

Book of Zechariah

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Read Paragraph > Zechariah 9:11-17

First Oracle (Part 2 of 4), Future, Victory of Judah and Ephraim, Maccabees, over Greece

Working Outline > Zechariah 9:11-17 (Paragraphs ¶ from NAS Bible)

XXIV. First Oracle (Part 2 of 4), Future, Victory of Judah and Ephraim, Maccabees, over Greece, 9:11-17, ¶

- A. 11 As for you (Israel) also, because of the blood of My covenant (Ex 24:8) with you (Israel),
1. (therefore) I (the Lord) have set your (Israel's) prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- B. 12 Return to the stronghold, O prisoners (of Israel) who have the hope;
1. This very day I (the Lord) am declaring that
 - a. I (the Lord) will restore double (Isa 61:7, Ezek 36:) to you (prisoners, 9:11).
- C. 13 For (Reason) I (the Lord) will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim.
1. And I (the Lord) will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; (167 BC – 165 BC)
 2. And I (the Lord) will make you (Israel) like (Simile) a warrior's sword.
- D. 14 Then the LORD will appear over them (Israel),
1. And His (the Lord's) arrow will go forth like (Simile) lightning;
 2. And the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,
 3. And (the Lord) will march in the storm winds of the south.
- E. 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them (Israel).
1. And they (Israel) will devour and trample on the sling stones;
 2. And they (Israel) will drink and be boisterous as (Simile) with wine;
 3. And they (Israel) will be filled like (Simile) a sacrificial basin (filled with Blood),
 4. Drenched (with Blood) like (Simile) the corners of the altar.
- F. 16 And the LORD their (Israel's) God will save them (Israel) in that day
1. As (Simile) the flock of His people (Israel);
 2. For they (Israel) are as (Simile) the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His (the Lord's) land.
- G. 17 For what comeliness (loveliness) and beauty will be theirs (Israel's)!
1. Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins (flourish).

Questions of the Text: Zechariah 9:11-17

First Oracle (Part 2 of 4), Future, Victory of Israel, the Maccabees, over Greece

In Verse 11, both the Abrahamic Covenant and the Mosaic Covenant, were the Lord's Covenants, with Israel. Both Covenants were Ratified (Confirmed) with the shedding of Blood.

Therefore, because of that, the Lord has set free, (Israel's) prisoners, from "the waterless pit".

Some say, this means Israel will be set free, from being prisoners, as in the pit of their despair, captivity, and separation from the Lord. In a similar way, this could refer to "the waterless pit" of Sheol, where the Souls of Dead are sent, that do not trust and obey the Lord, end up. (Ps 30:3, Ps 89:48) Read Job 33:18

In Verse 12, the Lord continues with telling the prisoners set free from the pit, who have the hope, that He will restore "double" to them. Read Isa 61:7

Q1: In Verse 13, WHAT 4 Things, will the Lord do to fulfill His restoring "double" to them (Israel)?

A1: (1) For (Reason) I (the Lord) will bend Judah as My bow,

(2) I (the Lord) will fill the bow with Ephraim.

(3) I (the Lord) will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; (167 BC – 165 BC)

(4) I (the Lord) will make you (Israel) like (Simile) a warrior's sword.

Notice: This all is against the sons of Greece, or the Grecian Empire

Q2: In Verse 14, WHAT 4 Things, will the Lord do to fulfill His restoring "double" to them (Israel)?

A2: (1) Then the LORD will appear over them (Israel),

(2) His (the Lord's) arrow will go forth like (Simile) lightning;

(3) the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,

(4) (the Lord) will march in the storm winds of the south.

Q3: In Verse 15, WHAT 5 Things, will the Lord do to fulfill His restoring "double" to them (Israel)?

A3: (1) The LORD of hosts will defend them (Israel).

(2) And they (Israel) will devour and trample on the sling stones;

(3) And they (Israel) will drink and be boisterous as (Simile) with wine;

(4) And they (Israel) will be filled like (Simile) a sacrificial basin (filled with Blood),

(5) Drenched (with Blood) like (Simile) the corners of the altar.

Q4: In Verse 16, Therefore, WHAT will the Lord do for them (Israel) "in that day" and WHY will He?

A4: the LORD their (Israel's) God will SAVE them, "in that day"

SAVE them, As (Simile) the flock of His people (Israel);

WHY (Reason) For they (Israel) are as (Simile) the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His (the Lord's) land.

Q5: WHAT Event or War, with the sons of Greece (9:13), is this Referring to?

A5: when the Maccabees defeated the Greeks (167 BC – 165 BC);

The initial Historical Fulfillment of this Prophecy came

when the Maccabees defeated the Greeks (Antiochus Epiphanes) (167 BC – 165 BC);

But the Maccabean triumph is only a pledge and a preview of final triumph over all enemies.

The final, Complete Fulfillment will occur at Messiah's Second Coming.

This Time of the Greek Empire is often Prophesized in the Bible.

Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Daniel 8, Daniel 11, Zechariah 9:1-8, and Zechariah 9:11-17

Called Bronze Kingdom, Dan 2, Leopard, Dan 7, and the Goat, Dan 8

Daniel 2 & Daniel 7 > The Grecian Empire

Mentioned in **Nebuchadnezzar's Dream, Dan 2**

Prophesized 603 BC

Mentioned in **Daniel's Vision, Dan 7**

Prophesized 553 BC

The Ram

The Goat

The Little Horn

Daniel's - Gentile Kingdoms

1 st Babylonian Empire 605 - 539 BC Daniel 7:4			King Nebuchadnezzar Head Fine Gold, Dan 2:37-38 Rule Over All the Earth
2 nd Medo-Persian Empire 539 - 531 BC Daniel 7:5			2 nd Kingdom Breast - Arms Silver, Dan 2:37-38
3 rd Grecian Empire 531 - 168 BC Daniel 7:6			3 rd Kingdom - Rule Earth Belly - Thighs Bronze, Dan 2:39
4 th United Roman Empire 168 BC - 476 AD Daniel 7:7			4 th Kingdom Legs of Iron, Dan 2:35, 40 Kingdoms Crushed
			Feet of Iron - Clay, Crushed by Stone, Dan 2:34



Daniel 8 > The Grecian Empire, The Vision,

Prophesized **551 BC**, **Read Dan 8: 1-14**

The **Male Goat**, with a **Large Horn**, destroys the **Ram with 2 Horns**, **Dan 8:1-7**

The **Male Goat**, with a **Large Horn**, was **broken**, and **4 Horns** came up, **Dan 8:8**

Out of the **4 Horns**, came a **Little Horn**, exceedingly great, **Dan 8:9-14**

The Interpretation,

Prophesized **551 BC**, **Read Dan 8:15-27**

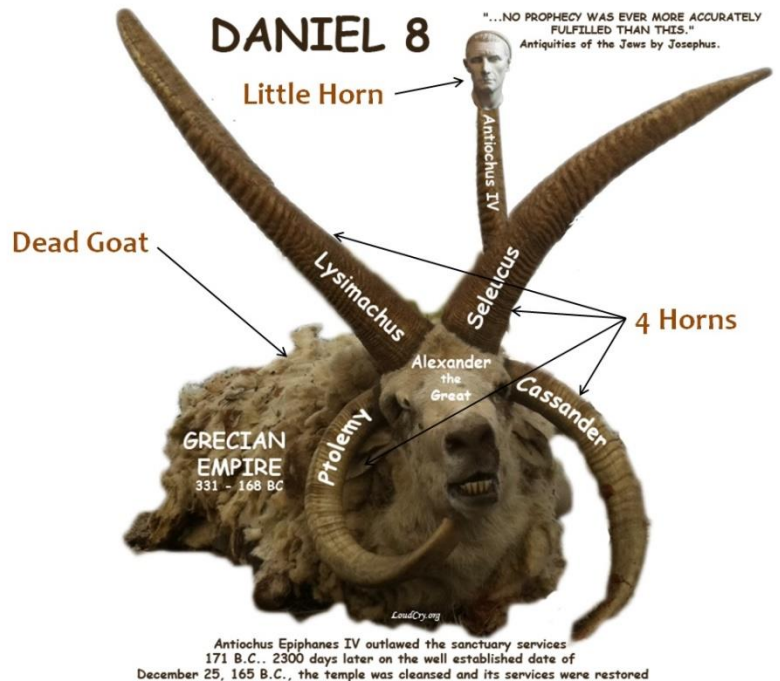
The **Ram with 2 Horns**, represents the **Kings** of Media and Persia, **Dan 8:9-14**

The **Male Goat**, represents the **Kingdom of Greece**, **Dan 8:21**

the **Large Horn** of **Male Goat**, represents the first **King of Greece**, **Dan 8:21**

The **4 Horns** that **came up**, in **Goat's** place, represent the **4 Lesser Kingdoms of Greece**, **Dan 8:8, Dan 8:22**

The **Little Horn**, will arise out of the **4 Horns**, who represents a **King**, **Dan 8:23-25**



Daniel 11 > The Grecian Empire, Prophesized in 538 BC Read Dan 11: 1-14

- Concerning **Persia** (today's Iran), **Dan 11:2**
- Concerning **Alexander the Great**, **Dan 11:3-4**
- Concerning the **Ptolemies** (1 of 4 Horns, Greek King or Pharaoh, of **Egypt**) and **Seleucids** (1 of 4 Horns, Greek King, of Asia Minor, Persia, and Mesopotamia), (until **Antiochus IV, Epiphanes**), **Dan 11:5-20**
- Concerning **Antiochus IV, Epiphanes** (Little Horn, out of 4 Horns), **Dan 11:21-35**
- Concerning the **Future Antichrist**, **Dan 11:36-45**

After Alexander

- After Alexander died, his generals jockeyed for power and by 275 they had divided up his kingdom into three large states
 - Antigonos took Greece and Macedon
 - Ptolemy took Egypt
 - Seleucus took the former Achaemenid empire
- The period of Alexander and his successors is called the Hellenistic period to reflect the broad influence of Greek culture beyond Greece's borders

The 4 Horns (Greek Kings) that came up, in Goat's (Alexander's) place, **Dan 8:8, 8:22**



Antiochus IV, Epiphanes (Little Horn, out of 4 Horns), **Dan 11:21-35**

These verses describe the career of **Antiochus IV (Epiphanes, 175-164 BC)**, who came to the throne by **intrigue (v. 21)**, made several expeditions into **Egypt (vv. 24-27)**, then turned his hatred on **Israel (v. 28)**. The **ships of Kittim (v. 30)** refer to **Roman** power that came from the west past **Kittim** (Cyprus) to defeat **Antiochus in Egypt**. Venting his anger on **the Jews**, **Antiochus** declared the **Temple Ceremonies** illegal and erected in the **Holy Place** a statue of **Zeus (v. 31)**. Some **Jews** resisted and were martyred (**vv. 32-33**).

The Maccabees defeated **the Greeks (167 BC – 165 BC)**, with **the Lord's** help, **Zech 9:11-17**

The Maccabees were a group of **Jewish** rebel warriors who took control of **Judea**, which at the time was part of **Antiochus's Seleucid Empire**.

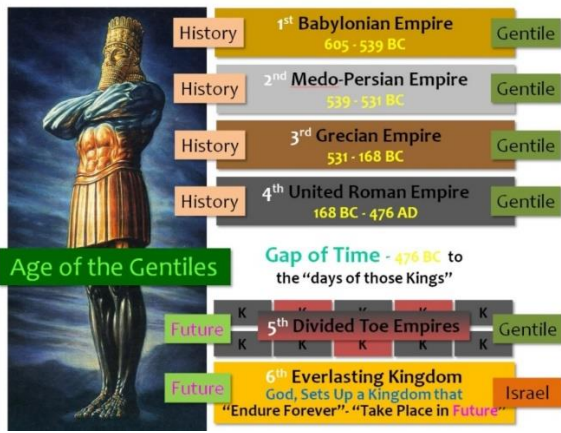
The revolt involved many battles, in which the **Maccabean forces** gained notoriety among the **Seleucid Army** for their use of guerrilla tactics. After the victory, the **Maccabees** entered **Jerusalem** in triumph and ritually cleansed the **Temple**, reestablishing **Worship** there and installing **Jonathan Maccabee** as **High Priest**.

A large **Seleucid Army** was sent to quash the revolt, but returned to **Syria** on the death of **Antiochus**. Its commander Lysias, preoccupied with internal **Seleucid** affairs, agreed to a political compromise that restored religious freedom for **Jews**.

The Maccabees founded the **Hasmonean Dynasty**, which ruled from **167 BC to 37 BC**,

The origin of the **Hasmonean Dynasty** is recorded in the books **1 Maccabees** and **2 Maccabees**, covering the period from **175 to 134 BC** during which time the **Hasmonean Dynasty**

became semi-independent from the **Seleucid empire** but had not yet expanded far outside of **Judea**.



The Gentile Age

The Age of the Gentiles began in **605 BC**, as shown in Chart.

It will End when **the Gentile Nations** no longer have control of **Israel** and **Jerusalem**.

This control by **the Gentile Nations** of **Jerusalem** continues until:

Jesus comes and takes back **Jerusalem** with all **His Holy Ones** with **Him**, **Zech 14:1-21**

Zechariah 14:1-3

- 1 Behold, **a day is coming** for **the LORD** when the spoil taken from **you (Israel)** will be divided among **you**.
- 2 For **I will** gather **all the (Gentile) nations** against **Jerusalem** to battle,
and **the city** will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and **half of the city** exiled,
but **the rest of the people** will not be cut off from **the city**.
- 3 Then **the LORD** will go forth and fight against **those (Gentile) nations**,
as when **He** fights on a day of battle.

After **605 BC**, **Jerusalem** was controlled by **the Gentile Nations**, until **Jesus' 2nd Coming**.

The Gentile Nations, that Control **Jerusalem**, **605 BC to 1948 AD**

When Gentile Nations - Control Jerusalem	
Time Period	Gentile Empire
605 – 539 BC	Babylonian Empire
539 – 531 BC	Medo-Persian Empire
531 – 313 BC	Grecian Empire
312 – 63 BC	Seleucid Empire
63 – 476 BC	Roman Empire
313 – 636 AD	Byzantine Empire
636 – 1099 AD	Arab Empire
1099 – 1291 AD	Crusader Empire
1291 – 1516 AD	Mamluk Empire
1516 – 1918 AD	Ottoman Empire
1917 – 1948 AD	British Empire
1948 – 1967 AD	1948, 6 month, Arab/Israel War No Access to Temple Mount or Wailing Wall
1967 – to Present	1967, 6 Day, Arab/Israel War, Now Access to Temple Mount and Wailing Wall