

Zechariah 9

Jesus

I. Israel Defended in the Past

1 The burden of the word of the LORD Against the land of **Hadrach** [dwelling], 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**. **3** For **Tyre built herself a tower, Heaped up silver** like the dust, And gold like the mire of the streets.

- **Burden:** Heavy Message/Prophecy Judgment

Judgment against Area north of Israel, i.e., Southern Lebanon/West Syria today

1. **Hadrach/Damascus** Inland. North of Israel
2. **Hamath** North of Damascus
3. **Tyre/Sidon** Coastal cities north of Israel

**Western Coast above Israel inc. Tyre/Sidon. AKA Phoenicia
Famous for their Ships/Trading/Riches/Worldly Wisdom and their Fall**

Tyre/Sidon a picture of Pride leading to Destruction

- **King of Tyre:** Type of Satan

Ezekiel 28:2 ...say to the **prince of Tyre**, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Because your heart is lifted up, And you say, '**I am a god**, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,' Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the **heart of a god** 3 (Behold, you **are wiser than Daniel!** There is no secret that can be hidden from you! 4 With your wisdom and your understanding You have gained riches for yourself, And gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; 5 By your great **wisdom in trade** you have **increased your riches**, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches)," **12** ... 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. 13 You were in Eden, the garden of God... **14** "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones... [became filled w/pride] **16b** Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. 17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; 18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the **iniquity of your trading**; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. 19 All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, **And shall be no more forever.**"

- **Pride:** Satan's sin before his fall
- **Pride:** Tyre's sin before its fall here prophesied 145 before

4 Behold, the Lord will **cast her out**; He will **destroy her power in the sea**, And she will be **devoured by fire**.

- God destroyed that which she took most pride in...strength at sea
- Peter: Took pride in standing up for Jesus/Fell by denying Him

God destroyed Tyre's power *in the sea* where she felt *most self-secure*

Isaiah 23:1 The burden against **Tyre**. Wail, you *ships of Tarshish!* For it is laid waste, So that there is no house, no harbor...

Ezekiel 26:17 And they will take up a lamentation for [Tyre], and say to you: "How you have perished, O one inhabited by **seafaring men**, O renowned city, Who was **strong at sea**, She and her inhabitants, Who **caused their terror** to be on all her inhabitants!" Oppression added to her sins

- **Tyre/Sidon:** Judgment prophesied **to the letter**
 1. We know what happened They were destroyed
 2. We know why it happened They were prideful

But how/when was Tyre Destroyed?

- **Under siege** by Nebuchadnezzar/Babylon for **13 yrs. 586-573 BC**
- **Still Operating:** Great seaport/impressive sailing fleet/freshwater spring w/in city
- Weary of being trapped by Neb move **entire city** to island 1 mile offshore. New Tyre
- **Note:** Old Tyre became extremely wealthy due to Shipping/Trading c.f. v3. **Yet...**
- **After 13 yrs.** when Babylon finally breaks through. No wealth/no spoil/empty city
- **Island city of New Tyre continued in prosperity...** no stopping them?

Surprise: Alexander the Great steps onto the Scene

He will take new Tyre in 332 BC. Prophesied here 145 years before it happened

- **Alexander the Great**
 1. Demands New Tyre give up its wealth. Tyre refuses
 2. A the G Begins 7-month battle/Siege against Tyre.
 3. Creates a **sea bridge** w/rubble from original city pushed out to island of Tyre

He was unable to capture the city, which was a strategic coastal base on the Mediterranean Sea, through conventional means because it was on an island and had walls right up to the sea. Alexander responded to this problem by first blockading and besieging Tyre for seven months, and **then by building a causeway** and placing siege towers with catapults built on top at the end after his soldiers discovered that they could not extend it any further due to a steep drop under the surface of the water. This allowed him to breach the fortifications. **Alexander the Great conquers Tyre as prophesied.**



- **Re-built Tyre shows up in Psalm 83:** One of 10 Nations yet to come against Israel soon

- **Alexander the Great** [Cont.]

1. Moves south toward Philistia today's Gaza
2. Conquers all cities along southern coastal plain
3. Enters/Leaves Jerusalem many times yet never attacks
4. Offers sacrifices to the priests to offer on his behalf though a heathen

After getting word of destruction of Tyre and of Alexander moving south...

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.

Jeremiah 47:4 Because of the day that comes to plunder all the Philistines, To cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains; For the Lord shall **plunder the Philistines**, ... ⁵Baldness has come **upon Gaza, Ashkelon** is cut off *With* the remnant of their valley. How long will you cut yourself?

Amos 1:8 I will cut off the inhabitant from **Ashdod**, And the one who holds the scepter from **Ashkelon**; I will turn My hand against **Ekron**, And the **remnant of the Philistines shall perish**," Says the Lord God.

Zephaniah 2:4 For **Gaza shall be forsaken**, And **Ashkelon desolate**; They shall drive out **Ashdod** at noonday, And **Ekron shall be uprooted**.

As God said...there are no more Philistines today, but...

⁶"**A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod**, And I will **cut off the pride** of the **Philistines**. ⁷I will take away the blood from his mouth, And the abominations from between his teeth.

**I will Cut off Pride of Philistines
Replaced w/mixed race in same territory**

- **Mixed Race:** lit. Illegitimate ones. Bastards
- **Today's Palestinians:** Settled in place of Philistines
 1. Not descendants of Philistines who are no more. Instead...
 2. Mixed Arab race used as poster child of Israeli oppression
 3. Occupying land God gave to Abraham

7b... But he who remains, even he *shall be* for our God, And shall be like a leader in Judah, And Ekron like a Jebusite. 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.

I will protect Jerusalem from him who comes/goes: Alexander the Great

- **No more oppressors passing through?** Here Zech looks forward to Kingdom age...

II. 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.

- **Quoted 500 yrs. later** by Matthew w/**glaring omission...**

Matthew 21:5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

- **Missing?** He is just...

If Jesus executed justice at His first coming...

No one would be left at His second. He will execute justice then

- **Zech:** Rejoice greatly the King is Coming

Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. 24 **This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Context of Psalm 118? Not any but one specific day: The day the King enters Jerusalem
Propheied by Daniel in Ch 9 to the day

Exactly 483 yrs. From Artaxerxes Decree to restore Jerusalem – Jesus entering Jerusalem on Donkey

Using a 360-day year [which Israel used in Daniel's day] it is calculated **173,880** days from the decree to the **triumphal entry, fulfilling the prophecy to the day.**

Luke 19:38 " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

John 12:13 [Multitude] took **branches of palm** trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' **The King of Israel!**"

- **Hosannah:** lit. Please save us. Most didn't mean it...

Matthew 23:39 ... you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

- **After Trib King is Received:** True Triumphal Entry including palm branches

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with **palm branches in their hands**, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Next Zech jumps to the Millennial Kingdom:

Exemplified by Peace under the Prince of Peace

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.'

Hosea 1:7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, Will save them **by the Lord their God**, And will **not** save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses or horsemen."

Whose dominion from sea to sea? The King of Verse 9

Context: Jesus Second Coming ... Sitting on Throne of David bringing Peace

- **Weapons confiscated?** Won't need them. Lawlessness will cease immediately

Psalms 46:9 He **makes wars cease** to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

Isaiah 2:4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall **beat their swords into plowshares**, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Hosea 2:18 In that day I will make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And with the creeping things of the ground. **Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth**, To make them lie down safely.

Micah 4:3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall **beat their swords into plowshares**, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, **Neither shall they learn war anymore**.

- **What is the scope of Jesus rule? Sea to Sea**

Psalms 72:8 He shall have dominion also from **sea to sea**, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

III. Israel Defended in the Future

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

- **Covenant of Blood:** New Covenant here applied to Israel saved by Grace

No one saved has ever been saved apart from the blood of Jesus Christ
No one set free from hell has ever been set free apart from the blood of Jesus Christ

Romans 1:16 ... I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the **Jew** first and **also for the Greek**.

Romans 10:12 For there is **no distinction between Jew and Greek**, for the same Lord over all is rich to **all who call upon Him**.

Galatians 3:28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are **all one in Christ Jesus**.

Colossians 3:11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but **Christ is all and in all**.

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

- **Bent My Bow against Greece:**

... fulfilled in the days of the Maccabees when God raised up Jews to fight against the successors of Alexander's Empire. [Guzik]

God Defender of His People

14b... 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.

- **When Jesus returns:** Gathers His people back to Jerusalem/He is their Defender

Jeremiah 31:10 "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel **will gather him**, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock.' ¹¹ For the Lord has redeemed Jacob/ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he.

Zechariah 12:8 In that day the Lord will **defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem**; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them.

15b... They shall drink *and* roar as if with wine; They shall be filled *with blood* like basins, Like the corners of the altar. 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—

God will openly reveal His heart for/to Israel

- They shall be **like jewels in His eyes:** Treasure once again

Deuteronomy 14:2 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a **special treasure** above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

- Though they blew it bad God will keep His promise/oath

Malachi 3:17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that **I make them My jewels**. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him."

God's People will be a Banner of Jewels lifted up over His Land
Drawing all Nations to Jerusalem...

Isaiah 11:11 It shall come to pass **in that day** That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. ¹² He will

set up a **banner for the nations**, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And **gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.**

No matter who you are or where you're from...
God desires you to know His Goodness/His Beauty/His Provision

- Exemplified in the Millennial Kingdom **coming soon to an earth near you**

17 For how great is its [lit. His] goodness And how great its [His] beauty!
Grain shall make the young men thrive, And new wine the young women.

- How great is its **His Goodness**

Psalm 31:19 Oh, how **great is Your goodness**, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men!

- How great is **His Beauty**

Joel 3:18 And it will come to pass in that day That the **mountains shall drip with new wine**, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow **from the house of the Lord** And water the Valley of Acacias.

1 Corinthians 2:9 "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man **The things which God has prepared** for those who love Him."

A Taste here by God's Holy Spirt...
Soon our Fill for 1000 years and forever after