**THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT - Part 2**

*6 So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty. 7 “What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of ‘God bless it! God bless it!’ “ 8 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. 10 “Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?”*

Zechariah 4:6-10

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*

I Corinthians 1:27

I. The Butterfly effect

\* The Butterfly Effect holds that a small change at one place can result in large differences in another place later on. Even the slightest most imperceptible influence upon a system can bring about great changes and fluctuations in that system.

II. Despise not the day of small things!

A. God often calls us to attempt the impossible.

B. Zerubbabel was called rebuild a nation state

C. Zerubbabel was called to rekindle faith after exile.

D. Zerubbabel was called to rebuild the temple in the midst of hostile enemies.

III. Small creatures are big preachers. / The Ant (Proverbs 30:24-28)

*24 “Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: 25 Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; 26 hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; 27 locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; 28 a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings’ palaces.”*

A. Ants make provision in the summer for the winter.

B. Ants are so industrious about the future that they ignore all enemies.

C. Ants always let go of the past and move forward.

D. Ants are waterproof. Destroy their universe and they get up without complaint and rebuild.

E. Ants are not independent. They live in harmony and community knowing their place.

F. The ant is willing to delay gratification.

G. The ant is willing to look crazy grabbing at something greater than himself.

H. When the ant tastes something good he is unstoppable.

I. The ant makes the best of his short life span.