Sunday Sermon Notes				

## THE BIG IDEA

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?



# Israel's Protection and Future Blessings

Zechariah 9:1-17

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

The second half of Zechariah's prophecy to the Israelites record much about Israel's future glory and coming Messiah. In this chapter the judgement on nearby nations is foretold. Much of the prophecies of this chapter have already seen partial fulfillment.

This chapter includes the specifics of Jesus' humble arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and refers to the Maccabean Revolt of 167 BC. These promises also look ahead to their complete fulfilment in the coming Kingdom of Christ.

# Part 1 – Judgments Foretold

Read Zechariah 9:1-8; Isaiah 46:9-10; Ezekiel 28:11-19

- 1) Verses 1-5 trace a portion of the conquest of Alexander the Great in 333 BC. Zechariah wrote these words about 200 years earlier! How does this clear fulfillment affect your view of scripture?
- 2) In what ways does Isaiah 46:9-10 explain Biblical prophecy?
- 3) How is Ezekiel's judgment against the king of Tyre similar to Zechariah's prophecy against Tyre?
- 4) What does God promise to protect in Zechariah 9:8?
- 5) How can you take a warning and a blessing from this passage?

# Part 2—The Coming King

Read Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 72:7-9; Matthew 21:1-11

- 1) Why do you think the King comes riding on a donkey rather than a horse?
- 2) Do you think the people in Matthew 21 recognized Jesus as fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy? Why?

- 3) According to Psalm 72 how is the description of the future King's reign similar to Zechariah 9:10
- 4) How does this passage affect your perspective of Palm Sunday celebrations?

### Part 3—A Double Restoration

Read Zechariah 9:11-17; Isaiah 61:1-9; Ephesians 1:7-14

1) List as many promises to Israel as you can find in Zechariah 9:11-17.

- 2) According to Isaiah 61 when does Israel receive double blessings?
- 3) According to Ephesians 1:7-14 what blessings can you expect from God and when can you expect them?