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# MAJOR LESSONS FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

**AUG 28 // WEEK 2 // GUEST SPEAKER: TIM MAGNUSON**

## **Zechariah 3 Notes: PART 1**

**Historical Setting: How was this passage heard by those living at the time?**

### **The Characters**

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. 2 The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. - **Zechariah 3:1-3**

Joshua - the high priest. He's a representative for each and every person that heard Zechariah. He is God's chosen representative to serve as the go between for God and the people.

The Angel of the LORD.

The Satan - the "accuser" or "adversary".

The LORD - defender and acquitter of Jerusalem, and of Joshua, its representative.

### **The Promise**

4 The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you." 5 Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by. 6 The angel of the Lord gave this charge to Joshua: 7 "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here. - **Zechariah 3:4-7**

Filthy clothes to clean garments.

Dirty/No turban to a clean turban.

The promise that if Joshua will obey the LORD and follow him, then Joshua will have a place of honor.

### **The Vision**

8 "Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. 9 See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day. 10 "In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,' declares the Lord Almighty." - **Zechariah 3:4-7**

The Branch will come - this is a reference to Jeremiah, another prophet, where God says that He will "In those days and at that time / I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; / he will do what is just and right in the land. / In those days Judah will be saved / and Jerusalem will live in safety." - **Jeremiah 33:15-16**

The Branch.

The removal of sin in a single day.

A future of peace, calm, and plenty.

### **So what?**

If you've paid attention, there is almost nothing specific here. There is a reference to a specific high priest, but nothing else that gives any shape or definition to what this actually means.

**Until... we get the proper lens that we can look through, and that lens brings everything into focus, and puts everything into place.**

That lens is Jesus, and now we're going to go back and retell this passage using a Jesus lens to see how this passage is a foretelling, a prophecy, a promise, that finds its fulfillment in Jesus.

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## **Zechariah 3 Notes: PART 2**

**Christocentric Reading: How was this passage understood if we have Jesus the Christ as our anchor point?**

### **The Characters**

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Joshua - the high priest - Jesus is our Great High Priest

The Angel of the LORD

The Satan - the "accuser" or "adversary"

The LORD - acquitter of humanity, which has Jesus as its representative

### **The Promise**

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Filthy clothes to clean garments - The garments symbolize the sin that creates a division between us and God, but Jesus has removed that division by his work on the cross.

Dirty/No turban to a clean turban - The turban is a symbol of the priestly role, but instead of a turban, Jesus is wearing a crown that symbolizes his divine and kingly right over everything and everyone.

The promise that if Joshua will obey the LORD and follow him, then Joshua will have a place of honor. Jesus has completed the course that all other humans have failed at, and we are to look to him as the model for all that we do.

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### **The Vision**

The Branch.

The removal of sin in a single day.

A future of peace, calm, and plenty. The future promise, when Jesus is appointed Lord over all, when He reigns forever, will be peace and plenty.

### **The right lens changes everything**

The message of Zechariah served a dual purpose. First, for the people of his day, to give them a hope. Second, to point to the one whom all of Scripture points to, Jesus.