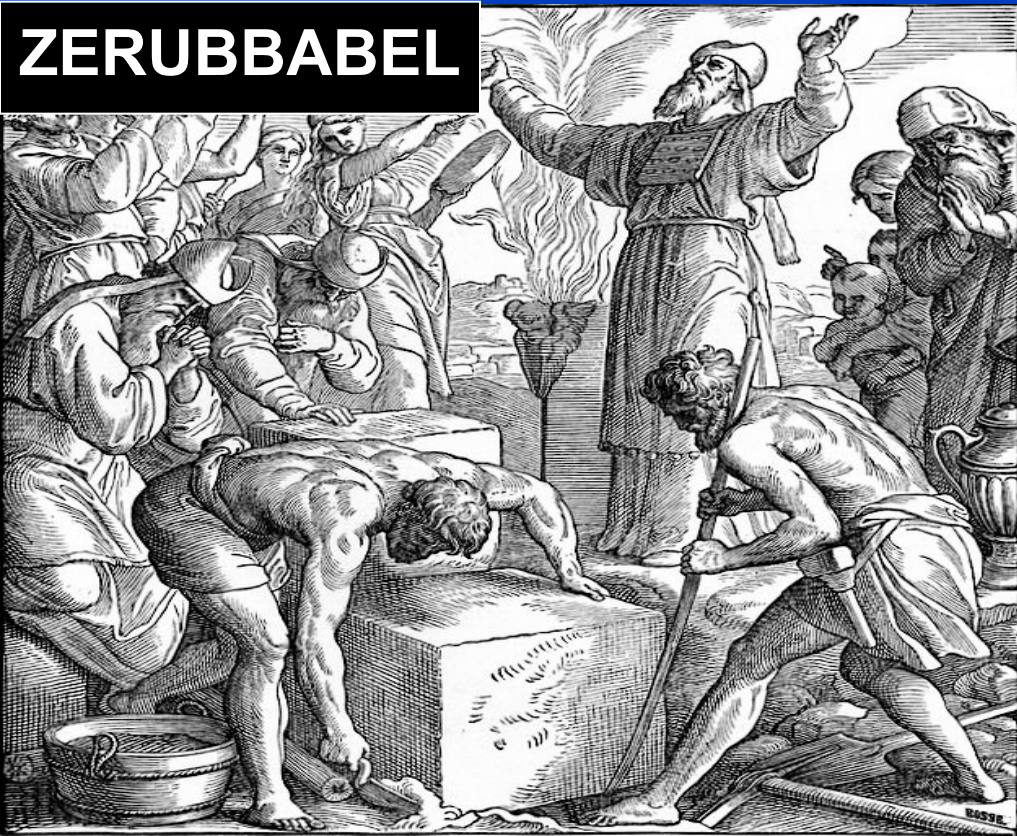


- 1) Mt. Zion as the big mountain
- 2) Representative of military or imperial power
- 3) Troubles... chaos and resistance... barriers
- It is NOT that only one of these is correct
- Each is possible within their own prophetic fulfillment
- In Zerubbabel's day, it was troubles and resistance

JOSHUA



ZERUBBABEL

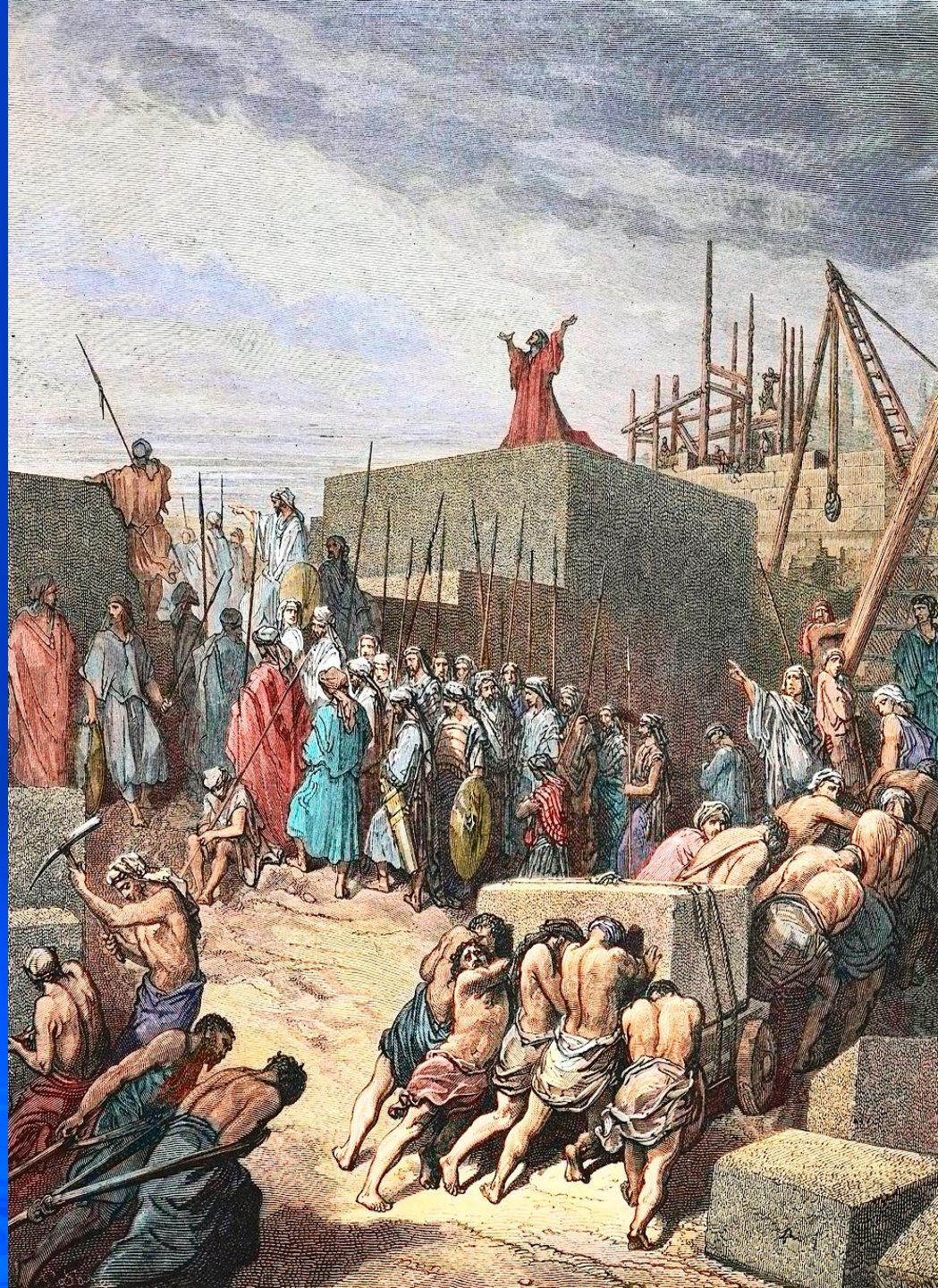


THE 2 STONES

- Zech. 4:7 stone
- Zech. 3:9 stone
- Zerubbabel is the 1st Davidic ruler to bring about this prophecy
- A long time later, End Times Davidic ruler will do the same with another Temple
- ***Chen, chen!*** Probably close to the Evangelical Amen, amen!

THE ONGOING CONUNDRUM

- Vs. 8 Message now goes directly to Zechariah
- Vs. 9 The lack of an Israelite king associated with the Temple is weird for the people
- God makes it clear that this is Zerubbabel's Temple, is to be thought of as that needed king
- Triad of king, Temple, God is now completed





The
Plumb
Line



- Vs. 10 Better is: ***“Does anyone scorn a day of small beginnings? When they see...they shall rejoice!”***
- The first step to the fruition of a goal may seem small, but it is a necessary beginning
- ***Ha-eben habbedil*** = the tin stone
- Zerubbabel is to be regarded as the builder of the Temple
- 7 eyes, 7 lamps = God’s omniscience and omnipresence