

"Zechariah's First Burden"

Part 2

Zechariah 9-11

Introduction: The last time we were together in Zechariah we were looking at the last section of the letter. We find in this last section two burdens given to Zechariah. The first burden deals with the first coming of Jesus Christ and the second burden deals with the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Burden #1 - Zechariah 9-11

This burden deals with the first coming of Jesus Christ.

Burden #2 - Zechariah 12-14

This burden will deal with the second coming of Jesus Christ.

The last time we looked at Zechariah 9:1-8 and it was in these verses that Zechariah prophesied of the conquests of Alexander the great. This was foretold by Zechariah 200 years before Alexander the Great came on the scene. Alexander the Great would be used of God to bring judgment upon the enemies of Israel. He was an unsaved man but because God was using him, he was undefeated in all of his battles. He would start in the north, and he would sweep down over the enemies of Israel, and he would pass by Jerusalem on his way to Egypt and on his way back from Egypt, but he would bring no harm to the Jews.

Notice Zechariah 9:8

God would set His protection around the Jews and no army would be able to bring harm to them.

Application:

This should remind us as we live in a very hostile world which can be extremely frightening at times that we too are protected by our God, and no one can bring harm without God's permission.

Romans 8:31-34

³¹What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

³³Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

³⁴ *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

Psalm 121:5-8

⁵ *The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

⁶ *The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*

⁸ *The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

Here in verse 6 the idea is that NOTHING in the day and NOTHING in the night is able to harm us while God is on watch.

So, God would put on display His sovereign control and His mighty power as He would work through Alexander the Great. This then brings us to where we are today.

I. The Promise of The Messiah

Notice Zechariah 9:9

The conquests of verses 1-8 would let the Jews know that something even more spectacular was about to happen and that would be the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. This was fulfilled to the very letter when Jesus came into Jerusalem on Psalm Sunday.

Matthew 21:1-9

¹ *And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,*

² *Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.*

³ *And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.*

⁴ *All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,*

⁵ *Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.*

⁶ *And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,*

⁷ *And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.*

⁸ *And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.*

⁹ *And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.*

These verses make it sound as if they accepted their King, but this very same crowd turned around and shouted for Him to be crucified shortly after this. They were looking for a King that would give them victory over the Romans. They wanted political peace and Jesus came offering spiritual peace.

Romans 9:31-33

³¹ *But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.*

³² *Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;*

³³ *As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

Jesus did not offer what they were looking for. They wanted deliverance from the Romans, which would have happened if they had received Him on His terms. They needed to be born again and enthrone Jesus as the King and then they would have seen the Millennial Kingdom, but they would not. They would not accept Him on His terms.

Let me show you the Words of Jesus.

John 5:43

⁴³ *I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*

There will come a time when Israel will accept one who comes in his own name.

Daniel 9:27

²⁷ *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of*

abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Let me show you why many of the Jews will accept the Anti-Christ.

Revelation 6:1-2

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

² *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

He will come promising national peace. Let us remember that it is Satan's goal to destroy the nation of Israel. He knows what they are looking for so he will raise up the Anti-Christ to lure them into his trap. Israel's desire for national peace caused them to miss their Messiah.

Application:

Today Jesus offers Himself to all the world as their Savior. He came into this world, and He died for the sins of every person here.

Corinthians 15:3-4

³ *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*

⁴ *And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

Now He offers the forgiveness of sin to you if you will accept Him as your Savior.

John 3:16

¹⁶ *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

But many are just like Israel, and they are not interested in what He has to offer. Let me show you a picture of humankind.

Matthew 2:1-5

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

² *Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

³ *When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.*

⁴ *And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.*

⁵ *And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,*

There are 2 responses to Jesus Christ in this text and these 2 responses represent many people today.

Herod - He wanted nothing to do with Jesus because he was the king of his life and Jerusalem. He was fearful if Jesus was permitted to come into his life, he would lose his position and authority.

This is the very reason many today will not come to Jesus Christ for salvation. They like being the KING of their own life. They want to live how they desire to live, and they have seen how other people's lives change when they come to Jesus, and they want nothing to do with giving up their sin.

The Religious Leaders - They were full of self-righteousness and did not see their need for Savior.

This is where many are today. They believe that they re good enough to be accepted of God. But the Truth is they re not! Everyone needs Jesus Christ because we are all sinners.

Romans 3:10-12

¹⁰ *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*

¹¹ *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*

¹² *They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

If this is you then you are very much like the people of Noh's dy.

Matthew 24:37-41

³⁷ *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

⁴⁰ Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Now let us notice what you miss without Jesus.

Notice Zechariah 9:10

We will come back to this verse next week, but I can give you an overview. This verse deals with Jesus second coming. We are living in the gap between these two verses. This verse speaks of the peace that Israel will enjoy in the Kingdom.

Conclusion/Application:

Jesus offers peace to you today.

- **Peace with God.**

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

- **Peace of God.**

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.