

BOOK OF ZECHARIAH
THE VISION OF THE COMINGS OF MESSIAH
PART 3-MESSIAH'S SECOND COMING
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Introduction

We saw how *Verse 9* was a **PROPHECY ABOUT MESSIAH'S FIRST ADVENT** and we even saw how it was fulfilled in *Matthew 21:1-11*.

Tonight we move forward to verses 10 throughout the rest of this chapter that relate to THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

In *Zechariah 9:10*, the eyes of the **PROPHET** passes over in silence all the centuries between the **MESSIAH'S FIRST ADVENT** or **COMING** to **HIS SECOND ADVENT** or **SECOND COMING** to **HIS PEOPLE** and to the **world!**

We know from **SCRIPTURE** that **ISRAEL** is being led toward what will be the **GREATEST TRIBULATION** in her history; she will find herself in a situation from which there is no escape until the **MESSIAH** she previously rejected shows up to the rescue!

When that happens, the blinders will fall, she will receive her sight, and she will set her eyes upon the **LORD!**

Zechariah 9:10 explains how this will happen: *"And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."*

When **MESSIAH** returns, every instrument of **WAR** will be destroyed! People have been reaching out for ages for **PEACE** and continue to reach out for **PEACE** today! **PEACE, PEACE**, is the cry yet there has **NEVER** been a **LASTING PEACE!** And there will not be a **LASTING PEACE** until the **PRINCE OF PEACE** arrives on the scene at the **BATTLE** of **ARMAGEDDON** at end of the **TRIBULATION PERIOD!**

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What all of mankind's **PEACE CONFERENCES** and **PEACE TREATIES** could never accomplish, **MESSIAH** will bring about by **HIS AUTHORITATIVE WORD!**

The time of **MESSIAH'S SECOND ADVENT** will be different than any other time! The **CHARIOT** and the **HORSE** are symbols of **MILITARY POWER**. But they are no longer needed!

Remember the words of *Zechariah 4:6*—“... *Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, Saith the LORD of hosts.*”

PEACE and **TRUE FREEDOM** can never and will never be accomplished with weapons of war. **TRUE FREEDOM** will only come about when the **PRINCE OF PEACE** arrives and abolishes all militaries and their equipment of destruction! It is the **LORD HIMSELF WHO** will bring about the total elimination of all weapons of war!

Isaiah 2:4—“ *And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*”

Micah 4:3—“ *And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*”

Understand that this time of **MESSIAH'S KINGDOM OF PEACE** will embrace the **ENTIRE WORLD** and will include **ALL NATIONS!** No one but **CHRIST** can establish such a **RULE OF PEACE** that is universal! (*See Psalm 72*)

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The **SHALOM (PEACE)** will go forth from **JERUSALEM**, the "**CITY OF PEACE.**" As long as **JERUSALEM** has **NO PEACE**, the **GENTILE NATIONS** will also strive in vain for **PEACE** and will have **NO PEACE!**

***Zechariah 9:11**—"As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water"*

During **ISRAEL'S DISPERSION**, the **JEWS** were like people imprisoned in a pit without water. This comparison reminds us of **JOSEPH**, who was cast into a pit by his brothers, from which he could not free himself! (*Genesis 37:24*).

Yet the **LORD** holds fast to **HIS BLOOD COVENANT** with **ISRAEL**. **HE** made this **COVENANT** with **ABRAHAM**, and it was **SEALED** by the acceptance of a **BLOOD SACRIFICE** (*Genesis 15:8-20*).

Also remember how that a **RAM CAUGHT IN THE THICKET WAS SACRIFICED** in **ISAAC'S PLACE** (*Genesis 22:13-18*).

The phrase "*the blood of thy covenant*" also reminds us of the countless **SACRIFICES** that took place on the basis of the **SINAI COVENANT** that **MOSES** communicated to the people.

All of these are mere **SYMBOLS** of the **BLOOD OF THE LAMB OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST, WHO GAVE HIS BLOOD** as a **SACRIFICE** for **ISRAEL** as well as the rest of the world!

Ultimately, that is where **ISRAEL'S LIBERATION** lies! She will be led to **STREAMS OF LIVING WATER AGAIN**. **GOD'S COVENANT** is stronger than any **LEAGUE OF NATIONS**.

***Zechariah 9:12**—"Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee."*

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The phrase "*ye prisoners of hope*" reminds us that the **LORD WILL NOT DO AWAY** with **HIS PROMISES TO ISRAEL**. Through all **TRIBULATION, PERSECUTION and DISPERSION**, the **LORD WILL LEAD HIS PEOPLE TO FREEDOM** and return unto them double.

ISAIAH PROPHESED in this direction when he foretold **ISRAEL'S** future: *Isaiah 61:7*—"For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them."

***Zechariah 9:13**—"When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man."*

This verse foretells the *Maccabees'* victorious battle against *Antiochus Epiphanes*, the **GREEK** king of **SYRIA**, when the **EMPIRE** was divided after **ALEXANDER THE GREAT**.

However, it seems that this **JEWISH VICTORY** was also used as an example to describe **ISRAEL'S LAST VICTORY** over her enemies when **MESSIAH RETURNS**.

Just as the **LORD PERFORMED A MIRACLE** at that time through **HIS POWER, HE WILL PERFORM A MIRACLE** at the end of the days and **FIGHT FOR ISRAEL**, which is described in detail in the last three chapters of **ZECHARIAH**.

Zechariah 9:14-15

We see here that the **LORD** will intervene triumphantly through **HIS APPEARANCE** on **ISRAEL'S** behalf and will **SAVE HIS PEOPLE** during the last gathering of the **JEWS'** enemies. (*We will see this in further detail in Zechariah 12:3-10; 14:1-4, 12*)

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Zechariah 9:16-17

These last two verses are a beautiful picture of what the **FULFILLMENT** of the **LORD'S PROMISES** for **HIS PEOPLE** and **HIS LAND** will be like!

The **LORD** sees the **FUTURE** of **HIS PEOPLE** much differently than the **NATIONS** see them! There could not be a more beautiful **SYMBOL OF GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE** and their **FUTURE** than this reference to them as, "*stones of a crown.*" (*i.e. jewels*)

When **MESSIAH** appears in **HIS GLORY**, things will be much different for **ISRAEL!** **ISRAEL** will **BEAR FRUIT** in that new era to the **GLORY OF HER MESSIAH!**

SORROW and **SUFFERING, PERSECUTION, WAR** and **DISPERSION** will be over, and **THE WINE OF JOY WILL FLOW!**

HE who entered into **JERUSALEM** in **HUMILITY** upon an ass will **RETURN VICTORIOUSLY** and **TRIUMPHANTLY!**

JACOB (ISRAEL) saw this new time prophetically and prophesied of it: *Genesis 49:10-11—"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes."*

This paints a **GLORIOUS** picture of **ISRAEL'S FUTURE**. The **LORD** will **RETURN** to establish **HIS KINGDOM** in and with **ISRAEL** where there will be **PEACE** and **ABUNDANT BLESSINGS** in the **MILLENNIUM OF PEACE!**

Matthew 21:7, "And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon," also suggests a picture of this.

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The ass represents the **OLD ISRAEL**, and the colt upon which the **LORD** sat represents the **NEW, YOUNG, RESTORED ISRAEL**, upon which **HE** will lay **HIS RULE**.

At the **LORD'S COMING IN GLORY**, the **JEWS**, the **NEW, YOUNG ISRAEL** will exclaim the words of the **MESSIANIC Psalm 118:26** with all of their hearts.

"Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD."

At the time of **HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** at **HIS FIRST ADVENT** all the city of **JERUSALEM** was moved and said, "*Who is this?*" (*Matthew 21:10*), but at **HIS SECOND ADVENT**, **ALL OF ISRAEL** will finally recognize **HIM** as their **MESSIAH!**

HE will enter the **TEMPLE** and **BEGIN HIS REIGN** as **KING!**