

## Zechariah 3:1-9 – The Cleansing of God’s People

Judgment of the Living	A Joshua the high priest, standing before the Angel of the Lord and Satan standing to resist him; and the Lord rebukes Satan.
Justification	B Take away the filthy garments from him.
Forgiveness (pardon)	C Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee,
Sanctification (promised)	D I will clothe thee with change of raiment (Holiness unto Jehovah)
Sealing	E Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. E <sup>1</sup> So they set a fair mitre upon his head. (Holiness unto Jehovah)
Sanctification (realized)	D <sup>1</sup> And clothed him with garments.
Sanctification (life rewards of)	C <sup>1</sup> If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge
Glorification (eternal reality)	B <sup>1</sup> Then thou shalt also judge my house, shalt keep my courts and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.
Judgment of the Living—blotting out of sin of His people	A <sup>1</sup> Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, ...behold, I will bring forth the BRANCH; ...upon <u>one stone 7 eyes</u> : I will engrave it (sealing) and will remove the iniquity of that land in One Day. (DOA)

In this chiasmus, we have much to grasp that is for the last generation. Few realize that this chapter is encased from beginning till end in the Judgment of the Living, a phrase that the faithful living in these times will know and understand. Joshua, the high priest represents God’s people in the last days, who stand condemned in filthy garments accused by Satan. The Lord justifies him/His people, while rebuking Satan. He clothes His people with garments of His righteousness, which results in them being sealed—a fair mitre, ‘Holiness unto the Lord.’

The “If” clause in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ‘C’ statement, is not to indicate that God’s people may choose to not walk in God’s ways, but to indicate the life rewards of Sanctification and that it brings forth Glorification to those who go all the way with God. But as it goes, God always gives choice revealing His character. All are free moral agents to choose to say yes to God, or not.

Three sources for continued study and edification: [Seven Biblical Terms Describing the Judgment?](#) Also, two great studies on the Seal of God, one from [SOP](#) and the other from [Scripture](#).