

# Zechariah 3 Pt 2

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| 1. <b>Vision of 4 Horses</b>       | Jesus sends 3 Messengers out into earth. Find Israel's enemies at peace. |
| 2. <b>Vision of 4 Horns</b>        | Identification of Enemies: Babylon/Persia/Greece/Rome judged             |
| 3. <b>Vision of 4 Craftsman</b>    | God uses 3 of those enemies to judge each other. Jesus will judge AC     |
| 4. <b>Vision of Measuring Line</b> | Rebuilding of Jerusalem Dual Prophecy...                                 |

**Near:** After Jewish remnant return from Babylon

**Distant:** After Jewish remnant repent from Rejection Jesus

- **Lots and lots of singing...**

**Zechariah 2:10** "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," says the Lord.

**Zephaniah 3:16** In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The **Lord your God in your midst**, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you w/gladness, He will quiet you w/His love, He will rejoice over you w/**singing**.

- **To those who reject** God's future plan for Israel...

**Zechariah 2:13** Be **silent**, all flesh, before the Lord...

- **Zechariah:** Ten visions **all in one night**
- **Last one:** Measuring Line. Rebuilding of Jerusalem
- **Ch. 3 Fifth Vision:** Vision of the High Priest

## I. Vision of the High Priest

**1** Then he showed me **Joshua** the high priest standing before the **Angel of the Lord**, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to **oppose him**.

- **He showed me:** Angel from 2:3 running audio/visual for **5<sup>th</sup> vision**

**3 Players:** Joshua/Satan/Angel of LORD

- **Joshua:** High Priest during Zech time
  1. **Judah Reestablishing** Priestly System upon return from Babylon
  2. **Joshua Representing** God's people time of Zechariah [c.f. Hag. 1:1]
- **Satan:** AKA Accuser
  1. Satan also presenting himself before the Lord
  2. Opposing Joshua/Pointing out filthy garments/sin

**Revelation 3:4** You have a few...who have not **defiled their garments**

**Revelation 19:8** [White garments speak of righteousness] And to [the Church] it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for **the fine linen is the righteous acts** of the saints.

- Satan loves to **expose our dirty laundry...**

**Revelation 12:10b** [Satan is] ... the accuser of [the] brethren, who accused [us] before our God day and night...

- **The Angel of the Lord:** Presiding as Joshua presents himself to God

Satan hated the whole scene. He hates it when God's people come into the presence of the LORD. He hates it when they come into God's presence to serve and honor the LORD. [Guzik]

Satan Accuses Joshua and in turn **all of God's People** of being dirty/sinful...

**2** And the LORD said to Satan, "**The LORD rebuke you, Satan!**"

The Angel of the Lord v1: The Lord rebuke you, Satan!  
**Jesus intervenes to the Father on our behalf**

**1 John 2:1** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you **may not sin**. And if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

- **Don't sin.** But when you do remember you have Advocate/Attorney plead case

**When the enemy accuses us of sin agree with him?**

IOWs don't defend yourself

**Matthew 5:25** **Agree with your adversary** quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

- **Then let the Lord answer** Satan's accusations...IOW's Don't represent yourself

**Romans 8:34** [Jesus] is...at the right hand of God, who also makes **intercession for us**.

**1 Timothy 2:5** ...there is one God and one **Mediator between God and men**, the Man Christ Jesus...

**Hebrews 7:25** [Jesus]... is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always **lives to make intercession for them**.

**Hebrews 9:12** Not [redeemed] with the blood of goats and calves, but **with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place** once for all, having obtained **eternal redemption**.

- Our Advocate paid for our crimes...

There is a prisoner in the courtroom, and the jury has just brought in a verdict of "not guilty." The judge [tells him he is free]. There are people in the court who gnash their teeth at him;

there are persons in the street who hate him; what does he care? "I have been pronounced 'not guilty' by the proper tribunal; the judge himself tells me that I am acquitted; not a law officer can touch me; not the fiercest enemy in the world can drag me into court again. I have been tried and found 'not guilty,' and who is he that condemns?" It is just so with the Christian. Christ's righteousness is put on him. Christ takes his sins, and when he stands before God's bar, the eternal voice seems to say, "I see no sin in that man." How can he? All that man's sins Christ took away. [Spurgeon]

- **Jesus:** Our intercessor/Advocate/Mediator/Redeemer/Defender...

**2b... The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"**

Joshua represented God's people/Jerusalem: Presently in Dirty Garments  
**To Satan:** I can choose anyone I desire/I choose Jerusalem

**Deuteronomy 7:7** The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples...

**1 Corinthians 1:25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble [well-born], are called. 27 But **God has chosen the foolish things** of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the **weak things of the world to put to shame** the things which are mighty...

**Joshua/Jerusalem/Church/Each of Us:** Brands plucked from the Fire  
Underserving of God's Love yet Lavished/Covered with it...

**3** Now Joshua was **clothed with filthy garments**, and was standing before the Angel.

- **Our sin is truly dirty.** Satan is correct. **How dirty?**
- **Dirty Garments** refers to human excrement...

This is the strongest expression in the Hebrew language for filth of the most vile/loathsome character [Feinberg]

Joshua and Jesus gazing at one another  
Joshua knowing his garments are filthy with sin/ That Jesus can smell stink

**4** Then [Angel of the LORD] answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "**Take away the filthy garments from him.**" And to him He said, "**See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.**"

**Hebrews 4:13** [Of the Living Word of God] ...there is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him** to whom we must give account.

- **The Angel of the LORD sees Joshua's Filth**

1. Take off the filthy garments
2. I have removed your filth
3. I will clothe you with rich robes

In ourselves we are dirty/stink...All have sinned and fallen short

### **We need to be Cleansed/Clothed w/Christ**

- **Zechariah can't hold it in...**

<sup>5</sup> And I said, "Let them **put a clean turban on his head.**" So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And **the Angel of the Lord** stood by.

- Clothed in Clean Clothes/New Turban on Joshua's head

### **And the Angel of the Lord stood close by.**

- **Angel of the Lord** would Himself take our filth on the Cross
- **High Priest Joshua:** Gr. transliteration **Jesus our Great High Priest**

What did He clothe us with? Himself. What does that mean?

**1 Corinthians 1:30** ... you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us **wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—** 31 that, as it is written, "**He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.**"

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For [God the Father] made Him who knew no sin [Jesus] **to be sin** for us, that we might become the **righteousness of God in Him.**

- **Blasphemy** to come in our own clothes/our own way...unpardonable sin

**Matthew 22:11** But when the king came in to see the guests, **he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.** 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

High Priest represented the people to God/God to the People

- **Joshua represents all of us...**

1. **Sinners saved** by God's Grace
2. **Unrighteous** clothed w/God's Righteousness
3. **Brands plucked** from the fire just at the right time...

**Romans 5:6** [Jesus our Advocate] For when we were still without strength, in **due time** [lit. at the right time] Christ died for the ungodly... **8...** God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were

enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be **saved by His life.**

- All fall short/All need to be clothed...

Even Joshua the High Priest needed to be clothed by  
**Jesus Our Great High Priest**

**Vision 6:** Branch and Stone bringing Restoration

## II. Branch and Stone

6 Then the **Angel of the Lord** admonished Joshua, saying, <sup>7</sup>“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here.’

- **Previous Vision** Joshua representing God’s people told “I did this for you”
- **Current Vision** This is what you are to do in response to My grace...
  1. Walk in my ways
  2. Keep my command

**Saved by Grace yet Called to Obedience**

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For **we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**Philippians 2:12** ... **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

- **Immediate application** Joshua to represent the character of the Lord
- **General Application** We are to fearfully represent the Lord as we do His work

**James 1:21** Therefore **lay aside all filthiness** and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But **be doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- **Goodwill** those old stinky clothes. Do what is good/right...

Stand under the fount where the blessings come out

- **v7 I will give a place to walk:** Bold/Free when we know we are in His will

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore **come boldly** to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Psalm 18:19** [David] He also brought me out into a **broad place**; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

- **Salvation**                      Predicated on **Grace**
- **Abundant Life**                Predicated on **Obedience** [how we show our love]

**8** Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a **wondrous sign**; For behold, I am bringing forth **My Servant the BRANCH**. **9** For behold, the **stone** That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone *are seven eyes*...

**Wonderous Signs:** Pictures of the coming Savior. Branch and Stone

- **Branch:** Note continuity of Scripture

**Isaiah 4:2** In that day the **Branch of the Lord** shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing. For those of Israel who have escaped.

**Isaiah 11:1** There shall come forth a Rod [shoot] from the stem of Jesse [David's father], And a **Branch shall grow** [be fruitful] out of his roots.

**Jeremiah 23:5** "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a **Branch of righteousness**; A King shall reign and prosper [lit. act wisely] And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

**Jeremiah 33:15** 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A **Branch of righteousness**; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

- v8 **Branch**      Descendant of David                      Humanity of Jesus
- v9 **Stone**        Cut without hands                                  Deity of Jesus                      Omnipotence of God

**Daniel 2:44** And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break [crush] in pieces and consume [put an end to] all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that the **stone was cut out of the mountain without hands**, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

- **Seven Eyes**

**Revelation 5:6** ... in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are the **seven Spirits** of God sent out into all the earth.

- **Zechariah**                      **Stone w/Seven Eyes**
- **Revelation**                    **Lamb with...**
  1. **Seven Horns**                      Omnipotence    All Powerful
  2. **Seven Eyes**                        Omnipresent    All Present
  3. **Seven Spirits**                      Omniscient      All Knowing

**9b...** Behold, I will **engrave its inscription,**' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity [sin] of that land **in one day.**

By Him [Branch/Stone] I will remove the sin of Israel in one day

- Desolate for 2000 years after rejecting Jesus

**Matthew 23:38** See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, '**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

- In the place God prepared they will see Him

**Matthew 24:30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**Revelation 1:7** Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, **even they who pierced Him.** And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Zechariah 12:10** "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will **look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day there shall be a **great mourning in Jerusalem...**

### **Regeneration can only Begin only after Repentance**

**<sup>10</sup>In that day,'** says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor **Under his vine and under his fig tree.'** "

### **IOWs You don't get your own vine and fig tree till you repent**

**Acts 3:19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...