INTRODUCTION

* We are studying the book of Zechariah. This study is actually part of a larger commitment to teaching through the Bible. Paul stated to the elders of Ephesus that he had not shunned to declare to them the whole counsel of God. On August 12th, 2012 we began our trek to Study the entirety of God's Word. We have completed 92% of the project already. We still have 2 Corinthians and Jude left in the N.T. and Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Micah, Nahum, Haggai and Malachi left in the O.T.
* As we consider Biblical prophecy, we must consider the historical context, Biblical precedent and, most importantly, what is specifically declared within the prophecy.
* Last week, we began considering the first section of the 2nd Word of YHWH Zechariah. The 2nd Word of YHWH is broken up into two major sections: The Zeal of YHWH (for Jerusalem) and The Visions of YHWH. In last week's message, we saw that YHWH promised that He would return to Jerusalem and take up His residence there. YHWH would come in person!
* Today, the goal is to finish the first section of the 2nd Word by considering the Righteousness of YHWH presented in Zechariah 3.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE RETURN OF YHWH (1:7-21)

A. The Portents of His Return 1. THE FOUR HORSES (1:7-11) 2. THE FOUR HORNS AND CRAFTSMEN (1:18-21)

B. The Demeanor of His Return 1. HE IS COMING WITH PASSION 2. HE IS COMING WITH COMPASSION

II. THE RESIDENCE OF YHWH (1:16-17; 2:1-13)

A. The Proclamation of YHWH (1:16-17; 2:1-2) … My house shall be built in [Jerusalem]

B. The Protection of YHWH (2:3-9) 1. I WILL BE A WALL OF FIRE ALL AROUND HER 2. I WILL BE THE GLORY IN HER MIDST

C. The Presence of YHWH (2:10-11) 1. I AM COMING (v. 10) 2. I WILL DWELL IN THE MIDST OF YOU (2X, v. 10,11)
3. YOU WILL KNOW THAT YHWH SABAOTH HE SENT ME TO YOU (cf. Isaiah 48:12-16; Zech 8:3,8)

D. The Possession of YHWH (2:12-13) … Judah shall be His inheritance in the Holy Land!

III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF YHWH (3:1-10)

A. YHWH's M_____ to Joshua (v. 1-5)

1. JOSHUA'S A_____ (v. 1)
   a. The Priesthood (cf. Haggai 1:1; Deut 10:8; 2 Chron 29:4-11)
   b. The Nation of Israel (cf. v. 2 – Jerusalem)
   c. The Believers of God (cf. v. 3-4, 7, 9-10)
2. JOSHUA'S A_____ (v. 1; cf. Ephesians 6:10-18; Luke 22:31; 1 Peter 5:8; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-8)
3. JOSHUA'S A_____ (v. 2-5; cf. 1 John 2:1-2)
   a. The Re_____ of Satan (cf. Jude 1:9)
   b. The Re_____ of Joshua
   c. The Re_____ of Joshua
      i. The Filthy Garments of Joshua (cf. Isaiah 64:6)
      ii. The Rich Robes of YHWH (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:21-22; Luke 15:21-22 … the prodigal son!; Philippians 3:9)

D. YHWH's M_____ to Joshua (v. 6-10)

1. A MESSAGE OF C_____ PROMISE
2. A MESSAGE OF P_____ PROMISE
   a. I Am Bringing Forth My Branch … the Stone with Seven Eyes (cf. Zechariah 4:10; Revelation 5:16; Isaiah 11:1-12)
   b. I Will Remove All Iniquity … everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine

INTROSPECTION

* What robes are you wearing? Are you still wearing the filthy rags of your own righteousness?

  If so, what is preventing you from asking Jesus to forgive you of your sins and be clothed with His righteousness?
* If you have had your "robes" exchanged, then you are to be a priest of the Most High God – representing Him to those in the world and praying to Him for those in the world. How are you doing on that account?
* Is there a need to change the way you think … and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

* How does prophecy affect our lives today?
* As we go into our week of prayer and in consideration of our studies of Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah – how can we, or how should we pray for Israel and for the church?