

# **Zechariah 3**

## **Zechariah 3.1-5**

**V1** – Beginning of the fourth vision: Joshua – high priest

-**Who was Joshua?** The high priest under Zerubbabel

-**Where was Joshua?** Standing before the angel of the Lord

-**What was Satan doing?** Accusing him

-The word *Satan* means “the accuser”

-Probably some people of Jerusalem were criticizing Joshua, and maybe he had gotten discouraged

**V2** – **What did God say to Satan?** That he was to be rebuked

-**Why?** Because God had chosen Jerusalem to be His city

**V3** – **How was Joshua dressed?** In dirty clothes

-The dirty clothes might represent the sins of the Jews which resulted in their captivity

**V4** – **What did the angel say?** For Joshua's filthy clothes to be taken off and for him to be given clean clothes

**V5** – So Joshua was given a clean turban and clean clothes

-Notice the angel of the Lord was standing there watching

## **Zechariah 3.6-7**

**V6** – The angel spoke to Joshua

**V7** – **What promise was made to Joshua?** That if he obeyed God, he would have access to God  
(That was the job of the high priest)

## **Zechariah 3.8-10**

**V8** – **What prophecy was made here?** That God would bring forth His servant, “the Branch”

-The “Branch” could this be translated “shoot” (that which shoots up from a tree that has been cut down)

- **Read Isaiah 11:1, 4.2, 53.2**

- **Read Matthew 3.10**

-In other words, the Jewish nation would be cut down (and the old would come to an end), and Jesus would be the new shoot on the branch

**V9** – **What was set before the Jews?** The stone of God **Read 1 Peter 2.4-5, Matthew 21.42, Ephesians 2.20**

-**What will the stone do?** Remove the sins of the people

**V10** – **What would people do in the day of the stone?** Invite their neighbors to come to the Lord

**Lessons from Chapter 3:**

A source of great encouragement for the Jews and encouragement for people to respect Him

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