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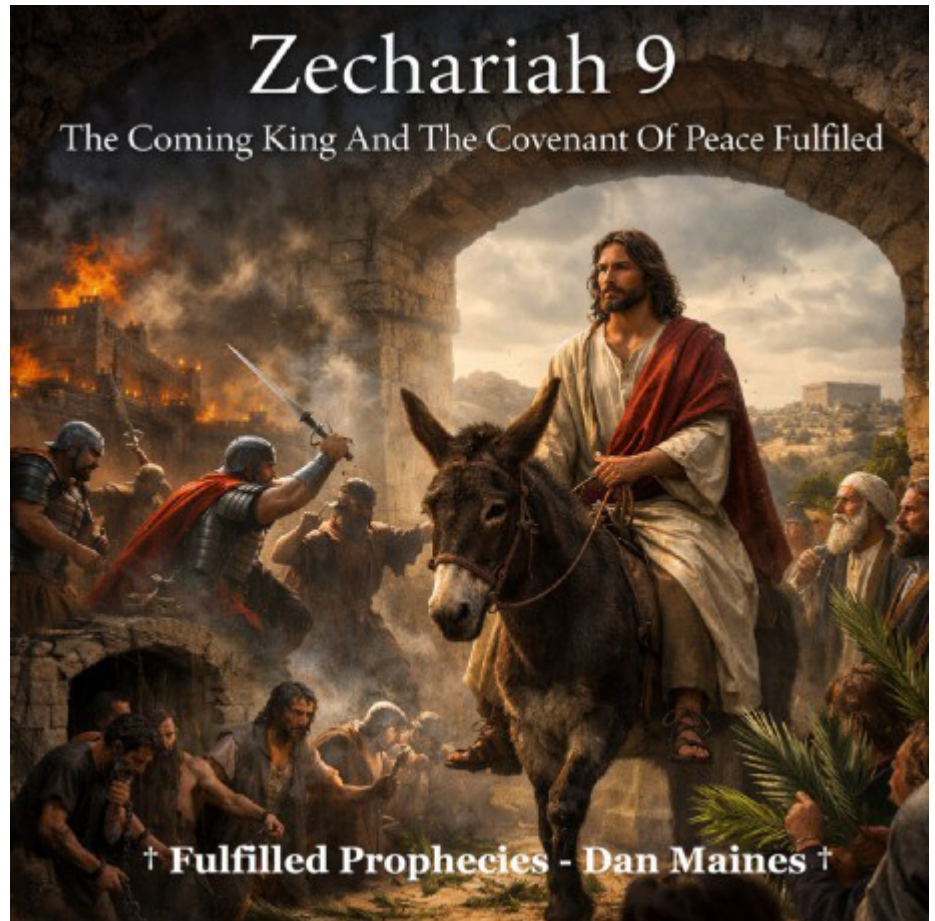
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Introduction

† Zechariah 9 shifts from restoration language into clear Messianic fulfillment, showing the judgment of surrounding nations and the arrival of the true King. This isn't future, it's fulfilled in Christ's first coming and the events leading to AD 70.

† The chapter connects directly to the transition from the old covenant system into the reign of Christ, where the nations are brought under His rule, not by military conquest, but by covenant victory.

† What we're seeing here is the overthrow of the old order and the establishment of the Kingdom that Jesus said was at hand.

Zechariah 9:1-2

The pronouncement of the word of the Lord is against the land of Hadrach, with Damascus as its resting place (for the eyes of mankind, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the Lord), and Hamath also, which borders on it; Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise.

† This is a declaration of judgment against the surrounding nations, showing that God wasn't only dealing with Israel, but with all nations in that generation (Matthew 24:30).

† The phrase eyes of mankind and of all the tribes of Israel are toward the Lord shows a turning point, where attention is shifting toward God's unfolding plan, fulfilled in Christ (Luke 2:30-32).

† These regions historically fell under judgment through successive empires, culminating in Roman dominance, setting the stage for the Messiah's arrival.

Zechariah 9:3-4

For Tyre built herself a fortress and piled up silver like dust, and gold like the mud of the streets. Behold, the Lord will dispossess her and throw her wealth into the sea; and she will be consumed with fire.

† Tyre represents human strength and wealth, yet God shows that no earthly power can stand against His plan (Acts 17:24-26).

† This was historically fulfilled in Alexander the Great's destruction of Tyre, demonstrating that God was already preparing the world stage before Christ came.

† It proves that prophecy isn't vague, it's rooted in real historical events leading up to Christ's kingdom.

Zechariah 9:5-7

Ashkelon will see it and be afraid. Gaza also will writhe in great pain; and Ekron, because her expectation has been confounded. Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited. And a people of mixed origins will live in Ashdod, and I will eliminate the pride of the Philistines. I will remove their blood from their mouth and their detestable things from between their teeth. Then they also will be a remnant for our God, and be like a clan in Judah, and Ekron like a Jebusite.

† The judgment of the Philistine cities shows the removal of pagan dominance, making way for inclusion into God's covenant people.

† Notice even here, there's mercy, a remnant shall be for our God, showing Gentile inclusion, fulfilled in the gospel (Ephesians 2:11-19).

† Ekron as a Jebusite points to former enemies becoming part of God's people, just like the nations brought into Christ.

Zechariah 9:8

But I will camp around My house because of an army, so that no one will pass through or return; and no oppressor will pass over them anymore, for now I have seen with My eyes.

† God promises protection over His true house, not the physical temple, but His people (Hebrews 12:22-24).

† This was fulfilled when the church was preserved while judgment fell on Jerusalem in AD 70 (Luke 21:20-22).

† The true house of God wasn't destroyed, it was established.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is righteous and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

† This is directly fulfilled in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:4-5).

† The King didn't come as a military conqueror, but as the one bringing salvation through covenant fulfillment.

† This proves the Kingdom wasn't physical and political, but spiritual and covenantal.

Zechariah 9:10

I will eliminate the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; and the bow of war will be eliminated. And He will speak peace to the nations; and His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

† This shows the end of physical warfare as the means of God's kingdom, replaced by peace through Christ (John 18:36).

† His dominion from sea to sea is fulfilled through the spread of the gospel across the known world in the first century (Colossians 1:23).

† This isn't waiting for the future, it's already happened.

Zechariah 9:11-12

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, you prisoners who have hope; this very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.

† The blood of My covenant points directly to Christ's sacrifice (Matthew 26:28).

† The prisoners being set free is fulfilled in spiritual deliverance from sin and death (Romans 6:6-7).

† This is covenant language, not future speculation.

Zechariah 9:13-15

For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and I will make you like a warrior's sword. Then the Lord will appear over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning; and the Lord God will blow the trumpet, and will march in the storm winds of the south. The Lord of armies will defend them; and they will devour and trample on the sling stones; and they will drink and be boisterous as with wine; and they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, drenched like the corners of the altar.

† This reflects the conflict between Jewish believers and the Greek world, fulfilled during the spread of the gospel into

Gentile territories (Acts 17).

† The imagery is symbolic of covenant victory, not literal warfare.

† God was actively establishing His Kingdom through His people.

Zechariah 9:16-17

And the Lord their God will save them on that day as the flock of His people; for they are like the stones of a crown, sparkling in His land. For what comeliness and beauty will be theirs! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

† This is the salvation of God's people in that generation, fulfilled through Christ (Luke 21:28).

† The imagery of a crown shows honor and restoration, fulfilled in the church (1 Peter 2:9).

† This is the beauty of the fulfilled Kingdom, not something we're still waiting on.

Historical References

† Josephus recorded the destruction of Jerusalem and the surrounding regions, confirming the judgment spoken of in the prophets.

† Eusebius wrote that believers fled Jerusalem before its destruction, showing God's protection over His people.

† Tacitus confirms the widespread upheaval and fulfillment of judgment during that period.

How It Applies To Us Today

† We're not waiting for a coming King, He already came and established His Kingdom.

† We're living in the peace He brought, not looking for a future earthly rule.

† The covenant has already been fulfilled, and we're part of that completed work.

† Our identity isn't tied to physical Israel, but to Christ and His Kingdom.

† We walk in the freedom purchased by the blood of the covenant.

Q & A Appendix

Q When was Zechariah 9:9 fulfilled?

A Matthew 21:4-5 shows Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling this directly.

Q What does dominion from sea to sea mean?

A Colossians 1:23 shows the gospel had already gone into all the world in that generation.

Q Who are the prisoners set free?

A Romans 6:6-7 shows believers freed from sin through Christ.

Q Is this talking about a future kingdom?

A Luke 21:32 shows all these things were fulfilled in that generation.

Q Are the nations included in this promise?

A Ephesians 2:13-19 shows Gentiles brought near and made

part of God's people.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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