Grace Completes the Work: Zerubbabel’s Mountain, Elijah’s Remnant, and the Arm of the Lord — Zechariah 4:7

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> **Highlight key:** = grace / Spirit-truth · = precious promise · **bold** = key terms

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1️⃣ Trust God’s Power, Not Your Own — □□□□□□□ Revisited

Zechariah 4 is one event with many angles. Earlier we saw waiting with expectation; now we see another angle: **trusting God’s power instead of your own strength**. When life feels like waiting with unmet expectations, this word shifts the foundation from self-effort to grace.

- **Not by might** — human strength cannot finish God’s work
- **Waiting seasons** — delay is not God’s final plan
- **Another angle** — same Scripture, deeper grace revelation
- **Rest in His power** — lean on God, not self-reliance

2️⃣ Zerubbabel — Grace Completes the Work

At first Zerubbabel’s mindset was *“This is not easy.”* God changed his speech: **“Who are you, O great mountain?”** He did not say God would finish it — he said

Zerubbabel would bring the capstone. Zerubbabel claimed God's authority as his own inheritance. The key word over the immovable mountain: *"Grace, grace to it!"*

- **Great mountain** — delay, sickness, debt, impossible situations
- **~20 years** — he trusted his own strength too long
- **Grace, grace!** — shout grace over what blocks you
- **Capstone coming** — God finishes through grace, not flesh

Zechariah 4:7 (NKJV)

> *"Who are you, **O great mountain**? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of '**Grace, grace to it!**'"* — **Zechariah 4:7 (NKJV)**

3️⃣ Speak to Your Mountain — God's Power, Not Yours

Stand before your mountain and declare: **"This is God's power — not my power."** Because Jesus died on the cross, the mountain-like inheritance in your life can change. Do not speak your strength; speak **God's power** over sickness, delay, and every obstacle.

Self-reliance	Grace-reliance
"I am not good enough"	"**God's power** — not mine"
20 years of stalled progress	Mountain becomes a plain
Trust my works	Shout **grace, grace**
God cannot change this	God **will** change it

4️⃣ Elijah — The Remnant Chosen by Grace

Elijah cried, *"I alone am left."* Everyone else seemed gone. God's answer: **"I have reserved seven thousand who have not bowed to Baal."** Elijah trusted his own strength and works — but the seven thousand prophets leaned on **God's power**. Romans 6 makes the contrast sharp: if it is by grace, it is no longer by works.

- **“I alone”** — Elijah’s despair after Mount Carmel
- 7 **7,000 reserved** — remnant chosen by grace, not performance
- **Grace vs works** — cannot mix; grace ceases to be grace
- **Lean on God** — when you depend on His power, life changes

Romans 11:4–6 (NKJV)

> *“But what does the divine response say to him? ‘**I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men** who have not bowed the knee to Baal.’ Even so then, at this present time there is a **remnant according to the election of grace**. And if by grace, then it is **no longer of works**; otherwise grace is no longer grace.”* — **Romans 11:4–6 (NKJV)**

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5 Abraham — Grace Calls Life From the Dead

At ninety-nine, Abraham still had no child. Romans 4 says he did **not consider his body dead** or Sarah’s womb barren. For years he trusted his own strength — *“I can get a child by my power.”* Faith means leaning on **God’s power**, not flesh. When he did, his life transformed.

- **~100 years old** — body as good as dead (Romans 4:19)
- **Abraham → father of nations** — name change, promise enlarges (Gen 17:5)
- **Long delay** — childless years were not God’s final word
- **God chooses you** — when you lean on His power, He selects and blesses

Genesis 17:5 (NKJV)

> *“No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be **Abraham**; for I have made you a **father of many nations**.”* — **Genesis 17:5 (NKJV)**

Romans 4:19 (NKJV)

> *“And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the **deadness of Sarah’s womb**.”* — **Romans 4:19 (NKJV)**

6️⃣ Under Grace — Sin Cannot Rule You

When you stop leaning on your own strength and lean on **God's power**, sin loses dominion. You can live a holy life — not by law-striving, but because you are **under grace**. This is when God's power becomes real in daily living.

Romans 6:14 (NKJV)

> *"For **sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but **under grace**."* — **Romans 6:14 (NKJV)**

7️⃣ Grace and Truth Through Jesus Christ

The law came through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**. Who is God's power? **Jesus Himself** — the arm of the Lord revealed. When you trust Christ, you exchange your strength for His, your sickness for His health, your sin for His righteousness.

John 1:17 (NKJV)

> *"For the law was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**."* — **John 1:17 (NKJV)**

8️⃣ The Arm of the Lord Revealed — Isaiah 52–53, John 12

Isaiah prophesied that the LORD would bare His holy arm before all nations. The question remains: *"To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"* John 12 answers — it was fulfilled in Christ. **Jesus is God's power** and God's beloved. Trust Him and inherit easily.

- **Arm bared** — salvation visible to all nations (Isa 52:10)
- **Who believed?** — arm revealed to those who trust (Isa 53:1)
- **Fulfilled in Christ** — John 12:38 points to Jesus
- **Trust His finished work** — righteousness, healing, blessing flow from Him

Isaiah 52:10 (NKJV)

> *“The LORD has **made bare His holy arm** In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The **salvation of our God**.”* — **Isaiah 52:10 (NKJV)**

Isaiah 53:1 (NKJV)

> *“Who has believed our report? And to whom has the **arm of the LORD been revealed**?”* — **Isaiah 53:1 (NKJV)**

John 12:38 (NKJV)

> *“that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: ‘Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the **arm of the LORD been revealed**?'”* — **John 12:38 (NKJV)**

9️⃣ Trust Christ — Your Life Will Shine

When you say, *“I have no power — only Christ’s power,”* you receive surely: Jesus died for your sins, took your sickness, made you righteous, accepted you. Like Zerubbabel, the seven thousand, and Abraham — **not by your strength but by grace** — your life will shine and you will inherit easily.

- **Christ’s power** — not my programme or strength
- **Mountain changes** — when grace is shouted in faith
- **Life shines** — from Zerubbabel’s pattern to yours
- **Inherit easily** — grace completes what works cannot

The Takeaway

1. **Zerubbabel** — great mountain becomes plain; shout *grace, grace*
2. **Elijah’s remnant** — 7,000 chosen by grace, not works (Romans 11:4–6)
3. **Abraham** — faith ignores dead body and barren womb (Rom 4:19)
4. **Under grace** — sin loses dominion (Romans 6:14)
5. **Grace and truth** — came through Jesus Christ (John 1:17)

6. **Arm of the Lord** — revealed in Christ (Isaiah 52–53, John 12:38)
7. **Lean on God’s power** — your life will shine and change

Scripture-based study on grace completing the work — Zerubbabel’s mountain, Elijah’s remnant, Abraham’s faith, and the arm of the Lord revealed in Christ.
