

Zechariah 3: The Accuser, the Accused and the Advocate

↪ What a picture of the condition of Israel, and what hope this vision gave them, **Zechariah 3:1-5**.

1. The Accuser, verse 1.

1) **His person**, Satan is pictured here in his most prominent role, accusing sinners of sin.

2) His ploy.

✓ **Revelation 12:10**; He is definitely a deceiver, but his primary role seems to be that of an accuser.

3) **His position**; He's standing at Joshua's right hand; this is a position of strength or privilege.

✓ His argument against Joshua and the people he represents is airtight! This is his position with regards to all of us; the prosecution has an air-tight case against us. He knows what the Bible says, **Ezekial 18:20**; **Deuteronomy 27:26** (He curses us because we are cursed). He will oppose any thing you do except sin.

2. The Accused, verse 3.

✓ The word filthy here literally means sewage! He's standing before the Lord covered in sewage.

Isaiah 64:6; If this is our righteous deeds, what must our unrighteous ones be like to God?

Verse 2; Brand plucked out of the fire; so close to the fires of judgment that you're smoking!

3. The Advocate, verses 2, 4.

✓ Neither the accuser nor the accused anticipated the grace of the Advocate. **1st John; 21**; Why do we have an Advocate? Because we have an Accuser.

1) The Advocate has chosen us; "has chosen Jerusalem," **Ephesians 1:4**.

2) The Advocate has rebuked the enemy for us, **Romans 8:31-34**.

3) The Advocate has changed our garments, **Isaiah 61:10**.

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