### Zechariah

## Chapter 3

1Then the Lord [messenger] showed me JoShua [Greek: Ιησούν, Jesus] the High Priest. And standing before him was the messenger of Jehovah… But the Slanderer was also there, standing to his right in order to serve as his opponent.  
  
2Then [the messenger] of Jehovah said to the Slanderer:  
  
 ‘O Slanderer,  
  
 ‘May Jehovah send His reproach upon you…  
 May the Lord who chose JeruSalem  
 Speak condemnation against you!  
 For, doesn’t [JoShua now look like] an ember  
 That has been snatched from the fire?’  
  
3Well, [I noticed that] JoShua was wearing filthy clothes as he was standing there in front of [God’s] messenger. 4So the messenger said to those who were standing before him:  
  
 ‘Now, remove all of his filthy clothes!’  
  
Then he said:  
  
 ‘{Look!} And after you’ve removed all of these dirty things;  
 In a full-length robe, you must dress him!’  
  
5Then he said:  
  
 ‘Dress him in the [robes of a Priest],  
 And on his head, you must place a clean turban!’  
  
So they dressed him in the official [garments], placed a clean turban on his head, and wrapped the [official] robe around him.  
  
6And thereafter, the messenger of Jehovah stood there and testified to JoShua saying:  
  
 7‘Thus says Jehovah the Almighty:  
  
 ‘If you will walk in My ways  
 And keep strict watch on My orders,  
 I’ll [assign you to be over] My [Temple]  
 And to keep watch on And to keep watch on <span class="placename">My courtyardAnd to keep watch on <span class="placename">My courtyard</span>.  
 Then I’ll give you [guards] that will pace  
 Between other [guards] that stand still.  
  
 8‘O High Priest JoShua, listen to this…  
 Yes, you and your neighbors that are sitting before you!  
 For these men [will serve as] observers of signs…  
 They’ll be witnesses that I gave to My servant  
 Something that will raise his position!  
 9For I’ll place a stone before JoShua’s face,  
 And on this stone, there’ll be seven eyes.  
  
 ‘{Look!} Then upon it, I’ll engrave an inscription,’  
  
 ‘...says Jehovah the Almighty,  
  
 ‘It will say that I’ll [wipe out] injustice…  
 In a day, I’ll wipe injustice away  
 In all places throughout the whole land.  
  
 10‘And then, in that day, says Jehovah;  
 They will each call to their neighbors and brothers  
 From under their own grapevines and fig trees.’