

ZECHARIAH

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CHAPTER 9

The burden of the word of the Lord
Against the land of Hadrach,
And Damascus its resting place
(For the eyes of men and all the tribes of Israel are on the Lord);
2 Also *against* Hamath, *which* borders on it,
And *against* Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise.

COMMENTS

Up to this point Zechariah was seeing his visions ... I think this continues but now he will be looking at the coming of Alexander the Great who will usher in the "fulness of time". The world will have a common language.

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born^[a] of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4

3 For Tyre built herself a tower, Heaped up silver like the dust,
And gold like the mire of the streets.
4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out; He will destroy her power in the sea,
And she will be devoured by fire.

COMMENTS

The history of Tyre - Neb tried to conquer this city and gave up after 13 years.

Alexander did it in 7 months. He literally scrapped the city down to bare bone and built a causeway out to the island that the people of Tyre used as a refuge. The walls were 15 stories high.



5 Ashkelon shall see *it* and fear;
Gaza also shall be very sorrowful;
And Ekron, for He dried up her expectation.
The king shall perish from Gaza,
And Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

COMMENTS

King of Gaza had huge spiked driven through his feet and then was dragged to these other cities of the Philistines.



6 "A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod, And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 I will take away the blood from his mouth, And the abominations from between his teeth.

But he who remains, even he *shall be* for our God, And shall be like a leader in Judah, And Ekron like a Jebusite.

COMMENTS

The Philistines prided themselves in the fact that they had a pure bloodline to the Phoenicians.

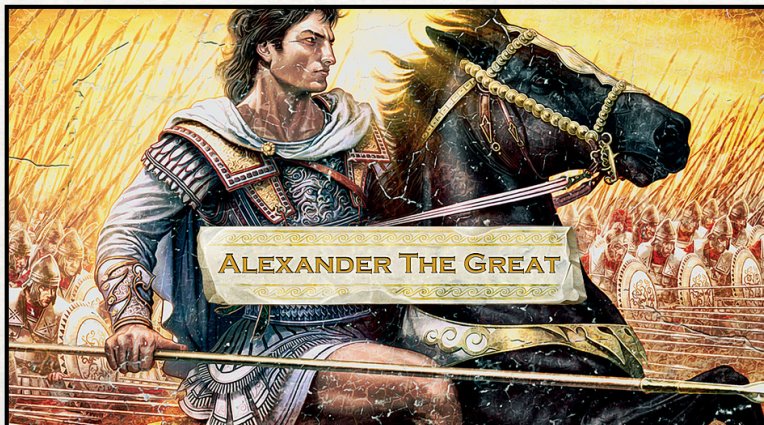
The latter part of vs 7 reminds us that God loves ALL people! Not just Christians and Jews!

8 I will camp around My house
Because of the army,
Because of him who passes by and him who returns.
No more shall an oppressor pass through them,
For now I have seen with My eyes.

COMMENTS

Here we are reminded of Alexander's vision and what Josephus elaborates on. White robed people lining that streets and the High Priest in his royal garb welcoming Alexander into Jerusalem.

He sacrifices, and grants that Israel would have their autogamy and that tribute would be dormant for every seven years as the land laid fallow.

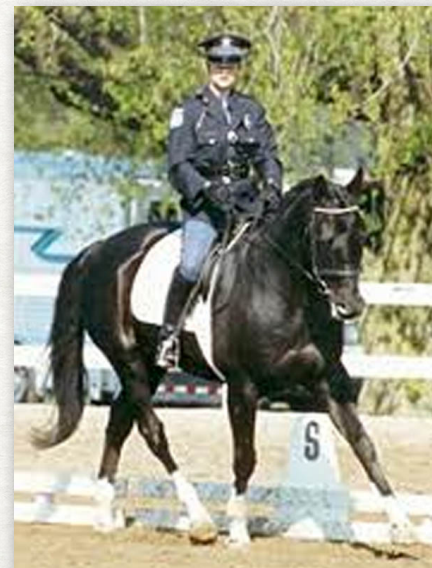


THE COMING KING

9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.

COMMENTS

Note the contrast ... and now Zechariah gazes beyond Alexander all the way to the Messiah riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday



Horses are for aristocrats and warriors.
Donkeys are for poor people who need
sturdy, inexpensive beasts of burden/



10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off.
He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion *shall be* 'from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'

COMMENTS

A vision of the coming King who will rule from Jerusalem throughout the Millennium.



11 "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to the stronghold,
You prisoners of **(THE)** hope. Even today I declare
That I will restore double to you.

COMMENTS

Again, the first visit of the Messiah was as the Son of Joseph who was born to die. The Suffering Servant of Isaiah. And as we know will return as the Son of David - the conquering King!

13 For I have bent Judah, My bow,
Fitted the bow with Ephraim, And raised up your sons, O Zion,
Against your sons, O Greece,
And made you like the sword of a mighty man."

14 Then the Lord will be seen over them,
And His arrow will go forth like lightning.

The Lord God will blow the trumpet,
And go with whirlwinds from the south.

15 The Lord of hosts will defend them;
They shall devour and subdue with slingstones.
They shall drink *and* roar as if with wine;
They shall be filled *with blood* like basins,
Like the corners of the altar.

COMMENTS

Zachariah now sees the rise of the Maccabees, who will cleanse the land and throw out Antiochus Epiphanies.

16 The Lord their God will save them in that day,
As the flock of His people.
For they *shall be like* the jewels of a crown,
Lifted like a banner over His land—
17 For how great is its goodness
And how great its beauty!
Grain shall make the young men thrive,
And new wine the young women.

COMMENTS

The chapter ends with a song! We are to be like the jewels of His crown.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was it important for Jesus to come first as the suffering servant?
2. What was the symbolism of his beast of choice when riding into Jerusalem.
3. What is the miracle of Daniels prophecy regarding the timing of Palm Sunday.



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