

## Session 4:

# God Speaks Through His Word and the Prophets!

### The Final Message of Zechariah... Zechariah 9:1-14:21

**This message is distinctively different from the other two previous sections.**

#### The message:

- Comprised of predictive prophecy
- Must be understood from a future perspective.

#### Two divine prophecies:

1. Concerning the future of Jerusalem
2. Events surrounding the coming of the Messiah—

The Messiah to deliver the city from its national enemies.

#### The two (2) previous sections:

1. The eight (8) visions (Chapters 1-6)
2. The Lord encouraging His people to rebuild the Temple...because He is returning to inhabit Jerusalem, glorify the city and bless its inhabitants. (Chapters 7-8)

#### The two previous sections are specifically dated...

##### This 3<sup>rd</sup> section is undated and:

- pertains to the events immediately preceding and
- including the establishment of the impending Messianic Kingdom.

**Note: Eschatological designation, “In that day”...firmly establishing its future time frame.**

**One should conclude that these prophecies are intended to:**

- Revitalize God’s people in an expectant return of the Suffering Savior as the Triumphant King,
- Perpetuate the final call to battle for the King of Creation and His family against Satan and His demonic forces (Some say the Good vs. Evil War)...  
The truth...”good” and “evil” is constantly battling....past and present.
- Remind us that the prophesied events are real (true)...and will take place.

#### “In that day”

**Zechariah 14:9, “The Lord will be King over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and His name the only name.” (NIV)**

“In that day”—“On that day”...is a concept of a final day of wrath for the unbeliever or the unfaithful...and the day of freedom and victory for the chosen seed of Abraham and God’s Covenant people....Old and New Testament.

Zechariah specifically let the reader or “hearer of the Word of the Lord” know that judgment day is coming and a final battle and war is brewing where the Lord will reign over all the earth and all the earth will crown Him King of Kings.

Peter spoke of “The day of the Lord.”

*2 Peter 3:10, But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.”*

Paul spoke of “The day of the Lord.”

*1 Thessalonians 5:2, “For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”*

Is the “Day of the Lord” a conception....or is it a truth?

To the Jew...

- They are God’s Chosen people
- Chosen for special privilege among the nations...
- History at the time of Peter’s and Paul’s preaching had seen triumph and defeat all of their life as a nation...over and over again.  
Why?---God would protect His people and because of disobedience He would allow chastisement and harsh judgments.
- It was clear to the Jews that by human means that they would never reach the status they deserved as the chosen people.
- They had reached the conclusion that what man could not do, God must do.
- They began to look forward to a day when God would intervene directly in history and exalt them to the honor they dreamed of.

The day of that intervention was.....

**THE DAY OF THE LORD!**

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To the Jew, time was divided into two ages:

- The Present Age
- The Age to Come (Golden Age of God)

Between the two there was to be “The Day of the Lord” which was to be the terrible birth pangs of the new age.

They knew from Old Testament Prophets it would come:

- ✓ Like a thief in the night....suddenly;
- ✓ As a day when the world would be shaken to its very foundations;
- ✓ As a day of judgment and of terror

Isaiah 2:12; 13:6; Amos 5:18; Zephaniah 1:7

**Joel 1:15, "...For the Day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty." (Hebrew for Almighty, "Shaddai")**

**Joel 2:1, "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming....It is close at hand."**

**Jesus...surprised the masses...**

**Jesus....surprised the Jewish Leaders and Rulers...and all the religious icons of the day.**

**Jesus came into the world not to condemn the world but that through Him the world might be saved...God sent His Son, not as a King that the Jews thought Him to be....  
But He came to make it possible that all the world might be saved...and  
ESCAPE "THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD."**

**Note: "In that day" or "On that day" when Zechariah spoke was a great win or great prophetic message as encouraging words for God's people....**

**For the Jew first...and then to the Gentile.**

**We know that we will always be His.....as grafted in "Adopted Children of the King of Kings."**

**The Church is the Bride of Christ....However,**

**The Chosen People of God (the Jewish People) will be heirs of the Kingdom according to God's Covenant Promise.**

**Romans 11:25-27, "I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:**

**"The deliverer will come from Zion; He will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."**

**There are many Special Days that we should note:**

- 1. Day of our Salvation**
- 2. Day of Rapture for the Church**
- 3. Day of Jesus and the Saints Coming to Earth...Jesus Setting Up His Kingdom.**
- 4. Day when the present earth will be burned and incinerated...and a New Jerusalem is set up on this earth.**

**HOWEVER....The Day of the Lord of the Lord Spoken to us in Zechariah...will be a terrible day for the wicked...those that don't know Jesus...those that are not raptured out of here when Jesus calls us home!**

**The first half of the last section (9:1—11:17) speaks of God's systematic deliverance of Judah from surrounding national enemies and the coming of the Messiah to establish His kingdom.**

Note: Isn't it interesting that the news reports today are talking about the same territory...and cities that Zechariah mentions in his prophecies 500 plus years before Christ.

### **Zechariah 9:1-8**

Relates the Lord's personal defense of Jerusalem and conquest of the Jewish people's traditional enemies (notably Syria, Phoenicia (West Bank area) and Philistia (Gaza Strip area)...and will extend Israel's northern and western borders to their ideal limits.

Also, Note: Tyre and Sidon is in present day Lebanon.

After the Lord has eliminated the hostile threat to His people, the survivors from these nations will be assimilated into the covenant community and serve the Lord.

### **Zechariah 9:9-10**

The writer then reveals the arrival of the Lord GOD's representative agent.....**THE MESSIAH, WHO IS TO RULE FOR THE LORD GOD AS THE RIGHTEOUS AND VICTORIOUS KING OF ISRAEL.**

The Lord God Himself performs the introduction of the Deliverer to His people. He describes the Messiah as humble and conveying a kingdom of peace...as designated by His entering Jerusalem on a donkey...not a war horse.

These passages also tell us that the Messiah will reign over the whole earth...not just Jerusalem.

Can you believe it? That yesterday's word...is so relevant today?

In today's message....did you see a Suffering Savior or...  
A Triumphant King?

In today's message....did you see a God who stands back and lets His people work things out or...

A God who is faithful to His promises and will carry out His plan no matter what?

In today's message....did you see a God who is only interested in His Covenant people or.....

All people who are willing to humble themselves before Him and surrender their lives as a sacrifice to the Creator who made them?

### **In today's message...**

Did you hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches?

**Test for Today's Teaching: Multiple Choice**

**One of the greatest promises that the Lord God has given to His Own is.....**

- a. God will fulfill His promise to His covenant people.**
- b. Jesus will come and be the Ruler of His people.**
- c. When God says He will do something....He will do it!**
- d. When man sees that man's ways and means of fulfilling the Peace Covenant is impossible....God will step in and do the impossible!**
- e. All of the Above.**

**“My hope is built on nothing less...than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand....All other ground is sinking sand;**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand....All other ground is sinking sand.**