Book of Zechariah

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Read Paragraph > Zechariah 9:1-10

Future, Alexander the Great's Victories, and Messiah's 2 Comings

Working Outline > Zechariah 9:1-10 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

- XXI. First Oracle (Part 1 of 4), Future, Alexander the Great's Victories, and Messiah's 2 Comings, 9:1–10¶
 - A. 1 The burden (1st Oracle, Part 1 of 4), of the word of the LORD,
 - Alexander the Great's Conquered Cities, (Part 1 of 4), 9:1-8
 - 1. is <u>against</u> the land of Hadrach (of Damascus, Darius III, Jer 49:23), (Battle of Issus, 333 BC) a. with Damascus as its (Hadrach's) resting place (Amos 1:3-10)
 - b. (for the eyes of men, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the LORD),
 - 2. 2 And Hamath (S. of Hadrach) also, which borders on it (Hadrach);
 - 3. Tyre (Phoenicia, 332 BC) and Sidon (Phoenicia, 332 BC, Ezek 28:20-23), though they are very wise.
 - 4. **3** For Tyre (Phoenicia, **332 BC**) built herself a fortress (Jer 47:4, Ezek 27:1-36)
 - a. And (Tyre) piled up silver like dust, And gold like the mire of the streets.
 - b. **4** Behold, **the Lord** will dispossess **her** (Tyre)
 - c. And cast her wealth into the sea; (332 BC)
 - d. And she (Tyre) will be consumed with fire. (332 BC)
 - 5. **5** Ashkelon (of Philistine) will see it (Tyre) and be afraid. (Philistines Judged, Ezek 25:15-17)
 - 6. Gaza (of Philistine, 332 BC) too will writhe in great pain;
 - 7. Also Ekron (of Philistine), for her expectation has been confounded.
 - 8. Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza (of Philistine, 332 BC),
 - 9. And Ashkelon (of Philistine) will not be inhabited.
 - 10. 6 And a mongrel race will dwell in Ashdod (of Philistine),
 - 11. And I (the Lord) will cut off the pride of the Philistines (Philistine, Judged, Ezek 25:15-17, 585BC)
 - a. 7 And I will remove their (Philistine's) blood from their mouth
 - b. And (remove) their (Philistine's) detestable things from between their teeth.
 - c. Then they (Philistine's) also will be a remnant for our God,
 - d. And be like a clan in Judah, And Ekron (of Philistine) like a Jebusite.
 - 12. 8 But I (the Lord) will camp around My house (temple) because of an army (Alexander's),
 - a. Because of him (Alexander) who passes by and returns;
 - b. And no oppressor will pass over them anymore,
 - c. For now I have seen with My eyes.

B. The Future, First Coming of Messiah, the King of Israel, in Salvation and Humility, 9:9, (Micah 5:2-3)

- 1. 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! (Isa 62:11-12)
- 2. Behold, your (Israel's) king is coming to you (Israel); (Jn 12:13)
- 3. He (Messiah) is just and endowed with salvation, (Isa 62:11-12)
- 4. Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Matt 21:5, Jn 12:15)

C. The Future, Second Coming of Messiah, to Cut off and for peace and dominion, 9:10, (Micah 5:4-15)

- 1. 10 I (the Lord) will cut off the chariot from Ephraim (Micah 5:10)
 - a. And (cut off) **the horse** from **Jerusalem**; (Micah 5:10)
- 2. And **the bow of war** will be **cut off**. (Isa 2:4, Micah 4:3, Micah 5:10-15)
- 3. And He (Messiah) will speak peace to the nations; (Isa 9:5-7, Isa 11:1-10)
- And His (Messiah's) dominion (land ruled) will be from sea to sea,
 a. And from the River (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth.

Questions of the Text: Zechariah 9:1-10

The Future: Alexander the Great's Victories and Messiah's 2 Comings 9:1-8 (¶, 9:1-10)

This Chapter begins the **First** of **Two Burdens** or **Oracles**, **Zech 9:1–11:17**.

The **Second Burden** or **Oracle** is, **Zech 12:1–14:21**. **Oracles** are mentioned **34+ times** in **OT**. False **Oracles**, False **Visions**, and False **Prophets** are mentioned in Lamentations 2:14.

Moses received "living Oracles", Acts 7:38. Israel was "entrusted with the Oracles of God", Rom 3:2.

Oracle Def: Divine revelation communicated through God's spokesperson (prophet, priest, or king), usually pronouncing blessing, instruction or judgment.

Zech 9:1-8, prophesizes many Cities or Lands, to be Conquered in the Future, as part of Alexander the Great's march, passing through Israel on his way to Egypt, around 332 BC. Alexander the Great's conquering these and many other Nations, resulted in the Greeks becoming the controlling World Empire, in the Future.

This **Future** Gentile World Empire was also **foretold** by **Daniel**, in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7.

Therefore, Zechariah, in about 500BC, is prophesizing Alexander the Great's Future conquests, in 332 BC.

Alexander the Great's Conquered Cities, Zech 9:1-8

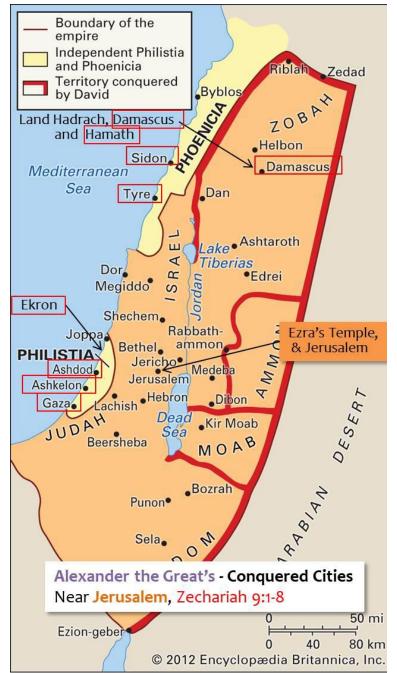
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 - a. with Conquered Damascus (333 BC) as its (Hadrach's) resting place
- 2. 2 And (against) Conquered Hamath (S. of Hadrach, 333 BC) also, which borders on it (Hadrach);
- 3. Conquered Tyre (Phoenicia, 332 BC) and Conquered Sidon (Phoenicia, 332 BC)
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- 8. Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza (of Philistine, 332 BC),
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- 10. 6 And a mongrel race will dwell in Conquered Ashdod (of Philistia, 332 BC),
- 11. And I (the Lord) will cut off the pride of the Conquered Philistines (Philistia, 332 BC)
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 - a. Because of him (Alexander) who passes by (Israel) and returns;
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The Macedonian armies of Alexander passed and repassed, the city of Jerusalem and "My house" (Ezra's temple) without laying siege to either one, Because "I (the Lord) will camp around My house (Ezra's temple) Because of an (Alexander's) army" Task are

Because of an (Alexander's) army", Zech 9:8.



Hamath is mentioned, relating to Damascus, in Jer 49:23. Parmeno, 2nd in command of Alexander, was sent to secure King Darius III's, War Chest, at Damascus, in Battle of Issus, 333BC. Alexander took Sidon, Judged, Ezek 28:20-26 Then he came to Tyre. Read Jer 47:4, Tyre was Judged before this, Ezek 26, 27, & 28. See Zech 9:3-4

Many nations were involved in destructing Tyre. 1st Nebuchadnezzar besieged the mainland city, for 13 years (585-572 BC) and destroyed it. Alexander besieged the island city for six months and finally captured it by building a causeway out to it from the debris of the destroyed mainland city, 332 BC. The city of Tyre was later rebuilt and mentioned in Matthew, **Read** Matt 11:20-22

Then Alexander besieged Philistia, land of the Philistines, 332 BC. (4 Cities shown)

Notice in verse 8, that **the Lord** will protect **Ezra's Temple** in **Jerusalem**, when **Alexander** destroys the Cities nearby ! Zech 9:8 But I (the Lord) will camp around **My house** (Ezra's **temple**) because of an **army** (Alexander's) Because of **him** (Alexander) who passes by (Israel) and returns (to Israel); And no oppressor will pass over **them** anymore, For now I have seen with **My eyes**.

Questions of > Zechariah 9:9-10

Q1: In Verse 9, WHY should the **daughter** of **Zion** and **Jerusalem** Rejoice Greatly ? Give **4 Reasons** WHY **A1:** (1) Behold, **your** (Israel's) King is coming to **you** (Israel); (Jn 12:13)

(2) He (your King, Messiah) is just (Isa 42:1-4) (3) and endowed with salvation, (Isa 62:11-12)

(4) Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Matt 21:5, Jn 12:15)

"Just", Read Isa 42:1-4 "Salvation", Read Isa 62:11-12

Q2: WHAT well known event or events occur during this Time of **Jesus**, in John 12:12-16 ? **Read** John 12:12-16 **A1:** (1) *Palm* **Sunday** or the **Triumphal Entry** or 5 days before **the Passover Feast**, on **Friday**,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be Glorified", John 12:23. Jesus Dies on Friday.

Q3: THEREFORE, What "Major Event" did Zechariah prophecy of, in 500 BC, in Verse 9:9 ?

A1: Jesus's First Coming, to Earth

Notice: Jesus's First Coming, is characterized by "Just" (Justice), "Salvation", and "Humble"(Humility) Read Matt 21:1-11 Read Matt 23:37-39 Q4: WHAT 3 things will I (the Lord) "cutoff", in first half of Verse 9:10? WHAT does "cutoff" mean here? A4: (1) I (the Lord) will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

- (2) And (cut off) the horse from Jerusalem;
- (3) And the bow of war will be cut off. Read Micah 5:10-15

Q5: WHAT will He (the Lord) speak to the nations, in second half of Verse 9:10 ? A5: "He (Messiah) will speak peace to the nations; (Isa 9:5-7, Isa 11:1-10)

Q6: WHAT will be the extent of His (the Lord's) dominion at that time ?
 A6: "His (Messiah's) dominion (land ruled) will be from sea to sea, and from the River (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth"

<mark>Q7:</mark> THEREFORE, What "**Major Event**" did **Zechariah** prophecy of, in <mark>500 BC</mark>, in Verse 9:10 ? A7: Jesus's Second Coming, to <mark>Earth.</mark>

Notice: The Old Testament says, Jesus will have 2 Comings ! Jesus's First Coming, is characterized by "Just" (Justice), "Salvation", and "Humble"(Humility). Jesus's Second Coming, is characterized by His <u>cutting off</u> the Chariot and Horse and War Bow And that His Dominion or Land Ruled, will be from sea to sea, and from the River (Euphrates) to the ends of the earth"



Jesus's First Coming

Matthew 21:4-5

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet (Zechariah):
5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold your King (Jesus) is coming to you, <u>Gentle</u>, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' " (Zech 9:9)
Matthew 21:9

9 The **crowds** going ahead of **Him**, and **those** who followed, were **shouting**, **"Hosanna** (Save Us) to the **Son of David**; **Blessed** is **He** who comes in the name of **the Lord**;(Ps 118:26) **Hosanna** in the highest !"

The date of this entry was **Sunday** (Palm Sunday), 9 Nisan, **33 AD**, exactly 483 years (69 weeks, Dan 9:24–26) after the **decree** of **Artaxerxes** (Neh 2:1-8), Nisan, **444 BC**, to <u>Rebuild Wall and City</u>, Temple already complete. Daniel 9:25

"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree (of Artaxerxes, 444 BC)

to **restore and rebuild Jerusalem** until **Messiah the Prince** there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it (Jerusalem) will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. (Not Temple)

Matthew 23:37–39 [Jerusalem > Those People > the Jews > Nation of Israel]
37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are <u>sent</u> to her ! How often I (Jesus) wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you (Jerusalem) were <u>unwilling</u>.
38 "Behold, your (Israel's) house (Temple) is being left to you desolate !
39 "For I (Jesus) say to you (Israel), from now on you will not see Me until you say, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord !" (Ps 118:26)

Jesus's Second Coming

Matthew 24:29–30

29 "But **immediately after** the **tribulation** of **those days** the **sun** will be darkened, and the **moon** will not give its light, and the **stars** will fall from the sky, and <u>the **powers** of the **heavens** will be **shaken**.</u>

30 "And then <mark>the sign</mark> of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then <u>all the tribes of the earth</u> will <u>mourn</u>, and they will <u>see</u> the Son of Man <u>coming</u> on <u>the clouds</u> of the sky <u>with power and great glory</u>.



Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

Luke 21:25-28

25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,
26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
27 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28 "But when these things (Matt 24:3) begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your (Disciple's people Israel) redemption (restoring) is drawing near."

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all the tribes of the earth will mourn

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