

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

Sunday Sermon

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Text: Zechariah 3:1-10

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:3-7; Zechariah 3

Subject: Zechariah Series, Chapter 3 ...Joshua, the high priest

In our last message from Zechariah, we studied the 2nd chapter regarding the measuring line being stretched to measure Jerusalem. We saw this chapter pointed to the millennial age when the LORD shall yet choose Jerusalem. Now we come to the 3rd chapter which speaks of Joshua, the High Priest of Israel.

Zechariah 3:1 (KJV) 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.

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, -- Joshua was one that came up out of the captivity with that returning remnant led by Ezra according to the decree of Cyrus, King of Persia according to that which is recorded in the Book of Ezra.

Ezr 1:1-4 (KJV) Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of

the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

Joshua (Jeshua) was among the captives who returned.

Ezra 2:1 (KJV) *Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; 2* Which came with Zerubbabel: **Jeshua**, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

Ezr 2:36 (KJV) *The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of **Jeshua**, nine hundred seventy and three.*

Ezr 3:2 (KJV) *Then stood up **Jeshua** the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.*

Joshua (Jeshua) had many enemies to obstruct him in it. His sons were among those who had fallen into sin in marrying strange wives;

Ezr 10:17-19 (KJV) *And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. 18 And **among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.** 19 And they*

gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

standing before the angel of the LORD, -- Notice this expression "the angel of the LORD," – this expression always indicates that it is the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. It first appears in Genesis 16:7, where it is said "And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur." This speaks of the LORD's dealings with Hagar and Ishmael. This expression is found forty-nine (49) times in the OT and clearly shows it to be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. – As Satan is always going to do inasmuch as he is the accuser of the brethren – and our adversary. The devil is the accuser of the brethren, that *accuses them before God day and night*, (Rev 12:10) and therefore was ready to accuse Joshua before God. As we shall see onward in the study of this chapter, Joshua represents the state and condition of the priesthood of Israel, being a priest – and that office had been brought very low. Satan will be sure to resist us and make the worst of our sins and weaknesses. He *stood to resist him*, that is, to oppose the service he was doing for the public good. He stood *at his right hand*, the hand of action, to discourage him, and raise difficulties in his way. We all must expect to meet with all the resistance that Satan's subtlety and malice can give us. Let us then resist him steadfast in the faith and he will flee from us. (James 4:7).

Zechariah 3:2 (KJV) 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?

And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; -- This is the Angel of the LORD which said unto Satan,

“The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan.” It is the Lord Jesus interceding against Satan for his people. The Angel of the LORD calls for the LORD to rebuke Satan. Those that belong to Christ have him ready to appear with great strength for them when Satan appears most vehement against them. He does not parley with Satan, but stops his mouth immediately with this sharp reprimand: *The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan!* This is the best way of dealing with that furious enemy. *Get thee behind me, Satan.* He resists the priest, but his resistance will prove fruitless. We see a similar expression about the rebuking of Satan in the book of Jude in the New Testament.

Jude 9 (KJV) *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, **The Lord rebuke thee.***

even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee:-- Jerusalem is chosen of the LORD and the LORD rebuke thee, Satan!

is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?—A brand is a burning piece of wood entirely engulfed in the flame; a glowing ember.

Amos 4:11 (KJV) *I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.*

1 Peter 4:18 (KJV) *And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*

Jude 1:23 (KJV) *And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

The LORD said he had returned with great mercy over Jerusalem. This is a rebuke against Satan and all his attacks. What God has

chosen, no created being can oppose. Jerusalem is described in this verse as a brand plucked out of the fire. Israel will be again, as so often before, like a brand plucked out of the fire. So it has been in the past. When Israel was in Egypt and God was about to send the deliverer, He called Moses at the burning bush—(Israel's true type, burning, but never consumed.) Oh, how the fire of persecution and adversity has been raging all through the years, but again and again the hand of God snatched the burning brand out of the fire at the right moment. So it was in this instance after Jerusalem had suffered because of their sins.

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

Joshua was not clothed with his clean, priestly robes, but he wears filthy garments. He is seen as filthy before the LORD, which is, in a manner of speaking, what his (or our) own personal righteousnesses are compared to:

Isa 64:6 (KJV) *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

This is the way we all, in our natural state. This is the way we appear before a holy God. The very best of that which we do is examined in light of the holiness of God. Our righteousnesses (our own works – and restraints from evil – the very best of them) are as an unclean thing – as filthy rags in his sight. We, ourselves, may view what we do or what we refrain from doing as wonderful things, but God sees them differently. It is because all these things have sprung from an unregenerate, sinful heart – and therefore, in God's sight are as an unclean thing - filthy! Joshua appeared before the LORD in filthy garments.

Zechariah 3:4 (KJV) *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.*

And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. – The angel of the LORD before whom he stood in the filthy garments spake unto those that stood before him – saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. We are not told who those are that stood before Joshua. We think they are angels (ministering spirits –sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation. (Heb. 1:14). The command to take away the filthy garments from Joshua was Godward, because it is certain that men most certainly cannot take away the things seen as filthy garments from anyone.

Two things are here done for Joshua, representing a double work of divine grace wrought in and for believers:-- (1.) His filthy garments are taken from him, [Zec 3:4](#). The meaning of this is given us in what Christ said, and he said it as one having authority, *Behold, I have caused thy iniquity to pass from thee*. The guilt of it is taken away by pardoning mercy, the stench and stain of it by peace spoken to the conscience, and the power of it broken by renewing grace. When God forgives our sins he *causes our iniquity to pass from us*, that it may not appear against us, to condemn us; it passes from us *as far as the east is from the west*. When he sanctifies a sinner, He enables that pardoned sinner to *put off the old man*, to cast away from us the filthy rags of our corrupt affections and lusts, as things we will never have anything more to do with. Thus Christ *washes those from their sins in his own blood and makes them to their both God kings and priests*, [Re 1:5-6](#). Either we must be cleansed from the pollutions of sin or we shall, *as polluted, be put from that priesthood*, [Ezr 2:62](#). (2.) He is clothed

anew, has not only the shame of his filthiness removed, but the shame of his nakedness covered: *I will clothe thee with change of raiment*. Joshua had no clean linen of his own, but Christ will provide for him. He is the LORD our righteousness. The change of raiment here is rich costly raiment, such as is worn on high days. Joshua shall appear as lovely as ever he appeared loathsome. Those that minister in holy things shall not only cease to do evil, but learn to do well; God will make them wise, humble, diligent, faithful, and examples of everything that is good. Thus those whom Christ makes spiritual priests are clothed with the spotless robe of his righteousness and appear before God in that, and with the graces of his Spirit, which are ornaments to them. *The righteousness of saints* is the fine linen, clean and white, with which *the bride, the Lamb's wife*, is arrayed, [Re 19:8](#).

Zechariah 3:5 (KJV) *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.*

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. – In filthy garments, Joshua is in danger of being turned out of office; but, instead of that, he is reinstated and established in his office. He not only has his sins pardoned, and is furnished with grace sufficient for himself, but, was *acquitted in court*, he is restored to his former honors and trusts. The crown of the priesthood (the fair mitre) is put upon him. This was done at the special instance and request of the prophet: I said, "*Let them set a fair mitre upon his head*, as a badge of his office. Now that he looks clean, let him also look great; let him be dressed up in all the garments of the high priest.

Let us keep in mind that Joshua stands for the priesthood of Israel.

And the angel of the LORD stood by. -- *The angel of the Lord stood by, as having the oversight of the work which the created angels were employed in. He stood by, as one well pleased with it, and resolved to stand by the orders he had given for the doing of it and to continue his presence with that priesthood. Let us remember that these angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation.*

Zechariah 3:6-7 (KJV) And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, 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.

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.

The angel's protest is to Joshua, standing for the priesthood of Israel. Israel, as a nation, had been disobedient and did not keep the first charge given them to walk in God's ways. It is now repeated, and speaks of Israel's future calling after their cleansing.

1. Israel shall judge in the house of the LORD, and from there ruling and judging nations, for Israel will be the head of the nations. The Saints of the churches shall have returned with Christ. The resurrected twelve apostles shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and the saints of

the churches shall rule and reign with Christ, judging the nations of the earth with a rod of iron.

2. Israel will keep His courts. That is, Israel will attend to the millennial temple, which will become the house of prayer for all nations, which all the former temples were not.

3. Israel will have places to walk amongst those who stand by, that is, among the nations, in priestly ministry as we see from this passage in chapter 8 of Zechariah.

Zec 8:20-23 (KJV) *Thus saith the LORD of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: **21** And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also. **22** Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. **23** Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.*

Zechariah 3:8 (KJV) *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.*

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. – This speaks of our Lord Jesus Christ, God’s servant. This is a promise of

the “anointed one” (Messiah) in the midst of this cleansing of the nation. The name of the branch is given him elsewhere in scripture. This branch is Jesus Christ.

AS DIETY - THE SON OF GOD, CORRESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Isaiah 4:1,2 (KJV) *And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. 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.*

AS THE SERVANT - THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF THE LORD, CORRESPONDING THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Zechariah 3:8 (KJV) *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.***

Isaiah 53:11 (KJV) *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.*

AS THE LINEAGE OF DAVID, THE PROMISED KING, CORRESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Isaiah 11:1-9 (KJV) *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. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Jeremiah 23:5 (KJV) *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.*

Jeremiah 33:15 (KJV) *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.*

THE SON OF MAN, THE LAST ADAM, CORRESPONDING TO THE BOOK OF LUKE

Zechariah 6:12 (KJV) *And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold **the man whose***

name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

The BRANCH speaks of his fruitfulness in himself, and to his people: the "bringing" him "forth" speaks of his incarnation; and shows that he existed before, and was with God, and is brought forth by him as an instance of his grace and love to men.

Zechariah 3:9 (KJV) 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.

For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; -- This stone was laid before Joshua to build his faith upon, to view his safety and security on it, and to take comfort from it for himself; and to lay it before others, and instruct them in the nature and use of it, for their comfort also. It was prophetically laid before him in the prophecies of Christ, that went before; and typically, when the foundation of the temple was laid.

Ezra 3:9-10 (KJV) Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

The foundation of the temple is a type of Christ.

upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, -- The stone speaks of Christ and the seven eyes the perfection of him.

John 1:16 (KJV) *And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

John 3:34 (KJV) *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*

Colossians 1:19 (KJV) *For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

This "stone" is not as other stones - senseless, but full of eyes of perfect intelligence, "a living stone."

1 Peter 2:4-7 (KJV) *To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 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,*

shall be seven eyes: --

Zechariah 4:10 (KJV) *For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.*

Revelation 5:6 (KJV) *And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven*

horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

John 8:12 (KJV) *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: **he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***

2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV) **For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth,** *to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.*

Psalms 32:8 (KJV) *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: **I will guide thee with mine eye.***

I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts,--

The Lord of Hosts will engrave (open, loose, grave, engrave) the graving (carving) thereof – that is the markings on the stone with seven eyes. This is speaking of the marks on the Lord Jesus Christ where he is wounded in the house of his friends. The engravings wherewith God engraved him are the wounds and stripes which were given to his blessed body, which he underwent for our *transgression*, for our *iniquity*, and *by which we are healed*. The effect of all this shall be the sweet enjoyment which all believers shall have of themselves, and the sweet communion they shall have with one another.

Zec 13:6 (KJV) *And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.*

Isa 53:10-11 (KJV) *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.*

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

Zec 13:1-2 (KJV) *In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. **2** And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.*

Jer 50:20 (KJV) *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.*

When our Lord Jesus died on the cross, he removed the iniquity of all his people, without exception, once for all. As the minister of the New Covenant, he offered himself as the one and only acceptable sacrifice for all the sins of His people. Israel and Judah shall be brought into the bond of this new covenant when the LORD again deals with them in the land face to face.

Eze 20:33-44 (KJV) *As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: **34** And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries*

wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. **35** And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. **36** Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. **37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 39** As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols. **40** For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. **41** I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen. **42** And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers. **43** And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. **44** And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked

ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

The Lord shall bring them into the bond of the New Covenant which New Covenant he made with Israel and Judah. (Jeremiah 31:31; Hebrews 8 & 10). Moreover, we need to see what happened to them in terms of quickening. Let us now turn to Ezekiel 36.

Eze 36:24-38 (KJV) *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. 31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. 32 Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your*

own ways, O house of Israel. **33** Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. **34** And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. **35** And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. **36** Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. **37** Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. **38** As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Zechariah 3:10 (KJV) *In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.*

Mic 4:1-7 (KJV) *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. **2** And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **3** And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall*

*not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.** 5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. 6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; 7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.*