

God's Perfect Redemption (Zech. 3)

I. The Redemption of God's Servant (1-5)

1. The Servant's Sin is Removed

A. The Accusation of God's Servant (1a)

1. Joshua the High Priest

- a. People returning to Jerusalem
- b. Re-instituting God's worship
- c. "standing before the Lord" – (trial language)

B. The Accuser is Rebuked (1b-2a)

1. Satan stands to accuse Joshua

- a. He accuses God's people
- b. He reminds us of our sin

C. The Accusation is Rebuked (2b)

- 1. God dismisses the charges of His own
- 2. God Himself removed them from the Fire
 - a. Judgment & curse

D. The Accusation is True (3)

1. Joshua's garments are stained

- a. God's people bear their sin
- b. Their garments are filthy
- c. They are unworthy to stand before God

2. Joshua does not Deny the Accusations

E. The Accusation is Resolved by God (4-5)

1. God Removes the Filthy Garment (which is iniquity)

2. God Provides a Clean Turban (5)

- a. The turban, part of the high priest's dress, was inscribed with the words: "Holy to the Lord" (Ex. 28:36–37 39:30–31). Zechariah joined the scene, calling for this because it strongly symbolized that Israel's priestly place with God was restored

3. God Provides New Clothes (righteousness)

2. The Servant is Given His Task (6-7)

A. The Command is Given

- 1. Walk in my ways
- 2. Perform My Service

B. The Promise is Made

- 1. You will govern my house
- 2. You have charge of my courts
- 3. You will have free access

(This is in terms of service and ministry, interceding before God)

II. The Redemption of God Completed (8-10)

1. God will Bring His Deliverer (8)

A. Joshua and the Priests are symbols

B. They symbolize the Branch who is coming

- 1. Branch is Christ (Isa. 4:2; 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 6:12)

2. God's Deliverer will Bring Final Restoration (9)

A. The Deliverer is God's stone

1. Seven eyes - The seven eyes are symbolic of divine omniscience and universal dominion (cf. Zech 1:10; 4:10; 2 Chr 16:9)

2. Inscription - Inscriptions were common on ancient Near Eastern cornerstones. This inscription speaks of the redemption achieved by the divine resident of the temple, the Messiah, who will in the day of the Lord bring salvation to all Israel.

B. The Deliverer will Completely Remove Iniquity

1. "In one day" - The day Christ is sacrificed

C. The Deliverer will Bring Perfect Peace (10)

1. "Under the vine and fig tree"

a. The imagery of fellowship under his vine and under his fig tree describes the peaceful dominion of the Lord in the coming messianic age (Mic 4)