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BIBLE STUDY	6:00 P.M.

ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
Sundays at 7:30 AM on KOGB—TV34

April 03, "What Happens at Death"
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April 17, "The Judgment"
April 24, "Heaven"

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

April 18, 2022
1 Kings 9-11

April 19, 2022
1 Kings 12-13

April 20, 2022
1 Kings 14-16


April 21, 2022
1 Kings 17-18


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1 Kings 19-21

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1 Kings 22

April 24, 2022
2Kings 1-4


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SUNDAY:
Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study 6:00 P.M.

 <http://www.shawneecentralcofc.org/media.php/t=sermons>

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One Lampstand and Two Olive Trees

Zechariah 4

The angel of the Lord who had talked to Zechariah since chapter one, now wakes him from his sleep, and asks him what he sees. Zechariah sees a lamp stand with seven bowls, pipes, and lamps. This seems to be a menorah. The menorah was the lamp that God told Moses to construct and was placed in the tabernacle. This lamp was also in the temple. We must remember that the articles of the tabernacle were modeled according to what Moses saw on the mountain; specifically, before the throne of God. "You shall make a lampstand of pure gold... And six branches shall come out of its sides: three... out of one side, and three... out of the other side... You shall make seven lamps for it... And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain" (Exodus 25:31-39).

The children of Israel were required to bring "pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually" (Leviticus 24:2). The lamp was set right outside the veil, and the priest was to oversee it "evening until morning before the Lord continually" (24:3). The priest was to always make sure that the lamps were always burning and that they always had enough oil. When the lamp is burning, the relationship with God continues.

Zechariah sees that there are two olive trees on either side of the lamps that are apparently constantly supplying them with oil. The angel proceeds to explain what these lamps are because Zechariah does not know (Zechariah 4:5). Zerubbabel is building the temple, and God was watching

and assuring its completion. The significance of the temple's completion was seen in the coming BRANCH and the forgiveness of sin afterward (3:8, 10; also 4:7). The seven lamps are the seven eyes that are scanning the whole earth (4:10). We saw that the riders were God's eyes and ears throughout the whole earth, and they reported back to the angel of the Lord (1:11). These lamps look "to and fro" apparently by means of these angels.

Revelation 4 tells us that seven lamps are before the throne of God which are the seven spirits of God (4:5). The seven lampstands that Jesus had were the churches (1:20). We also know that there are seven angels that always stand before God (8:2). There seems to be a connection between these lamps, the churches, the angels and God's "eyes". This is not easy to explain or even understand, but instead of emphasizing what we cannot be sure about, it is clear that God is very aware of the temple construction and its completion (as in Revelation, God is very aware of each congregation of Christ).

The two olive trees are God's two anointed (Zechariah 4:14). Who is anointed? God's priests and God's kings (i.e., Joshua and someone in the line of Zerubbabel). In Revelation 11, the olive trees are God's prophets. What is the connection? Revelation 11 and Zechariah 4 show that the lamp is God's eyes/presence, and the olive trees are God's servants that feed the lamp. As the lamp burns, the relationship with God continues. How important is it that the lampstand not be removed (Revelation 2:5)?

Logan Edmison

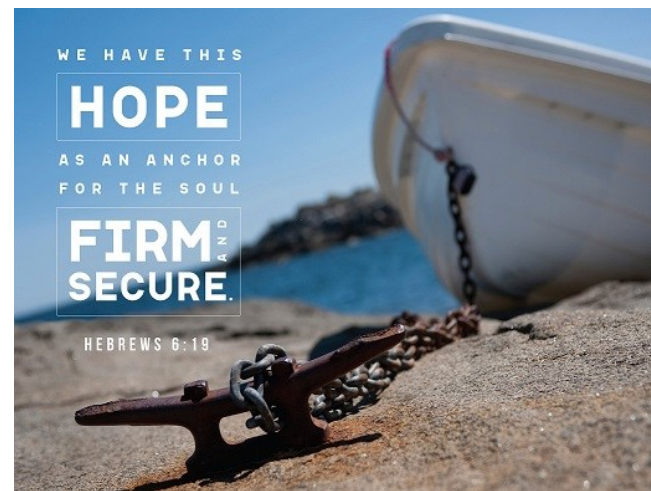
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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Doris Phillips had a medical procedure and was expected to be released from the hospital on Wednesday the 13th.

Alisa Beal was in the hospital for some health concerns and was released on Wednesday the 13th.

Prayers are requested for **Janice Watson** and family for the issues they are facing with **George Carl Watson** who was born early and has health concerns.



Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 5:25

TIPTON HOME

Our Tipton Home collection for the months of **April - June** will be: **HE Laundry soap, dryer sheets, and bleach.** Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer.



RECORD FOR April 10, 2022

Bible Study	51
Worship Service	79
Sunday Evening	40
Wednesday Evening	30
Contribution	\$3,515.68

SERVING THE CONGREGATION April 17, 2022

Announcements:	Dennis Brodersen
Scripture Reader:	Bob Stephens
Song Director:	Dale & Adam Beard
Opening Prayer:	Steve Kelly
Sermon:	Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer:	Paul Harris

Lord's Supper:	Eddie Beard
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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday PM Bible Study at 5:00 pm
Sunday PM Children's Bible Hour at 5:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study at 6:00 pm