

Zechariah 9

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Judgment on Israel's Enemies

- 1** The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the LORD.
- 2** And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.
- 3** And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.
- 4** Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.
- 5** Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ekron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
- 6** And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
- 7** And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.
- 8** And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

The Coming King

- 9** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- 10** 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.
- 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.
- 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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- 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.
- 14** And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.
- 15** The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.
- 16** And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.
- 17** For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

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Altar — מזבח (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Blood — דם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

Covenant — ברית (Berit)

Covenant, treaty

The Hebrew **berit** (בְּרִית) denotes a covenant—a binding agreement, often ratified by blood sacrifice. God's covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic) structure redemptive history, culminating in the New Covenant.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

Save — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Zechariah 9:2 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 49:23; Ezekiel 28:12

Zechariah 9:3 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 19:29; 2 Samuel 24:7; Job 27:16; Ezekiel 27:33

Zechariah 9:4 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 26:17; 28:18

Zechariah 9:5 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 47:1; Acts 8:26

Zechariah 9:6 **Parallel theme:** Amos 1:8; Zephaniah 2:10; 1 Peter 5:5

Zechariah 9:8

Parallel theme: Exodus 3:9; Psalms 34:7; 72:4; Isaiah 31:5; 52:1; 52:12; 54:14; 60:18; Jeremiah 31:12; Amos 9:15

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Parallel theme: Zechariah 2:10; Matthew 11:29; Mark 11:7. **Salvation:** Isaiah 43:3; 43:11; 62:11. **References Jerusalem:** Isaiah 40:9

Zechariah 9:10 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 49:6; 60:12; Hosea 1:7; 2:18; Micah 5:4; Revelation 11:15

Zechariah 9:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 40:2; 69:33; Isaiah 42:7; 49:9; 51:14; 61:1.

Covenant: Exodus 24:8; Matthew 26:28; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Hebrews 10:29

Zechariah 9:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 42:10; Isaiah 40:2; 61:7; Jeremiah 51:10; Nahum 1:7.

Hope: Jeremiah 31:17; Ezekiel 37:11; Hosea 2:15; Joel 3:16; Hebrews 6:18

Zechariah 9:13

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Zechariah 9:17

Parallel theme: Exodus 15:11; Psalms 36:7; 45:2; 50:2; 90:17; Isaiah 33:17. **Good:** Psalms 31:19; 145:7. **Related:** Song of Solomon 5:10; 7:9

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