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APPLIED FORMAT
ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 9

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse King James Version (KJV)

Introduction:

This Ministry Website Owner is taking a different approach with Chapter 9 with this Introduction.

From Zechariah 8 to Zechariah 9: the Rebuilt Joint out from the Old Joint.

It is reemphasized here, from Zechariah Chapter 8:16-17, that the Rebuilt Joint will have the same duties as the Old Joint that do stem from the threatening's the Old Joint received (Henry, 2008).

- The emphasis is on the greater good of the Public (Henry, 2008).
- The judges are ordered to bring truth and peace without any troublesome lawsuits regarding the Rebuilt Joint – but do regard truth (Henry, 2008).
- Great reverence for the oaths taken must be adhered with in the fulness of truth crushing even the thought of doing wrong (Henry, 2008).
- In matters of faith, leave matters to God in that there must be a consciousness of duty with none being wronged and right must be brought about for those wronged (Henry, 2008).

All these matters are in the covenant.

Zechariah Chapter 9: There is Great plenty for God's Jewish people, victory over enemies, and mercy on the some Jewish Neighbors that convert (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

Notice: The burden of the Word of the LORD comes to Hadrach (a land associated with Syria but remains a mystery (Henry, 2008)).

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After reading the Easy-to-Read Version of Scripture, Israel is not the only people who know the Lord, all eyes look to the LORD, emphasizing why this issue rested upon and within Damascus.

Verse (2): And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus, and Zidon, though it be very wise.

The main accentuation from verse (1) is that Damascus was explicitly identified. This is significant because of the ripple effect throughout neighboring locations.

However, when the Apostle Paul was converted in Damascus and had a quarrelsome with the Jews, the Word of the LORD was then planted in Damascus (Henry, 2008). The eyes beyond Israel began to look towards the LORD where the Country of Hamath Joined Syria to take the burden the of the Word of the LORD that rested in Damascus (Henry, 2008). Tyrus (Very Pompous Location) was burnt to the ground despite the enormous amount of water surrounding it (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

God used Damascus as an opportunity to then branch out and address neighbors so that God's Joint could be thoroughly understood. Even though wise, Tyrus did build up strong holds by heaping up Silver and Gold exclusively unto themselves. Meaning being isolated unto their own walls rather than integrating amongst. The arrogant of Tyrus were flushed out into the open. The arrogant of Tyrus felt themselves to be untouchable, too powerful to be reached.

God took the Damascus opportunity to bring God's (Rebuilt Joint) not only in Israel but in Damascus and its surrounding neighbors. The Greatness of God's Goodness is found in Verse (3) bringing true Rebuilt Joint (All the eyes of men are on the LORD - albeit Israel is God's people).

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Verse (4): Behold, the LORD will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

The arrogant of Verse (3) are not allowed to be untouchable. The arrogance of Tyrus was smitten so that although being very wise was NOT too wise for God to handle (Henry, 2008). Fire purifies to rid of arrogance in this case (Henry, 2008). Tyrus fortifying itself with materials of life blocking out the Spirit of God could only hold until God tore it down.

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This shows that all the ways humanity seeks to protect themselves by insulating themselves through man generated means only meets with strong resistance from the Spirit of God all the way to the point of destruction. It does not pay to self-proclaim innocence. It is far better to be forthright and humble oneself than to meet with strong resistance by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will hold to account that is reality.

God honors reconciliation not insulation.

Verse (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.

I. To build off Verse (4), Ashkelon and Gaza shall see the self-insulation problems Tyrus brought upon themselves and realize it is only a matter of time before they too will be strongly resisted by the Spirit of God as Tyrus was. Ashkelon shall fear and Gaza shall be very sorrowful.

1. Ashkelon shall no longer be inhabited. A complete desolation of what was thriving.

2. The King shall perish from Gaza.

II. Ekron did not have expectations that aligned with the Spirit of God and were ashamed publicly.

Of note: Here in Verse (5) Expectations that are within the Spirit of God are always substantiated and remain unlike these locations– God solidifies it. The power of God's Rebuilt Joint can never be eclipsed.

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Verse (6): And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

Ashdod and the Philistines met a similar fate as those previously discussed.

Notice when God acts it is with power. It is this same power God uses to empower, God indwells with the Holy Spirit and a person's spirit becomes one spirit to emphasize that the fast in Matthew 6:17 were private fasts that must remain private (Henry, 2008).

Reference: First Corinthians 6:17 (King James Version), "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Ashdod had strangers take over their land (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

Once the purging occurs, those who remain "Shall" be for God. No attempt in all of history has even been remotely successful at purging God from His own creation. Not going to happen. No individual, no society, no Nation, nor group of Nations has ever or will ever purge God from His own creation.

Notice the verbiage in Verse (7) "...but he that remaineth, (even he), shall be for our God".

The remnant of REBUILT JOINT shall be for God – no question about it.

The Philistines sought to ravish their teeth into Israel and were just about to etch it, but instead had their teeth yanked from the (Rebuilt Joint Israel Remnant) and the crimson blood stain in the Philistines teeth regarding Israel was cleaned (Henry, 2008).

To expound, God's mercy and grace shall include the converted remnant from the Nations perpetrating against Israel, not just Israel, who seek the LORD also for a broader view of God's Rebuilt Joint (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (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.

To build off Verse (7), the encampment of God around His property / house is very clear. God protecting His property / house becomes very evident.

For depth of concept, this verse provides essential history of Israel through the End Times that many oppressors will no longer pass through Israel specifically connected to Acts 2:17 – the whole history of Israel (Scofield, 1996). “The last days” of Israel is distinguished from the Church (two different occurrences) because Israel will be dignified and blessed linked to the “Kingdom-Age” (Scofield, 1996). The Church will experience a falling away but also a surge – weeding out the sheep from the goats who is a true follower of The Christ and who is not. God does the same exact thing to the Nations (exception is Israel) as God does to the Church by God’s design – God will weed out the sheep from the goats. Nationally, it stands to reason that upholding religious freedom is critical.

Matthew 25:32 (King James Version), “And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:”

Scofield, C. I. (Ed.). 1996. *The holy bible*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press

Reference: Acts 2:17 (King James Version), “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:”

Of Acts 2:17: Specifically, Scripture will have a strong influence in the last of days and the Apostles instruct us to look for those days - to expect it and to Welcome it – the Whole Scripture and points towards Acts 2:20 (Henry, 2008). This occurs a Great while after the end of prophecy (Henry, 2008).

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The Day of the Lord in Acts 2:20 is inclusive of near and future happenings – some occurred and others future where God directs history with some variances in application usually in reference to the end of history – a time of judgment and a time of salvation (Got Questions, January 21, 2023).

Got Questions. (2023, January 21). *What is the day of the Lord?*
<https://www.gotquestions.org/day-of-the-Lord.html>

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Verse (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.

God operates in a way that surprises because man does not have the spiritual fortitude to see the way God sees.

God must tell His people to “Rejoice Greatly”. God surprises man because God is just having the Great Salvation in His hands. When man looks for a certain type in a certain circumstance like an Ego Driven Leader, then God surprises by being the King and Savior that is humble.



God did not ride in on a Noisy Semi-Truck with the Horns Blowing; rather God surprised operating humbly yet with unexplainable Greatness. God came to town riding upon a Quiet Donkey possessing surprising Greatness. The surprise is that the Quiet Donkey of God possessed surprising Noisy presence. Therefore, God had to tell them to “Rejoice Greatly”.



Verse (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.

To build off Verse (9), God will cut off the pride of Ephraim and Jerusalem and bring peace amongst the heathen. This explains God’s surprising Greatness because humanity does not have the spiritual fortitude to see the way God sees. God’s greatness always was and always will be and humbles to understand the need for a savior.

The Great Quiet - Noisy. The Great Humble Spiritual Yet Influential God - with wide reach.

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Verse (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.



Here in Verse (11), the Great Quiet - Noisy God brought joy by setting the prisoners free from captivity and the bondage of lowliness having no identified leader to deliver them. This is the surprise of God to build off Verse (9) and Verse (10) because God operates differently by design. The blood of the Old Testament animal sacrifice was true. However, the New Testament once for all God the Son sacrifice brought forth Salvation (Henry, 2008).



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Verse (12): Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

God indicates to turn to the stronghold that God provides in hope to the prisoners of Verse (11) from the Great Quiet - Noisy. Notice what God does here is double after the captivity not in humanities Earthly eyes but in God's greater perfect spiritual eyes that exceeds our ability to grasp because God's ways are higher than our ways.

Reference: Isaiah 55:8-9 (King James Version), "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Verse (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.

In Verse (13) God indicates that He uses evil for God's own purpose by using evil against itself crumbling evil under evils own ways. God being God. Notice also that God raises up the called Zion to be mighty against evil. God being God. God always victorious over Evil and will especially be rendered true in the eternal life.

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Verse (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.

Specifically, in this verse Israel was brought out of Egypt, went into Canaan, by Divine providence had overwhelming victory of attackers in the Maccabees time, and gained The Christ over the Evil One (Henry, 2008).

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God's Rebuilt Joint Israel. God is SEEN over them - Rebuilt Joint that is – Arrows like lightning, the LORD God blows the trumpet, whirlwinds overwhelm.

Verse (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.

This verse is very simple. God will defend.

Verse (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.

God shall provide the crown of life because God has eternity in His Hands and ONLY in His hands.

Verse (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.

**This Ministry Website Owner refers to the Introduction of this Chapter.
The Great Goodness of God.**

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