

# ZECHARIAH 9 -- The Return of the King

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## REMEMBER THE CONTEXT & MESSAGE of ZECHARIAH:

- 1) The Prophet Zechariah lived and preached in Judah after Jews return to Jerusalem from Babylon.
- 2) Initially, the nation of Israel was discouraged because **Jerusalem** and **the Temple** were not rebuilt.
- 3) Zechariah preached God's message to them -- "*Return to Me and I will return to you.*"
- 4) Israel had repeatedly been faithless and disobedient, but God kept presenting to them His salvation if they would obey. God gave Zechariah multiple dreams to preach this theme to them.
- 5) In Chapter 7 we saw that the people persist with 'diamond-hard' hearts against God.
- 6) In Chapter 8 -- God reveals that He is going to save **His remnant** and cause them to live in obedience.

## UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE & TIMING OF GOD'S PROMISES:

- 1) God's prophets spoke God's message to God's people. These are often called prophecies.
- 2) These prophecies call the people to keep their covenant with God by obedience to His Law. These prophecies foretell **judgments** for disobedience and **blessings** for obedience. These prophecies reveal God's ultimate **desire** and **plan** of salvation for His people. These prophecies promise His rescue and restoration of **His kingdom**.
- 3) These promises are sometimes fulfilled immediately, inter-mediately or in the distant future.
- 4) The covenants, promises, prophecies are the path by which God fulfills His PURPOSE in all things.
- 5) **God progressively reveals** that it is His MASTER PURPOSE for creation and humanity to fully establish His divine kingdom here on earth. His work is perfect towards that end.

**EPHESIANS 1:11** (also see Romans 8:28)

*In Christ we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,*

**ISAIAH 46:9-10**

*Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. I declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient times what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and all My good pleasure I will accomplish.'*

**ISAIAH 14:24-27**

*The LORD of Hosts has sworn: "Surely, as I have planned, so will it be; as I have purposed, so will it stand. I will break Assyria in My land; I will trample him on My mountain. His yoke will be taken off My people, and his burden removed from their shoulders." This is **the plan devised** for the whole earth, and this is the hand stretched out over all the nations.*

**PROVERBS 16:4**

*The LORD has made everything for **His purpose**—even the wicked for the day of disaster.*

**JOB 42:1-2**

*Then Job answered the Lord and said:*

*"I know that you can do all things,  
and that **no purpose** of yours can be thwarted."*



## CHAPTER 9 OUTLINE:

- God's coming will claim His land* vs 1-8  
 -- *through His King* vs 9-13  
 -- *for His people.* vs 14-17

ZECHARIAH 9:1-10 English Standard Version (ESV)

### GOD CLAIMS HIS LAND FROM HIS ENEMIES

- 1 *The oracle of the word of the Lord is against the land of **Hadrach** and **Damascus** is its resting place. For the Lord has an eye on mankind and on all the tribes of Israel,*
- 2 *and on **Hamath** also, which borders on it, **Tyre** and **Sidon**, though they are very wise.*
- 3 *Tyre has built herself a rampart and heaped up silver like dust, and fine gold like the mud of the streets.*
- 4 *But behold, the Lord will strip her of her possessions and strike down her power on the sea, and she shall be devoured by fire.*
- 5 ***Ashkelon** shall see it, and be afraid; **Gaza** too, and shall writhe in anguish; **Ekron** also, because its hopes are confounded. The king shall perish from Gaza; Ashkelon shall be uninhabited;*
- 6 *a mixed people shall dwell in **Ahdod**, and I will cut off the pride of **Philistia**.*
- 7 *I will take away its blood from its mouth, and its abominations from between its teeth; it too shall be a remnant for our God; it shall be like a clan in Judah, and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites.*
- 8 *Then I will encamp at My house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with My own eyes.*

### THE COMING KING OF ZION

- 9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*
- 10 *I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

## CHAPTER 9 OBSERVATIONS:

vs 1-8 **As God has judged His own people, much more (and without mercy) He will judge the wicked.**

vs 1-4 Cities in the North that King David had possessed but were lost.

- coming under the judgment of God
- enemies near Israel
- fortified
- wealthy

(see 2 Samuel 8, Jeremiah 25)

vs 5-8 Cities to the South of the Philistines (Remember shepherd boy David who slayed the Philistine giant Goliath ?)

vs 8 God will return to His Temple, destroy the wicked and deliver and protect His righteous.

vs 9-13 **The Righteous King Returns**  
 The line of David continues, but with a righteous king  
 David also rode on a donkey (2 Samuel 16:2)

vs 9 Reason to rejoice!  
 This righteous King comes in humility.  
 See Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11;  
 Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19

vs 10 His battle will be fierce.  
 His battle will bring peace.  
 His rule will be everywhere.  
 (Genesis 49:10; Psalm 73:8)

**OBSERVATIONS FROM THE TEXT:**

**11** *As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.*

**12** *Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.*

**13** *For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword.*

**The Lord Will Save His People**

**14** *Then the Lord will appear over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.*

**15** *The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones, and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.*

**16** ***On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of His people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on His land.***

**17** ***For how great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!***  
*Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.*

**vs 11** **God's covenant from Sinai is ratified with blood.**  
 A covenant of ultimate commitment.  
 Exodus 24:8  
 Matthew 26:28

Joseph was cast into a pit. (Genesis 37:24)  
Jeremiah was as well. (Jeremiah 38:6)  
 God will deliver His people from the pit of their enemies.

**vs 14-17** **The Great Deliverance of the Lord**

His power and might are no contest for His enemies.

**vs 16** **The Great Salvation and Beauty of God**

He cares for them as a shepherd for a flock.

He makes them to show off the splendor of His mercy, grace and power.

**EPHESIANS 2:4-7**

**4** *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

**PSALM 95:1-4**

**1** *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!*

**2** *Let us come into His presence with **thanksgiving**;  
 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

**3** ***For the Lord is a great God,  
 and a great King above all gods.***

**4** *In His hand are the depths of the earth;  
 the heights of the mountains are His also.*