

*12 Then the angel of the LORD said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will You have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant these seventy years?" 13 The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with [d]gracious words, comforting words.*

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CH.1-6 The ***gracious words, comforting words***, Are the 8-Night Visions

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**Vision One: Horses among Myrtle Trees (Zechariah 1:7-17)**

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**The Source of Their Discouragement-** The LORD is angry and has abandoned us.

**Yahweh's Answer.** - *He was standing among the myrtle trees at the bottom, not in anger but bringing His Mercy and His Grace!*

*I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, My house will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem."*

**Vision Two: Four Horns and Four Carpenters (Zechariah 1:18-21)**

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**The Source Of Their Discouragement** – Gentile powers are crushing us.

**Yahweh's Answer** –I have perfectly crafted solutions!

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## Vision 3

*Then I looked up, and there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. <sup>2</sup> I asked, "Where are you going?"*

*He answered me, "To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is."*

*<sup>3</sup> While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him <sup>4</sup> and said to him: "Run, tell that young man, 'Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. <sup>5</sup> And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.'*

*<sup>6</sup> "Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven," declares the LORD.*

*<sup>7</sup> "Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!" <sup>8</sup> For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— <sup>9</sup> I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them.<sup>[b]</sup> Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.*

*<sup>10</sup> "Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. <sup>11</sup> "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you*

*and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. <sup>12</sup> The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.*

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*Vision 1-1:*<sup>16</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, "I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "**and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.**"

**Vision 2-** *there before me was a man with a measuring line in his hand. .... "Run, tell that young man Jerusalem will be a city without walls*

**The old don't work, we're not re-doing the old. The New is better and works.**

**This is the new!**

*<sup>5</sup> And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.'* (Measure that)

**COME**

**ISRAEL-**<sup>6</sup> *"Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven," declares the LORD.*

**JUDAH-**<sup>7</sup> *"Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!"*

**MANY NATIONS-** *"Many nations will join themselves to the Lord*

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**God will execute revenge on those who went off to wage war against “the apple of his eye.”<sup>9</sup> I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them.**

*<sup>10</sup> Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” declares the LORD.*

### **Who is returning to whom?**

Gracious words, comforting words to His people in the bottom.

But more.

*<sup>5</sup> And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will be its glory within.’*

This is the New Covenant Truth.

In fully developed form.

John 14:<sup>20</sup> *In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and **you in Me,** and **I in you.***

John 15:<sup>5</sup> **I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit,**

Those three short words, ***in Christ Jesus***, are, without doubt, the most important ever written, even by an inspired pen, to express the mutual relation of the believer and Christ. They occur, with their equivalents, over one hundred and thirty times.

If there be one truth of the Gospel that is fundamental, and underlies all else, it is this: **A new life in Christ Jesus.** He, Himself, clearly and forcibly

expressed it in John 15:4: "Abide in me and I in you." By a matchless parable our Lord there taught us that all believers are branches of the Living Vine, and that, apart from Him we are nothing and can do nothing because we have in us no life. This truth finds expression in many ways in the Holy Scripture, but most frequently in that short and simple phrase we are now considering -- **in Christ Jesus.**

## The phrase "**in Christ Jesus**" progressively unlocked for us in Paul's church epistles.

**Col.1:** *God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

- 1.** ROMANS 3:24 **being justified** as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is **in Christ Jesus;**
- 2.** 1&2 Corinthians 1:<sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been **sanctified in Christ Jesus,**
- 3.** Galatians 3:<sup>20</sup> I have been **crucified with Christ;** and it is **no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and <sup>[t]</sup>the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, (in Christ crucified)
- 4.** Ephesians 1: <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us** with every spiritual blessing **in the heavenly places in Christ,**

**5.** Philippians 1:11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are in Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

**6.** Colossians 1: praying always for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus that you may be filled with the <sup>[k]</sup>knowledge of His will ( real knowledge-untranslatable word – pleroma) meaning complete in Him

**7.1&2** Thessalonians 1: <sup>12</sup> We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him,

## IN CHRIST JESUS

*Summarized in the teaching of Romans thru Thessalonians*

<sup>5</sup> For I, declares the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire <sup>[claro</sup> und her,

### 7 CHARACTERISTICS OF **LIFE ABIDING IN THE VINE**

Justified -Romans  
Sanctified -Corinthians  
Crucified- Galatians  
Ascended- Ephesians  
Satisfied- Philippians  
Complete - Colossians  
Glorified -Thessalonians

*and I will be its glory within.'*

The Remnant is Confining Yahweh to Their Boundaries.

Finite man has no ability to measure the Infinite God.

1 Cor. 2: <sup>9</sup>but just as it is written, "**THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.**"

What Yahweh has for Jerusalem, its Temple, and its people cannot be measured or limited by boundaries. Run, stop that guy with the measuring line.

What Does Yahweh Have For His Remnant?

*'Jerusalem will be inhabited [b]without walls because of the multitude of men and cattle within it. <sup>5</sup> For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire [c]around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'*"

He Has and Will Give Himself!

*I will be a wall of fire [c]around her, and I will be the glory in her midst."*

This reality can't be measured inside man's walls. It's infinite.  
The new is His Life, the old is man's life.

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### Vision four

*<sup>5</sup> And I myself will be a wall of fire around it*

*<sup>3</sup> Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and [a]Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" <sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel. <sup>4</sup> He spoke and said to those who were*

standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and [b]will clothe you with festal robes." <sup>5</sup> Then I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.

<sup>6</sup> And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, <sup>7</sup> "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you [c]free access among these who are standing here.

<sup>8</sup> Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the [d]Branch. <sup>9</sup> For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. <sup>10</sup> 'In that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'every one of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.'"

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he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and [a]Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

[a]The Satan =The Accuser

What is the accusation?

<sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel. True or false?

The Angel of the Lord's Response?



<sup>2</sup>The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

Joshua = Yahweh Saves
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The LORD rebuke you, Satan.

THE LORD, Who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you

John 6: <sup>37</sup>*All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.*

Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

Easton's Bible Dictionary - Firebrand

Firebrand [N] Isaiah 7:4 , Amos 4:11 , Zechariah 3:2 , denotes the burnt end of a stick

Nothing can be more suitable to burn in the fire than a brand. It is not a branch just taken from the tree, fresh and full of sap—it is a brand—dry timber, fit for the burning. Spurgeon (No. 3233)

## **YAWWEH'S Complete Salvation**

**From / Unto**

**From** -"Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you

Two aspects of the Cleansing Salvation of Yahweh

### 1. Filthy garments replaced with clean clothing.

PS. 103: <sup>12</sup>*as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

### 2. Removing iniquity.

If we continue to choose sin, our hearts harden toward God. One sin leads to another, and iniquity defines our lives, as it did when David sinned with Bathsheba. His initial sin of lust resulted in a hardening of his heart, and his sin deepened. He committed

adultery, then had Bathsheba's husband killed. Iniquity had taken over David's life. It was only when confronted by the prophet Nathan that he repented with great sorrow. His heartfelt cry for forgiveness in ps. 51: 2 says, *"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."* David is a picture of someone who clearly understood the progression of iniquity and, like Joshua, experienced both Divine Forgiveness and the Power of God. Rom. 7: <sup>18</sup> *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.* <sup>19</sup> *For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.* <sup>20</sup> *But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.*

Joshua has been delivered from uncleanness and iniquity – JOHN 8: <sup>10</sup> *Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?"* <sup>11</sup> *She said, "No one, [a]Lord."* And Jesus said, *"I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now, sin no more."*

## delivered from/unto

**Unto-**will clothe you with festal robes." <sup>5</sup> Then I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments while the angel of the Lord was standing by.

Festal robes-Mat. 20:<sup>11</sup> *"But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, <sup>12</sup> and he \*said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?'*

REV. 7:<sup>13</sup> *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"* <sup>14</sup> *I [a]said to him, "My lord, you know."* And he said to me, *"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His [b]temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over*

them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun [c]beat down on them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the [d]water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

“Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head

Ex. 28: <sup>36</sup> “You shall also make **a plate of pure gold** and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, **‘Holy to the LORD.’** <sup>37</sup> You shall [v]fasten it on a [z]blue cord, and it shall be on the turban; it shall be at the front of the turban. - Ex. 29:6 and you shall set the turban on his head and **put the holy crown on the turban.**

while the angel of the LORD was standing by. <sup>4</sup> He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, “Remove .....Again he said to him,

What role did Joshua have in this courtroom verdict?

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### Salvation Gets Even Better

<sup>6</sup> And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, <sup>7</sup> “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you [c]free access among these who are standing *here*.

EPH. 5: <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Phil. 2: <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

## I will grant you [c]free access

HEB. 4: <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

<sup>10:19</sup> Therefore, brothers *and sisters*, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, *through* His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let's approach *God* with a [a]sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

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## VISION 5

*'and I will be its glory within.'*

*4 Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep. 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it; 3 also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side." 4 Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?" 5 So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." 6 Then he [a]said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. 7 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"*

*8 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to [b]you. 10 For who has despised the day of small things? [c]But*

these seven will be glad when they see the [d]plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?” <sup>12</sup> And I answered the second time and said to him, “What are the two olive [e]branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?” <sup>13</sup> So he answered me, saying, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” <sup>14</sup> Then he said, “These are the two [a]nointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.”

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## This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel

, "What are these, my lord?"<sup>5</sup> So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, ..... "**This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.**

<b>Might</b> ḥayil    of a group	<b>Power</b> ko'-akh    the individual
a force, whether of men, means, or other resources; an army, wealth,	From an unused root, meaning to be firm

### 16 years earlier

#### Ezra 3-

<sup>12</sup> But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. <sup>13</sup> No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

### 16 years later, 5 months before Zacharia's vision.

*Haggia* – <sup>1:8</sup> Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so **that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,**"

<sup>2:3</sup> 'Who is left among you who saw this <sup>[a]</sup>temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not <sup>[b]</sup>seem to you like nothing <sup>[c]</sup>in comparison?

<sup>9</sup> **'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,'** says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

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7 *What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; what great mountain?*

4 *Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building.<sup>[a]</sup> 5 They bribed officials to work against them and frustrate their plans during the entire reign of Cyrus king of Persia and down to the reign of Darius king of Persia.*

23 *As soon as the copy of the letter of King Artaxerxes was read to Rehum and Shimshai the secretary and their associates, they went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop.*

24 *Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.*

The world's opposition and government orders are mountains,  
but not *the great mountain that will become a plain.*

Hag. 1:8 Go up to the [l]mountains, bring wood and rebuild the [g]temple, that ***I may be pleased with it and be glorified,*** says the LORD.2:  
3 'Who is left among you who saw this [a]temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not [b]seem to you like nothing [c]in comparison?

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The *mountain became a plain* by the Word spoken through Haggai and Zacharia stirring the discouraged hearts of the Governor, the High Priest, and the people, encouraging them with Zacharia's Vision - *"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. 7 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"*"

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The source of their discouragement was not the world's opposition or a governing order but the impossibility of the Godly remnant building a Temple Glorifying God.

**They were ashamed of their efforts and the testimony they displayed.**

*"I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;*



THE LAMPSTAND ENGRAVED WITH FRUIT AND BLOSSOMS IS THE SOURCE OF GODLY LIGHT AND FRUIT IN THE TEMPLE. IT IS A TESTIMONY TO THE WORLD OF GOD'S DWELLING PRESENCE IN HIS PEOPLE.

EX. 25: 8 Let them construct a sanctuary for Me. that I may dwell among them.

The remnant stopped building after the foundation because they were discouraged and ashamed of the deficiency of their work.

God's Gracious and Comforting Word to them.

*"I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it; <sup>3</sup> also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."*

*Mat. 12: <sup>20</sup>b a smoldering wick he will not snuff out,*

**He will Build His Temple with the Inexhaustible Source of His Life.**



*7 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'*

*Not by power, not by might, but by mt spirit....*

**9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,'** says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

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*8 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and **his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me** to <sup>[b]</sup>you.*

Did the hand of Zerubbabel start and finish the temple?

*For who has despised the day of small things?*

This is a reference to a small foundation and structure above.

Scorning the day of small things?

Matt. 10:42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

A small beginning

John 1: <sup>41</sup> *The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter<sup>[g]</sup>). Peter (Greek) means rock.*

LK. 22: <sup>56</sup> Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." (A ROCK?)

Rev. 21: and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance ..... <sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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*10 "Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone<sup>[a]</sup> in the hand of Zerubbabel?"*

<sup>3:9</sup> For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Eph.1: <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him ..... <sup>6</sup> **to the praise of the glory of His grace/12, we who were the first to hope in [b]Christ would be to the praise of His glory. /14 those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.**

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*"What are these **two olive trees** on the right of the lampstand and on its left?" ..... "What are the **two olive [c]branches** which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?"*

*<sup>14</sup> Then he said, "These are the two [d]anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth." [e] Lit sons of fresh oil*

Ezra 5- Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them. <sup>2</sup> Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.

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