

Zechariah 3:1-10 **Joshua and the Land Cleansed – Sign of the coming Branch**

Vision of the High Priest

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

2 And Yahweh (the Lord) said to Satan, "Yahweh (the Lord) rebuke you, Satan! Yahweh (the Lord) who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

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

4 Then He 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."

5 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 Yahweh (the Lord) stood by.

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6 Then the Angel of Yahweh (the Lord) admonished Joshua, saying,

7 "Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (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.

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. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day,' says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), 'Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.'"

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Facts Revealed:

Vision of the High Priest [\[Zechariah 3:1-5\]](#)

✧ Joshua the high priest is standing before the angel of the Lord.

The Angel of the Lord is Yahweh Himself as evidenced by His statement that "I have taken away your iniquity from you." [\[Zechariah 3:4\]](#)

✧ Satan the adversary is standing at his right hand to oppose him.

✧ Yahweh first rebukes Satan.

✧ Then Yahweh acknowledged that He has chosen Jerusalem.

✧ Joshua is identified as a brand who was plucked out of the fire.

✧ The filthy cloths of Joshua represent the uncleanness of the iniquity Yahweh sees regarding His chosen. All human righteousness is seen as filthy rags by God. [\[Isaiah 64:6\]](#)

- ✧ Yahweh is the only One who cleanses away all sin and iniquity and clothes us with His righteousness that we may be clean in His presence.

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- ✧ Joshua's effective ministry is dependent on his obedience to the commandments of Yahweh.
- ✧ It is Yahweh Who appoints responsibility to judge and places to walk among His servants.
- ✧ Joshua and his companions are a **sign** of the One to come called **The Branch**.
- ✧ This speaks of Messiah Who will rule the world during the Kingdom Age.
- ✧ The Stone set before Joshua represents the work of the Holy Spirit, His seven eyes that search out the entire earth and discern truth indicate His omniscience. [[Revelation 5:6](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh will remove the iniquity of the Land in one day.
- ✧ The result of true righteousness is universal peace, security, and prosperity with everyone at rest and safe to sit under his own vine and fig tree.