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The Book of ZECHARIAH
Zech. 3:1-10

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(a) The Adversary, 3:1

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(6:11; Ezra 5:2; Neh. 7:7; Hag. 1:1)

(cf. Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Rev. 12:10)

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom **resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Jas. 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

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(b) The Advocate, 3:2-7

i. Joshua Changed to a New Man, 3:2-5

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Isa. 4:2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is* left in Zion, and *he that* remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, *even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 **When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,** and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof **by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.**

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ii. Joshua Challenged with a New Ministry, 3:6-7

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The Lord specified two conditions and promised three results.

- The first condition was Israel's practical righteousness; she had to walk in His ways faithfully with heart and hand (cf. Deut. 10:12-22; 28:9).
- Second, she had to carry out her priestly duties faithfully.
- If Israel did these things...
 - she would govern God's house
(people and temple; cf. Deut. 17:8-13; Jer. 31:7)
 - have charge of His courts—keeping them pure
(cf. Isa. 56:7; Jer. 31:23)
 - enjoy free access to God (cf. Exod. 19:6; Isa. 61:6; Heb. 4:16; 10:19-22).

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(2) The Coming Prince, 3:8-10

(a) Coming as the Servant, 3:8

Zech. 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, **behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.**

Isa. 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod **out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch** shall grow out of his roots:

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Isa. 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as **a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground**: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

Jer. 23:5 **Behold, the days come**, saith the LORD, that I will raise **unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

Jer. 33:15 In those days, and at that time, **will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David**; and **he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.**

Ezek. 34:23 **And I will set up one shepherd over them**, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and **my servant David a prince among them**; I the LORD have spoken *it*.

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(b) Coming as the Stone, 3:9-10

Zech. 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

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i. A Vision of Holiness, 3:9

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Psa. 118:22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

23 This is the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

Isa. 8:13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and *let him be* your fear, and *let him be* your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

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Mt. 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

1 Pet. 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,
8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

ii. A Vision of Happiness, 3:10

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Conclusion

Ezek. 36:24 For **I will** take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 Then **will I** sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, **will I cleanse you.**

26 **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:** and **I will** take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and **I will** give you an heart of flesh.

27 And **I will** put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and **ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

29 **I will** also save you from all your uncleannesses: and **I will** call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

30 And **I will** multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

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