



“The Accused and the Advocate”
Zechariah 3:1-10

Introduction:

I. JOSHUA, THE EARTHLY HIGH PRIEST (3:1-7)

A. Condemned (vs. 1-3)

“Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD...” (Haggai 1:12)

“and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him”

Job 1:6-12
Revelation 12:10
I Peter 5:8

“The LORD said to Satan, ‘The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!’ ”

“Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?” (Amos 4:11)

“Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel.”

B. Cleansed (vs. 4-5)

“He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, ‘Remove the filthy garments from him.’”

“Again he said to him, ‘See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes.’”

“Then I said, ‘Let them put a clean turban on his head.’ So they put a clean turban on his head...”
(Exodus 39:30)

“and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.” (Exodus 28:4)

C. Commissioned (vs. 6-7)

“And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, ⁷ ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts...’”

“If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing here.”

II. JESUS, THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST (3:8-10)

“listen...you and your friends who are sitting in front of you”

“indeed they are men who are a symbol”

A. “My Servant” (Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13 - 53:12)

“I am going to bring in My servant...”

B. “the Branch” (c.f. Zechariah 6:12; Isaiah 4:2; 11:1; 53:2; Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15)

“I am going to bring...the Branch.”

C. “the Stone” (Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14-15; 28:16; Matthew 21:42-44; I Peter 2:4-8)

“For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua...”

“...on one stone are seven eyes.”

“ ‘Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,’ declares the LORD of hosts...”

D. Our Savior

“and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.”

“In that day,’ declares the LORD of hosts...”

“every one of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.”

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) Where else in Scripture do we find Satan accusing believers before God?
- 2) Why is “a brand plucked from the fire” such a good analogy for a believer?
- 3) What do the symbols (servant, branch, stone) tell us about Jesus?
- 4) Explain the meaning of “I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day”.