

# GOD'S CLEANSING -- BRINGS RESTORATION

Sunday, August 25, 2024 -- ZECHARIAH series -- msg 6 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

ZECHARIAH 3:1-10

DREAM #4 (Joshua the High Priest)

English Standard Version (ESV)

**1** Then he showed me **Joshua the high priest** standing before the angel of the Lord, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to accuse him. **2** And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" **3** Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. **4** And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." **5** And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by. **6** And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, **7** "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. **8** Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. **9** For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. **10** In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

## BACKGROUND & REVIEW

- 1) In Zechariah's day, God's people are at a place of desolation and hopelessness because they did not trust and obey the Lord.
- 2) God, in His tremendous grace, sends Zechariah to call them to repentance and to give them a message of His grace and promise towards them.
  - If they will return to Him, then He will return to them! (Zech 1:3)
  - They were in 'a whole world of hurt' because they had left faith and obedience to God. (Zech 1:4-5)
  - **8 Dreams** -- God gives them a second chance through **HIS RULE** over their lives.
  - **Dream #1** -- God sees them in their mess and promises comfort. (Zech 1:7-17)
  - **Dream #2** -- God will punish their enemies as they return to faithful worship. (Zech 1:18-21)
  - **Dream #3** -- God's great and gracious restoration will bring his people home to Him. (Zech 2:1-13)
  - **Dream #4** -- (our study today) Dreams 4 & 5 are the climax of the 8 dreams... **MESSIAH!**

Dream 1

Dream 2

Dream 3

Dream 4

Dream 5

Dream 6

Dream 7

Dream 8

- There is **POWER FOR LIFE** in these dreams. **GOD RULES ALL!**  
True Christians have ultimate hope through the ultimate Ruler of all things!

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## DREAM #4 -- JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST (Dirty Garments Changed for Clean Garments)

- 1) See Joshua --> Israel's leader into the Promised Land almost **1,000** years earlier!  
 (the Hebrews in Egypt/Moses --> wilderness --> Moses dies/Joshua leads --> enter Promised Land)  
 (Yahōšua or '**Joshua**' in Hebrew, '**Jesus**' in Greek literally means '**The LORD saves**')
  - Joshua was the high priest responsible for ensuring the purity of God's people (through sacrifice).
  
- 2) See the progression from earthly enemies (dream#2-- the nations) to the spiritual enemy, Satan.
  - '**Satan**' --> literally means 'the accuser' Job 1:11; 2:5;
  - Satan is the one who accuses/attacks God's people... Luke 22:31; 1 Peter 5:8; Rev. 12:10.
  - See that Satan is subservient to the Lord. Satan is silenced by the Lord. vs 1-2
  
- 3) See God's choosing of His people even through they are still unclean/sinful. vs 2-3  
**ROMANS 5:6-9**  
*6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for the good person someone would even dare to die. 8 But 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 the wrath of God through Him.*
  
- 4) See God's Messiah (the Branch) is the sole agent of cleansing and salvation. vs 5, 6-9  
**JEREMIAH 23:5-6** (also see Jeremiah 33:15; Isaiah 4:2; 11:1; Zechariah 6:12; John 15)  
*5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a **righteous Branch**, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: '**The Lord is our righteousness.**'*
  
- 5) See that restoration with God leads to restoration with others! vs 10  
 See Matthew 22:37-40 The Great Commandments: Love GOD, love OTHERS.  
 Proof positive that someone truly knows God is that they truly love His people.