

"Zechariah's First Burden"

Part 3

Zechariah 9-11

**Introduction:** Last week in our study of Zechariah we focused upon Zechariah 9:9.

**Notice Zechariah 9:9**

This is a very well-known verse but there are few who understand the verses surrounding verse 9 and the context. In Zechariah 9:1-8 God, through Zechariah prophesied of the conquests of Alexander the Great. God would use him to bring judgment upon the enemies of the Jews. God would put His protection around Jerusalem and Alexander the Great would bring no harm to the Jews. But what God would accomplish through Alexander the Great would be nothing compared to what He would do in Jerusalem as is recorded in verse 9. This verse contains the detailed announcement of Jesus Christ coming into Jerusalem on Psalm Sunday.

**Matthew 21:1-9**

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

<sup>2</sup> *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.*

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

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

<sup>5</sup> *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.*

<sup>6</sup> *And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,*

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

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

<sup>9</sup> *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.*

This prophecy was fulfilled to the very letter, but the Jews rejected their King and Messiah. They were looking for political deliverance. They wanted free from the Romans, and they could have had that if they would have accepted Jesus as their King. So they rejected Him, and this caused the Kingdom to be postponed.

This brings us to where we are today.

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**Notice Zechariah 9:10**

What we read in verse 10 will be fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom. So what we need to see is that we are living in the gap between verse 9 and 10. Let me show you another place where this happens.

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

*<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

We are living in the gap between these two verses as well. Let us notice one more.

**Isaiah 61:1-2**

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

*<sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;*

We are living right after the comma in verse 2. We are living in an age which the Old Testament prophets did not see. We are living in the mystery age. In our study of the Kingdom in the Matthew 13 parables Jesus reveals this age which we are in and let me remind you what He said.

**Matthew 13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup> *All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:*

<sup>35</sup> *That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.*

This age we are in was such a mystery that it caused some of the ancients to believe there would be two Messiahs. Listen to the words of Dr. Constable:

***"This ambiguity resulted in some pre-Christian sects of Judaism, including the Qumran community, expecting two Messiahs."***

Listen to the words of Woods on the two Messiahs:

*"They actually had names for the two Messiahs. The first one they called Ben Joseph. Ben in Hebrew means son, son of Joseph and they were saying the first Messiah is going to suffer just like Joseph suffered and then they had a name for the second Messiah that they called Ben David. Son of David. So he's going to rule and reign just like David. One is going to suffer like Joseph, one is going to rule and reign like David. Ben Joseph, Ben David."*

You see Isaiah wrote about the suffering Messiah in Isaiah 53 and he also wrote about a reigning Messiah in Isaiah 9. How could He be both? This is what they struggled with. We are blessed because we have the completed Scriptures, and we can put all the pieces together and understand that there was an age which the prophets could not see.

**Notice Zechariah 9:10 again.**

This verse is speaking of what will happen when Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom. This is when Isarel will finally get the peace they long for.

**Isaiah 2:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*

<sup>3</sup> *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

<sup>4</sup> And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Notice Zechariah 9:10 again.

We need to notice how big His Kingdom will be. It will stretch from sea to sea, and this is very important. There are those who deny a thousand-year Kingdom and they will apply this verse to the eternal state. But that does not fit. Let me show you why.

**Revelation 21:1**

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

There will be no sea in the eternal state so Zechariah 9:10 cannot be placed in the eternal state. It MUST take place before the eternal state on this earth. It will be an EARTHLY KINGDOM that will encompass the entire earth.

**Application:**

What we need to understand about all of this is that we will be a part of this Kingdom. There is a lot of talk in the church about our "home in heaven" but if we look closely at the Scriptures our time in heaven will be short.

**John 14:1-3**

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*

<sup>2</sup> *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

If the Rapture happens in our lifetime, then we will only spend 7 years in heaven. While we are in heaven, we will face the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards. On earth the world will be purged with the judgments of the Tribulation and Israel will be saved and turn to their Messiah and then we will return with Him to this earth.

**Revelation 19:7, 11-14**

<sup>7</sup> *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

<sup>11</sup> *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

<sup>12</sup> *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

<sup>13</sup> *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

<sup>14</sup> *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

This is when we return to the earth with our Lord. You see we will never be separated from Him. We will serve with Him as a unit in the Kingdom.

#### **Revelation 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### **Revelation 5:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*

<sup>9</sup> *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

<sup>10</sup> *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

#### **Revelation 3:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

<sup>22</sup> *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Now let us notice the set-up of the Kingdom.

#### **Revelation 20:1-6**

*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*

<sup>2</sup> *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

<sup>3</sup> *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

<sup>4</sup> *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

<sup>5</sup> *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

<sup>6</sup> *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

Everything that happens here is preparing us for service in the Kingdom. What about after the 1000-year earthly Kingdom? The Kingdom will carry over into the eternal state where we will live forever on the new earth.

**Conclusion:**

**Revelation 21:1-4**

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

<sup>2</sup> *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

<sup>3</sup> *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*<sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*