

# Haftarah for Hanukkah

## Zechariah 2:14-4:7

*This translation was taken from the JPS Tanakh*

<sup>14</sup> Shout for joy, Fair Zion! For lo, I come; and I will dwell in your midst — declares the LORD. <sup>15</sup> In that day many nations will attach themselves to the LORD and become His people, and He will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that I was sent to you by the LORD of Hosts.

<sup>16</sup> The LORD Will take Judah to Himself as His portion in the Holy Land, and He will choose Jerusalem once more.

<sup>17</sup> Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD!  
For He is roused from His holy habitation.

### Chapter 3

<sup>1</sup> He further showed me Joshua, the high priest, standing before the angel of the LORD, and the Accuser standing at his right to accuse him. <sup>2</sup> But [the angel of] the LORD said to the Accuser, "The LORD rebuke you, O Accuser; may the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! For this is a brand plucked from the fire." <sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was clothed in filthy garments when he stood before the angel. <sup>4</sup> The latter spoke up and said to his attendants, "Take the filthy garments off him!" And he said to him, "See, I have removed your guilt from you, and you shall be clothed in [priestly] robes." <sup>5</sup> Then he gave the order, "Let a pure diadem be placed on his head." And they placed the pure diadem on his head and clothed him in [priestly] garments, as the angel of the LORD stood by.

<sup>6</sup> And the angel of the LORD charged Joshua as follows: <sup>7</sup> "Thus said the LORD of Hosts: If you walk in My paths and keep My charge, you in turn will rule My House and guard My courts, and I will permit you to move about among these attendants. <sup>8</sup> Hearken well, O High Priest Joshua, you and your fellow priests sitting before you! For those men are a sign that I am going to bring My servant the Branch. <sup>9</sup> For mark well this stone which I place before Joshua, a single stone with seven eyes. I will execute its engraving — declares the LORD of Hosts — and I will remove that country's guilt in a single day. <sup>10</sup> In that day — declares the LORD of Hosts — you will be inviting each other to the shade of vines and fig trees."

### Chapter 4

<sup>1</sup> The angel who talked with me came back and woke me as a man is wakened from sleep. <sup>2</sup> He said to me, "What do you see?" And I answered, "I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl above it. The lamps on it are seven in number, and the lamps above it have seven pipes; <sup>3</sup> and by it are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and one on its left." <sup>4</sup> I, in turn, asked the angel who talked with me, "What do those things mean, my lord?" <sup>5</sup> "Do you not know what those things mean?" asked the angel who talked with me; and I said, "No, my lord." <sup>6</sup> Then he explained to me as follows:

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit — said the LORD of hosts. <sup>7</sup> Whoever you are, O great mountain in the path of Zerubbabel, turn into level ground! For he shall produce that excellent stone; it shall be greeted with shouts of 'Beautiful! Beautiful!'"