

We will now begin the seventh lecture on Minor Prophets. /Today we will begin with Zechariah chapter 3. /The title of chapter 3 is, "Joshua." /Joshua was the high priest in the time of Zerubbabel.

/First, Satan's accusation, and Joshua becomes clean. /Verses 1-5. /Second, obey God's word. /Verses 6-7. /Third, Christ would remove all sins. /Verses 8-10.

/Read verse 1. /Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

/Here, Satan accused Joshua the high priest. /Joshua was the high priest during the time of Zerubbabel the governor. /Haggai 1:1 /Joshua stood before God as a representative of the Israelites.

/Joshua stood before the angel of the Lord. /The "angel of the Lord" is the antitype of Christ. /Here, Joshua received judgment as a representative of the Israelites. /Satan stood on the right side of Christ to accuse Joshua. /The right side is the seat of accusation.

/In court today, prosecutors stand on the right side of the judges and accuse those on trial. /Satan accuses us with our weaknesses and faults. /The devil attempts to make us fall. /Psalm 109:6. /However, Christ forgives us of our sins, and the Helper Holy Spirit defends us.

/Verse 2. /The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

/Here, God rebuked Satan. /Joshua was like a burning stick snatched from the fire. /The "burning stick snatched from the fire" symbolizes Joshua and us believers.

/This means that God will save us in the midst of hardships. /It also means that God will save us from trials and temptations that are like fire. /1 Peter 1:7 /1 Peter 4:12

/It also symbolizes that God saved us from becoming burnt offerings. /Isaiah 6:6, 7 /We were supposed to die in our sins, but Christ atoned for our sins.

/Verse 3. /Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

/Joshua stood in filthy clothes. /This means that we are all sinners. /There is no one in this world who isn't a sinner. /Isaiah 64:6 /Hebrews 5:1, 2 /We are all sinners dressed in filthy clothes.

/Verse 4. /The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

/God commanded his angels to take off Joshua's filthy clothes. /Then God said he had

taken away his sins. /Then God said that he would clothe him with rich garments. /Jesus took away our sins.

/The “rich garments on you” refer to the garment of Christ’s righteousness that is given to us. /Jesus completed righteousness. /Whoever believes in Jesus receives righteousness through Jesus. /This is a seal that we have received righteousness and forgiveness of sins. /Romans 13:14

/Verse 5. /Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

/He said to put a clean turban on Joshua’s head. /This means that Christ will make believers worthy. /Psalm 8:5 /Isaiah 43:3 /This is also a sign of the high priest. /It meant that he was clean. /Exodus 29:6

/Here it says the angel of the Lord stood by. /This means that Christ stands by believers and protects them. /It also means that Christ will defend believers. /Romans 8:32

/Verses 6-7. /The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'If you will walk in my ways and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

/God told Joshua to keep God’s word. /The “requirements” here are the first day of each month, the Sabbath day, and the Passover. /In the New Testament period, believers must keep God’s word. /Now, instead of giving burnt offerings, we attend services and worship before God.

/That is the way to obey God’s word. /God lifts us up when we keep his commands. /God uses us valuably. /Psalm 84:10 /Therefore, we must follow the truth in today’s time. /We must obey the Bible.

/Verse 8. /"Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.

/The “associates” refer to Joshua’s associates, the other priests. /If Joshua obeyed God’s commands, the other priests and the people would obey Joshua. /When leaders in the church obey God’s word, the believers too obey God’s word.

/It says, “men symbolic of things to come.” /This is the antitype of believers in the New Testament times. /It also says, “I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.” /This is a new sprout. /This symbolized the coming Christ.

/Christ is the sprout of life. /Christ gives us life. /Christ accomplishes new works of life.

/Verse 9. /See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one

stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

/The “stone” symbolizes Christ. /Christ is the essential cornerstone. /Matthew 21:42 /In this way, we construct the spiritual temple with Jesus Christ at the head.

/Here, the “seven eyes” refer to the Holy Spirit. /Revelation 5:6 /The Holy Spirit accomplishes works of salvation with his perfect wisdom. /It says, “I will engrave an inscription on it.” /This means that God will show us the way to salvation.

/Grace and the truth would be revealed through Christ. /John 1:14 /Then it said, “I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.” /Jesus would remove the sins of the believers in an instant through His death on the cross. /Hebrews 10:18 /Hebrews 9:12 /Christ would complete atonement in one instant.

/Verse 10. /""In that day each of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and fig tree,' declares the LORD Almighty."

/This is the world of redemption of the salvation of believers. /This is the spiritual world. /This is the nation of peace. /This is a nation of eternal happiness. /There are no wars, but only peace. /Micah 4:3, 4

/God sent Jesus. /Jesus cleansed us of our sins. /Here, Joshua was wearing filthy clothes. /We are all sinners.

/Yet, Jesus Christ clothed us with clothes of righteousness. /We have been freed from all sins and received salvation. /We received forgiveness of our sins and justification through Jesus.

/We will continue with Zechariah chapter 4. /The title of chapter 4 is “The Olive Trees.” /First, the gold lamp stand and two olive trees. /Verses 1-3. /Second, the mighty mountain will become level ground through the Holy Spirit. /Verses 4-10. /Third, the two olive trees and its interpretation. /Verses 11-14.

/Read verses 1-2. /Then the angel who talked with me returned and wakened me, as a man is wakened from his sleep. He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights.

/The angel wakened the prophet Zechariah. /The angel spoke to Zechariah through the Holy Spirit. /God gave Zechariah a revelation. /The prophet Zechariah saw a gold lamp stand.

/There were seven lights on the lamp stand. /There were also seven channels to the lights. /There was a bowl at the top.

/Then in verse 3, there were two olive trees by the lamp stand. /Then there were seven channels. They were connected. /Oil was channeled through the channels from the two olive trees.

/Then the seven lights on the lamp stand would shine brightly. /The “gold lampstand” symbolizes the church. /Revelation 1:20 /The gold is pure gold. /1 Peter 1:7 /The church is valuable and unchanging like gold.

/The church is the most valuable organization in the world. /This is because the church is an engine that saves lives. /Pure gold is also not mixed with anything. /Therefore, the church only walks in a pure and truthful way.

/Because the church is the lamp stand, it shines the light of the gospel out into the dark and sinful world. /We must shine the light of the gospel of Jesus out into the world. /We must save lives with the gospel.

/There are two olive trees here. /These symbolize Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest. /This prophetically indicates Jesus Christ. /Revelation 11:4 /Revelation 1:20 /Ephesians 1:22, 23

/The two olive trees symbolize Jesus and the church. /This is because Jesus is the Head of the church. /The church is the body of Jesus. /Jesus who is the Head and the church which is the body becomes one.

/Again, the two olive trees symbolize Jesus. /Jesus supplies us with grace and the truth. /John 1:14 /There were seven channels on the lamp stand.

/They symbolize God’s servants. /They symbolize pastors today. /Pastors receive spiritual oil through Jesus. /Then they pass it out to believers.

/Pastors must receive grace and the truth through Jesus, and they must teach and pass it on to believers. /Thus, pastors must connect Jesus and believers. /Pastors must receive oil from Jesus and pass it out to the church and believers.

/Therefore, the positions of pastors is very important. /Pastors must perform their duties well as channels. /Pastors must not lose communication with Jesus. /If the channels are clogged, oil cannot be supplied. /Therefore, pastors must always be in spiritual communication with Jesus. /Pastors must pray a lot.

/Verses 4-5. /I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" He answered, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I replied.

/Zechariah tried hard to figure out the secret about the olive trees and the lamp stand.

/Verse 6. /So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

/The construction of the temple is not done by man's power. /Man's power refers to financial power and military power, and these cannot construct the temple. /The powers of the world cannot do God's works.

/It also says, "Not by might nor by power." /This is not done by man's individual power. /It is not done by personal wisdom. /It is not done by man's strength. /Construction of the temple is done only by God's power.

/It is done by the power of the Holy Spirit. /Romans 1:16 /Our faith, evangelizing, and building of the church are not done by man's power. /Evangelism and saving lives is not done by man's power. /God's work is done only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 7. /"What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

/The "mighty mountain" symbolizes the work of construction of the temple. /Construction of the temple is as difficult as moving a mighty mountain. /The people who returned from exile did not have money. /There were many people around them who disrupted the work.

/It was difficult building the temple. /Matthew 17:20 /However, God said that the mighty mountain would become level ground before Zerubbabel. /They would be able to build the temple with the power of the Holy Spirit. /God works in great ways when we are faithful to the small things. /Luke 16:20.

/Here, it says, "Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" /The "capstone" is the cornerstone of the temple construction. /The cornerstone is set in the temple once its construction is completed. /This meant that the temple would be completed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

/Verses 8-9. /Then the word of the LORD came to me: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

/Zerubbabel laid the foundation of the temple. /The "foundation" is the very foundation of the temple. /The people began the construction of the temple. /God helped them begin. /Therefore, the day would come when the temple would be completed.

/God is the Alpha and the Omega. /Revelation 1:8 /God allowed them to start, and thus, he would allow them to finish.

/It says, "Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you." /This shows the authority of the prophet. /God clothed his servants with authority so that they could construct the temple. /Today, this refers to the building up to the church. /It also refers to the salvation movement and the movement of life.

/Verse 10. /"Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "(These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth.)"

/It says, do not despise the day of small things. /The "small things" is the foundation that Zerubbabel will lay. /Zerubbabel's temple was small compared to Solomon's temple. /Haggai 2:3 /Ezra 3:12

/They were not to despise Zerubbabel's temple. /This was because God's glory was in the temple. /Haggai 2:3-9 /God's works are never small. /Even if the gospel movement may seem small, God ultimately works in great works in it.

/The gospel movement will have the final victory. /The "eyes of the LORD" is the Holy Spirit. /Revelation 5:6 /The Holy Spirit would be with Zerubbabel. /God would help them build the temple with his power.

/Today, churches are build up by the power of the Holy Spirit. /God allows us to preach the gospel by his power. /God helps us save lives by his power.

/In verses 11-12, the prophet Zechariah asks God about the two olive trees.

/Verse 14. /So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

/Here it says, "the two who are anointed." /They indicate Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest. /Prophetically, it symbolizes Christ. /"Christ" means "Anointed." /Daniel 9:25, 26

/Here, it says, "serve the Lord of all the earth." /The "Lord" is God. /Matthew 22:44 /It says, "The Lord said to my Lord." /The first "Lord" is the Father God. /The next "Lord" is Jesus the Son.

/Christ stands before God. /Today, Jesus stands with God in the world through the church, His body. /God fulfills his will in this world through Jesus and the church.

/We will continue with Zechariah chapter 5. /The title is, "The Ephah (or Basket)." /First, the flying scroll. /Verses 1-4. /Second, the ephah and a woman. /Verses 5-11.

/Read verses 1-2. /I looked again-- and there before me was a flying scroll! He asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide."

/In the Old Testament times, a scroll was made from sheepskin and was used to record God's word. /The "flying scroll" here means that God's word will quickly be fulfilled. /Here it tells us the measurements of the scroll.

/It was thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide. /This was the same size as Solomon's temple. /1 Kings 6:3 /Therefore, those who were cursed would receive curses according to the sins that were recorded on the scroll. /They would not participate in the temple because of their sins.

/Verse 3. /And he said to me, "This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished.

/Here, there are two curses, which are robbery and false swearing. /These include all the sins in the world. /Robbery is anything that is not right regarding materials. /People steal God's things. /They also steal other people's things.

/Next is swearing, and this refers to swearing falsely by God's name. /This is in verse 4. /It says that the entire world will be cursed by such sins as these.

/Verse 4. /The LORD Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. It will remain in his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones.'"

/God declared curses. /Therefore, they would be destroyed down to their roots. /Those who sinned will receive severe curses. /This teaches that those who sin will be destroyed. /From verse 5, it tells about a basket and a woman.

/Verses 5-6. /Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what this is that is appearing." I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a measuring basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land."

/God showed the prophet Zechariah a basket, or an ephah. /An "ephah" is a measuring bowl. It is a bowl used to measure grain. /It holds about 23 liters. /God would measure the amount of sins with this bowl.

/Verses 7-8. /Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed the lead cover down over its mouth.

/There was a woman in the basket. /This symbolizes wickedness. /This also refers to the sinful people of Judah. /Revelation 17:1, 2 /Revelation also speaks of an adulteress. /This refers to the sin of humanism.

/Here it says that a woman sat in the basket. /This symbolizes that the sins of the people of Judah were about to overflow. /Genesis 6:5-7 /There is also a cover of lead. /The cover of lead covered the basket.

/The “lead” symbolizes the power of sin that pushes down the conscience. /Psalm 32:3, 4 /Lead is heavy. /Our sins push down on our hearts.

/Verse 9. /Then I looked up-- and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.

/The two women here also symbolize wickedness. /They lifted up the basket between heaven and earth. /This meant that the foreign peoples would scatter the people of Judah into all directions. /When we sin, we too will be scattered throughout the world.

/Verse 10. /"Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me.

/“Babylonia” here is also known as Shinar. /This symbolizes the world. /When we sin, we will be dragged away into the world. /When we sin, we will become slaves to the world.

/Verse 11. /He replied, "To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. When it is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."

/When we sin, we will be destroyed by the world. /This means that the people will build houses that are doomed for destruction. /When we build houses of sin, God will forsake us. /Therefore, we must not be filled like the basket.

/God measures our sins. /Then when our sins fill the basket of measurement, God will forsake us. /Therefore, we must obey God’s word and be upright.

/We will continue with Zechariah chapter 6. /The title of chapter 6 is “The Four Horses.” /First, the four horses and four chariots. /Verses 1-8. /Second, construction of the temple. /Verses 9-15.

/In verses 1-3, there are four horses. /In verse 2, the first horse is red. /The second horse is black. /The third horse is white. /The fourth horse is dappled. /The “horses” symbolize the spirits. /This is in verse 5. /It also symbolizes war. /Jeremiah 51:1

/The first red horse pulled a chariot. /The red horse symbolizes the powers that go against the gospel. /The color red is the color of blood. /It symbolizes the nation of the antichrist and the movement of the antichrist. /Revelation 6:4 /It is the movement that stands against God.

/Next, the second horse is black. The black horse symbolizes darkness and famine. /The black horse would come after the red horse. /This means that there would be famine as a result of war. /Amos 8:11

/Next, in verse 3 is the white horse, which symbolizes repentance and the gospel movement. /This means that the gospel movement will have the final victory. /The gospel



movement will win again and again. /Revelation 6:2 /Next, fourth, there is a dappled and power horse.

/This symbolizes syncretism. /This is the yielding of the truth to follow lies. /Whoever does so will lose his life. /Revelation 6:8

/Verses 4-5. / I asked the angel who was speaking to me, "What are these, my lord?" The angel answered me, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world.

/The spirits symbolize war. /Jeremiah 51:1 /Daniel 7:2

/Verse 6. /The one with the black horses is going toward the north country, the one with the white horses toward the west, and the one with the dappled horses toward the south."

/The "north country" is the direction of sin. /Darkness and famine will follow sin. /Next, the white horse went out. /It symbolizes repentance and the gospel movement. /There will be repentance after darkness.

/Next, the dappled horse went out to the south. /The "south" symbolizes the secularized world. /People will go out into the secularized world.

/Verse 7. /When the powerful horses went out, they were straining to go throughout the earth. And he said, "Go throughout the earth!" So they went throughout the earth.

/The powerful horses refer to compromise and syncretism. /These sins will spread out throughout the earth. /The church must not approve of lies. /2 Corinthians 4:2

/Verse 8. /Then he called to me, "Look, those going toward the north country have given my Spirit rest in the land of the north."

/The black horses and the white horses went out to the south. /They gave God's Spirit rest. /God judged people for their sins through the black horses. /Then God build the gospel movement through the white horses. /Thus, it made God happy.

/Verse 10. /"Take [silver and gold] from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah.

/There were people who did not return from captivity in Babylon. /They heard the news that the people who were back in Judah were building the temple. /They gathered silver and gold, and sent them to Jerusalem through the representatives Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah.

/They cooperated with the construction of the temple. /Then in verse 11, they made a crown to put on the head of the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak. /Joshua is the antitype of Christ. /This showed the glory of the temple through Christ.

/Christ would come and build the spiritual temple. /The Lord builds up the church. /The Lord saves lives. /In verse 12, the “Branch” symbolizes Christ. /3:8 /Isaiah 53:2 /Christ would come and save lives.

/Jesus is gentle. /Jesus is the source of life. /Jesus died but resurrected to life. /Jesus saved many lives.

/Verse 13. /It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.'

/It says, “there will be harmony between the two.” /The “two” are Christ’s positions as King and Priest. /It says, “there will be harmony.” /This means that Christ would save His people through His promise, and give peace.

/Verse 14. /The crown will be given to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah and Hen son of Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

/The names in verse 14 are similar to the names in verse 10. /They are most likely the same people. /These people may have had two names. /In this way, anything that is offered to God will remain forever.

/Verse 15. /Those who are far away will come and help to build the temple of the LORD, and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. This will happen if you diligently obey the LORD your God."

/Here, “Those who are far away” refer to foreign peoples. /In the New Testament period, many Gentiles will return through Christ. /The Gentiles would receive salvation. /The Gentiles would believe in Christ and built the temple of faith.

/The Gentiles would receive salvation and build the spiritual temple. /They would be faithful to the church. /They would be faithful to the salvation movement. /Then many people will believe in Jesus and be saved.

/Here we will conclude the seventh lecture on Minor Prophets. /Thank you.