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NEW FORMAT
ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 3

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse King James Version (KJV)

(Verse 1): And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

This Ministry Website Owner noticed immediately that Satan's evil force is right beside me seeking to disturb my faith, but Satan did not call me – God almighty did. **The battle is not the flesh but the spirit – it is spiritual warfare.** This reality is due to our sin nature. In the process of being faithful God is the one who changes our clothes, changes our life, changes our direction, as God prepares us not only for this present age but for the eternal state that God is right now preparing for each person of God. Reference: John 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (King James Version).

In this verse, Satan is literally standing at the right hand. Notice what the Angel of the Lord told Joshua by staying faithful to the calling in verse (7)

Given this first verse, the accentuation points are below. These two explicit areas of life are the Greatest obstacles we have standing before a Holy God (Henry, 2008). The scenario was no different for Israel necessitating Joshua the High Priest be before the Angel of the LORD (The Christ) and Satan (The Objector) (Henry, 2008). God defeated Satan in the Christ to empower Joshua the High Priest to carry out his office for the greater good of the public as God was reestablishing the Priest in Israel (Henry, 2008). In this, Israel would need to rise above Guilt and Corruption before a Holy God (Henry, 2008). If not, then individually or Nationally we empower the Forces of Satan's Evil to prevail in our lives or in a Nation and we lose the ability to grow and develop under a Holy God.

- 1. Guilt and**
- 2. Corruption**

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(Verse 2): And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

To build off verse (1) where we see Satan is literally at the right hand of Joshua the High Priest that the Lord Himself is the one who rebukes Satan. Only God can rebuke Satan. God's Joint will come into and from Jerusalem.

Recall from our 2019 Annual Study in Revelation 17:11, “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition” (King James Version).

Satan (was) the Number 7 for Perfection, but (here is) Number 8 Pure Evil because He did not overcome God Almighty who is Number 7 for Pure Holiness. Satan's Pure Evil did not overcome God's Pure Holiness that is what this Ministry Website Owner believes this verse is indicating.

Summary: Humanity is in creation and Satan is out of creation unless Humanity does not side with God then Humanity who remains Number 6 will end up with Satan. Humanity in God will not be a Number any longer in heaven but in the perfection of God.

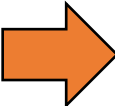
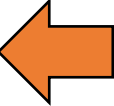
Notice the Paradox: Humanity with Satan remains Number 6 but Humanity with God in heaven has no Number but perfection.







Humanity is Number 6 (+) God is Number 7 (+) Satan who is of Number 7 but became Number 8

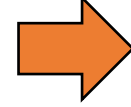
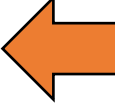
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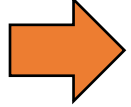

(Verse 3) Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

The truth of the matter is that we all have filthy garments before God almighty. No one can cloth themselves with clean clothes. This is the reality of what Salvation really is.

 This Ministry Website Owner has acknowledged many times that if I could have this cup removed I would – but I cannot and that is why it is called a calling. Many have carried out a calling such as this, but few were not paid. I acknowledge this because my drive is the calling and no other reason. Matters of the heart and truth are leveraging my carrying out of this loyalty from which the only Apostle who was not loyal was Judas Iscariot who sold Salvation for a mere 30 shekels of Silver. 

     
Notice the parity: 30 Tyrian shekels of Silver (Highest Silver Substance) is \$264.60 (Soldatt, Ben, January 8, 2023). However, the larger issue is that the Priests accepted next to nothing, so the \$264.60 is not a complete representation of the low value placed on this exchange or the various criteria that could have been applied in the money exchange scenarios (Soldatt, Ben, January 8, 2023). This is what Judas Iscariot sold Salvation for, but Jesus Christ fulfilled at least 300 prophecies during His Earthly Lifetime (Got Questions, January 8, 2023).

 Soldatt, Ben. (January 8, 2023). “How much were Judas Iscariot’s 30 pieces of silver worth?” <https://www.grandrapidscoins.com/blogs/entry/how-much-were-judas-iscariot-s-30-pieces-of-silver-worth#:~:text=The%20silver%20in%20these%2030,value%20out%20of%20time%2C%20however.> 

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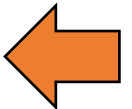
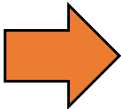
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(Verse 4) And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Notice in this verse how God took away the filthy garments and then clothed Joshua with God's clothes. That is what this Ministry Website owner has undergone - a removal of the filth even though I have a sin nature so that when I undertake a Chapter by Chapter and Verse by Verse study of God's Word it is in God's clothes only.

It is acknowledged that that sin nature remains, and I sin no dispute, but when I am undertaking this Ministry Website it is in God's clothes not mine.

(Verse 5) And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.



This verse describes that there is a Great relationship between the true calling of God and humanity as in this man is really as they are when they are literally with God and being under the scrutiny of the angels – God in charge but the angel's work ministry with humanity (Henry, 2008).

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(Verse 6) And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

The angel of the LORD exclaimed to Joshua that if he remains loyal to the calling, Joshua will walk in places among the populace and the stamp of God will be made known.

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(Verse 7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

Form verse (6), the angel of the LORD exclaimed to Joshua that if he remains loyal to the calling, Joshua will walk in places among the populace and the stamp of God will be made known. How so – Judge the House of God directly and indirectly and keep the courts or keep the responsibilities.

Why - is not Joshua a sinner also?? Yes, but the calling of God is set apart meaning Joshua must keep the Charge or the Calling to reap the benefit. When the calling is kept, the benefit expounds by multiplication or multiple.

(Verse 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.

Why does Joshua a sinner have this calling?? Because God so determined. Building from verse (6) and out from verse (7) where the benefits derived from in loyalty to the calling and having been brought into a Great relationship with God in the calling then “The Branch” or Jesus Christ is clearly seen.

THE GREAT GOD’S STAMP WILL BE MADE KNOWN.

(Verse 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.

Notice very closely: Joshua had 1 calling or 1 stone but upon Joshua’s 1 calling or 1 stone was the Perfection of Jesus Christ as the ONLY True Number 7.

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*****The Perfect Eyes of God were upon Joshua's Calling*****

In one Day, in the Year of 1947 Israel became a Nation and not a Generation shall pass when this occurs ("Nov. 29, 1947", 2011). There are various dates, but this is the Year in which measures were taken politically to make this so. May 14, 1948, is when the Jewish leaders formed Israel ("Nov. 29, 1947", 2011). The callings of God are real my friend.

The Learning Network. (2011, November 29). *Nov. 29, 1947 | U.N. partitions Palestine, allowing for creation of Israel*. Retrieved from <https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/11/29/nov-29-1947-united-nations-partitions-palestine-allowing-for-creation-of-israel/>

Not a generation shall pass when Israel becomes a Nation in Matthew Chapter 24 and verses 32 to 34 as the Nation of Israel shall be preserved (Scofield, 1996). From 70 A.D. to 1947/1948 Israel would become a Joint Nation and Joshua was the called High Priest of God. It is most plausible that the United States has the gracious responsibility as the caretaker in Revelation Chapter 12 and verses 13 to 17.

Scofield, C. I. (Ed.). 1996. *The holy bible*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press

(Verse 10) In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

Notice very closely when God returns, in that day, everyone shall call everyone Neighbor. God will heal. However, the time is now because humanity lives in the Age of Mercy and Grace. In the present age, authentic care of the eternal state is necessary.

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