

**Jesus in Zechariah Pt. II**  
**Palm Sunday 2016**  
**The Once and Future King**  
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- I. **Jn.12:12-19.** When Jesus presented himself to Jerusalem as Messiah, it was the culmination of his 3.5-year ministry. It highlights the contrast between our fallenness and God's Grace
- A. The disciples were sincere, but confused until after the resurrection.
    - A.1. They walked with Jesus, not understanding everything yet...
  - B. The Pharisees were angry because they saw Jesus as a threat. 19
    - B.1. These are "bad shepherds." Prophesied in the OT.
    - B.2. The Good Shepherd is on the donkey colt.
  - C. The nation was fickle and faithless because they misunderstood the real issues.
    - C.1. They looked faithful and "worshipful" but it was all nationalism and pride.
    - C.2. By the end of the week, they were crucifying the man they hailed as Messiah.
    - C.3. *The Bible is not a story of human religious success. It is a story of deep human imperfection and persistent failure—coupled with God's faithfulness to save.*
  - D. Jesus was purposeful and precise, because he was fulfilling prophecy from the Old Covenant.
    - D.1. *He was the only person who knew what was really going on. Later, he explained about Zechariah...*
- II. **Zechariah: Encouragement to struggling Israel following the Babylonian Captivity Discipline**
- A. They had come back physically, but not spiritually.
  - B. They were discouraged and weak in faith.
  - C. Haggai and Zechariah spoke in 520 BC to tell Israel to press on.
    - C.1. Rebuild the temple. Get rid of your Babylonian habits. Trust the Lord.
- III. **Zechariah 9-14—About the end of time, a coming King and an eternal kingdom.**
- A. **Four famous quotes that point to Passion Week and beyond.**
    - A.1. **Zech.9:9**/ Mtt. 21:5; Jn.12:15. Messiah presents himself.
    - A.2. **Zech.11:13**/Mtt.27:9. Messiah "sold" for 30 pieces of silver.
    - A.3. **Zech. 12:10**/Jn.19:37; Rev.1:7. Messiah mourned by "those who pierced him."
    - A.4. **Zech.13:7**/Matt.26:31; Mk.14:27. Messiah struck and sheep scattered.
  - B. **Note two things about Messianic prophecy:**
    - B.1. Prophetic Compression.
      - B.1.a) OT prophets did not see a distinction between the first and second comings of Messiah. They saw them as one event and left the mystery to be unraveled at a later date.
      - B.1.b) Zech.12:10 strongly indicates two comings of Christ. I'm here, after being pierced. (See Kaiser, *Communicator's Commentary*, vol.21 p.406)
    - B.2. Dual Fulfillment.
      - B.2.a) Often there was a local fulfillment at the prophet's time as a sign that there would be a greater fulfillment in the end times.
  - C. **The Basic Outline of Zechariah.**
    - C.1. Come back to the Lord. 1:1-7
    - C.2. Because he is acting in history on your behalf. 1:7-6:15
    - C.3. So trust Him and not your home-made religion. 7:1-8:23
    - C.4. And put your hope in His Coming King. 9:1-14:21

- IV. **The Message from chapters 9-14: Put your hope in the Coming King: 2 oracles.** (6 chapters about Israel, the True Shepherd, and the coming Kingdom)
- A. **The King comes the first time and is rejected by Israel. Ch. 9-11.**
- A.1. Jerusalem will be spared in a coming war. 9:1-8
- A.1.a) Fulfilled by Alexander the Great in 333 BC (See EBC here)
- A.1.b) A reminder that God's land is God's land.
- A.2. Israel will be restored under the coming Messiah. 9:10-10:12
- A.2.a) Compressed prophecy of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. **9:9-10**
- (A.2.a.1) He comes on a donkey, in peace. **9:9**
- (A.2.a.2) He comes to remove all war. **9:10**
- (A.2.a.3) He comes to convert Israel. **10:6.**
- A.3. Doom is in store for a coming generation. 11:1-17. This is an acted prophecy/parable where Zechariah takes the role first of a good, then a bad shepherd. It's about the end times.
- A.3.a) The Good Shepherd will be rejected. 1-14
- A.3.b) The worthless shepherd will strike. 11:15-17
- (A.3.b.1) The coming Antichrist, Man of Lawlessness. Jn.5:43; 2 Thess.2:3-10; Rev.13:1-8.
- A.4. **This rejection by Israel is used by the Lord to save all of us. Rom.11**
- A.4.a) We are grafted into the salvation in Israel through Jesus Messiah. Gal.3:29.
- B. **The King comes a second time and converts/rescues Israel and the whole world. 12-14. (In That Day, 18 times)**
- B.1. Israel attacked and delivered. (Jerusalem) 12:1-9
- B.1.a) Matt.24, the great tribulation. Armageddon.
- B.2. Israel receives grace in the trauma. 12:10-13:6 **Read 12:7-10**
- B.2.a) Looking on me, him whom they have pierced
- B.2.b) Proof that there must be two comings, that Messiah is pierced.
- B.3. Israel is purged like her Shepherd was. **13:7-9**
- B.3.a) The Shepherd was struck for the sins of the people v.7 (Isa.53)
- B.3.b) The Flock will be purged through a war. 8-9.
- B.4. Israel is saved at the last minute. 14:1-5
- B.4.a) God intervenes personally. 6 (damaging the earth?)
- B.4.b) Brings a terrible judgment against evil. 12-16
- B.5. Israel is the center of Christ's earthly international kingdom. 14:9-11. (Rev.20:1-6)
- B.5.a) The down payment on the New Heavens and New Earth. Rev.21-22
- B.5.b) A source of life for the world. 8 (Rom.11:12, 25-26)
- V. **What can we learn from the Triumphant Entry?** (Coupled with the death, resurrection, ascension)
- A. **God's story is the real one.**
- A.1. History has a course, a destiny...
- A.2. There is a much bigger story in play than our personal ones. And ours will only make sense when we see them in that bigger reality.
- A.3. *We are swept into this plan, this mission, this destiny.*
- B. **God's King is the ultimate one. Rev.11:15**
- B.1. *Like a stereogram, once you see Him, the real picture, the whole confusing thing makes sense.*
- B.2. *Until we see things from the perspective of the Risen Lord Jesus, life remains confused.*
- C. **God's gospel is the gracious one.** (there are many "gospels" in the world, claims to truth)
- C.1. No other message brings forgiveness and promises eternal life.
- C.1.a) Naturalism is meaningless. Are we really just an accident?
- C.1.b) Spiritism is groundless. There is no historic resurrection. Just ideas.
- C.1.c) Legalism is hopeless. How good can you be? For how long?
- C.1.d) *But this king offers a life that is good, free, and endless! Live Forever.*
- C.2. Story of the telegraph operator who heard the invitation in the waiting room.
- VI. **You are being called to be a part in the Great Story, the Salvation of the World**