# General Information

-We plan to meet Nov 3, 2021 at **730pm** in church. Please note the change of timing.

-We will finish up our discussion on Zechariah 2:10-13 before getting into Zechariah 3.

-If possible, please read and meditate prayerfully on the text, asking questions about the meaning of the text and its application, before turning to a commentary.

-One valuable method for studying the text by yourself is to use a reference Bible—one that provides cross-references to other relevant verses. This is one way to apply the principle “Scripture interprets Scripture.”

# vv. 3-7: Joshua the High Priest

v. 1

-Who is “he” who is showing Joshua the high priest to Zechariah?

-What does it mean that Satan is trying to “resist” Joshua? How is he doing so?

v. 2

-What is the significance of God (the name “LORD”) choosing Jerusalem?

-What is the significance of the LORD rebuking Satan?

-What does it mean that Joshua is “a brand plucked out of the fire”?

v. 3

Joshua the high priest is standing clothed with filthy garments.

-What do those filthy garments represent? Find other Scripture passages that prove this.

-What is the significance of *Joshua* being clothed in filthy garments?

-He is standing before the Angel of the LORD. What event is taking place/ about to take place?

v. 4

-The angel of the LORD says, “I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee.” What does that mean? How does that happen?

-What does the change of raiment represent? What aspect of salvation is being portrayed here?

v. 5

-Is there any significance to Zechariah speaking?

-What is a mitre? What is the significance of it? (think broadly of the garments of the high priest, and not specifically about the mitre)

v. 6

-The Angel of the LORD “protested” unto Joshua. Look up a couple of other Bible versions to get a broader view of what this word means.

v. 7

-Is there any significance to the name “LORD of hosts,” used here, and also in vv. 9-10?

-v. 7 is a conditional sentence. “If… then.” How should we understand this sentence?

Negatively, what does this conditional sentence *not* mean?

Positively, what does this conditional sentence mean?

Look at the context of the chapter as you seek to understand this conditional sentence.

-Who are “these that stand by”?

General

-What application is there for the church of the NT?

# vv. 8-10: The Promised BRANCH

v. 8

-Who are “thy fellows that sit before thee”?

-What is the significance of calling the attention of Joshua and his fellows? “Hear now, O Joshua…”

-Who is the BRANCH? Why is He called the BRANCH?

Find other Scripture passages that make reference to Him, and pick out various characteristics of the branch.

Think of the characteristics of a literal branch, and how these characteristics shed light on the spiritual characteristics of the BRANCH.

v. 9

-What does the stone signify? Think of the use of such stones in the OT. cf. Joshua 24:27.

-What is being engraved on it?

-What do the seven eyes on the stone signify? (reference Bible [!])

-“I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.” Which land? How will its iniquity be removed?

v. 10

-What is “that day”? What will happen on it?

-What is the significance of calling every man his neighbor?

-What does the reference to the vine and the fig tree mean?

General

-What application is there for the church of the NT?