

"The 8 Night Visions"

Part 5

Zechariah 1:7-6:15

Introduction: Last week in our study of Zechariah we were looking at the 4th night vision which was "The Cleansing of Joshua". We made it through Zechariah 3:1-7 and that is where we stopped. Today we are going to look at the last 3 verses of chapter 3 because there is much for us to see in these verses.

"The Vision of the Cleansing of Joshua"

Zechariah 3:1-10

A Review

Notice Zechariah 3:1-7

Joshua had been plucked from the fire as was the Jews. Joshua had been chosen by God to be the high priest to the captives who had returned from Babylon. He is resisted by Satan because Satan stands against anyone whom the Lord plans to use. But God rebuked Satan because it is God who fights our battles. Joshua's cleansing is a beautiful picture of what God does for each sinner who will come to Him. He takes away our sins and He imputes to each of us His own righteousness.

Psalm 103:11-12

¹¹ *For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.*

¹² *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

Hebrews 8:12

¹² *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

Romans 3:20-22

²⁰ *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*

²² *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

Joshua was set apart as "HOLY" and he was given a promise of blessing if he would walk in obedience.

This is where we stopped. Now as we continue, we shall see that Zechariah will make an application to the nation and he will explain how this points to the coming Messiah. As Zechariah makes the application, he points to 3 titles given to Jesus Christ as we are going to consider each of these titles and what they mean.

1. My Servant

Notice Zechariah 3:8

This verse could read as this:

Now listen, Joshua, the high priest, you and your colleagues who are sitting in front of you –indeed they are men who are a symbol [of what is to come].

The priests were symbolic of what was coming which was a cleansing of the nation. The cleansing will come through their Messiah who is named 3 ways here. First, He is called "MY SERVANT."

Jesus came to be the Servant of the Father and the Servant of man.

As the Servant of the Father Jesus came to pay the price for sin so that man could be reconciled to God and have fellowship with Him.

Isaiah 53:7-11

⁷ *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

⁸ *He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*

⁹ *And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Mark 10:43-45

⁴³ But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

⁴⁴ And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Jesus came to do the will of the Father. He endured the pain of this world and the pain of the cross to give His life to pay our sin debt.

Isaiah 53:4-6 speaks clearly of His substitutionary death upon the cross.

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Jesus came into this world with the heart of a servant and His calling was the cross. He set aside His power and attributes and He humbled Himself by submitting to the cross.

Philippians 2:4-8

⁴ Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

As God's Servant Jesus, made a way for sinful man to come into the presence of God.

Hebrews 2:10

¹⁰ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 10:1, 12-14

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

¹² But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

2. The Branch

Notice Zechariah 3:8 again.

This title would have been one of great encouragement to the Jews of Zechariah's day who were struggling to build the temple in the face of opposition. Let me show you Nathan's what God said to David through Nathan.

2 Samuel 7:8, 10-16

⁸ Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

¹⁰ Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

¹¹ *And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.*

¹² *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*

¹³ *He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

¹⁴ *I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

¹⁵ *But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*

¹⁶ **And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.**

This is the Davidic Covenant. God promised David that his throne and kingdom would be established forever.

Now over time Judah fell into sin and then came the captivity and it looked as though the TREE of Jesse was cut down forever and that God's promise to David could never be fulfilled. But that was not the case.

Isaiah 11:1-4

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

² *And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*

³ *And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

⁴ *But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.*

Jeremiah 23:3-6

³ *And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.*

⁴ *And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.*

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.*

⁶ *In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

It may have looked as though the stump of Jesse had died but God says there was life, and a BRANCH would grow out and He will establish His Kingdom.

Getting back to Zechariah, when the BRANCH was mentioned, the Jews would have known what it meant, and it would have given them great hope to start building again because God had not forgotten His Covenants. This is exactly what the title of the book means, Jehovah Remembers.

3. The Stone

Notice Zechariah 3:9

There is not enough time to chase this title to the end today so we shall touch on the high points. As the Stone/Rock we can make 4 points about our Lord.

1. The Jews rejected him.

1 Peter 2:7-8

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.*

2. He is the Chief Corner Stone of the church.

1 Peter 2:5-7

⁵ *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

⁶ Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

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,

3. He is the Stone/Rock that will destroy all other kingdoms.

Daniel 2:44-45

⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

⁴⁵ Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

4. He is our refuge.

Psalms 18:2, 46

² The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

⁴⁶ The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Conclusion:

What will the Servant/Branch/Stone do?

Notice Zechariah 3:9-10

He will cleanse Israel in one day and He will establish perfect justice in His Kingdom.