

# The Prophecy of the Messiah's Coming

## Zechariah 09:09–10:12

### 1. *The first coming of the Messiah: Christ would come as the humble King and Saviour*

- a. He would be righteous
- b. He would offer salvation
- c. He would be humble and peaceful: Ride a donkey, not a warhorse

### 2. *The second coming of the Messiah: Christ will come as the exalted King and Conqueror — the Deliverer of His people, Rev 19:11-21*

- a. Christ will establish peace on earth in God's kingdom
  - 1) He will stop all war
  - 2) He will personally rule over all the earth
- b. Christ will set His people free and restore them to the promised land: Because of His covenant sealed with His blood
  - 1) He calls on all who are in exile to put their hope in Him and return: He will abundantly bless them
  - 2) He will use Israel (Judah and Ephraim) to defeat God's enemies: Partly fulfilled in the Maccabean conflict with Greece (Seleucids) but fulfilled ultimately in the end time

9 Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.  
He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you,  
because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will free your prisoners  
from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your fortress,  
you prisoners of hope;  
even now I announce  
that I will restore twice as much to you.

13 I will bend Judah as I bend my bow  
and fill it with Ephraim.  
I will rouse your sons, Zion,  
against your sons, Greece,  
and make you like a warrior's sword.

- 3) He will appear above His people to deliver them
- Will sound the trumpet
  - Will cause a terrifying storm to arise
  - Will shield His people
  - Will enable His people to defeat the enemy
  - Will cause His people to drink, roar, and feast in victory
- c. Christ will save and glorify His people in that day (the end time)
- 1) They will sparkle like beautiful jewels
  - 2) They will be a beautiful light to all nations
- d. Christ will feed the people, give them prosperity and physical health
- e. Christ will destroy all hypocritical worship and false shepherds (leaders)
- 1) The reasons
    - The LORD alone can give rain and harvests
    - The idols and fortune-tellers are fake: They lie and deceive, give false hope, and cause people to wander from God
  - 2) The result:
 

The LORD will punish the false shepherds and corrupt leaders

- 14 Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south,
- 15 and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with sling-stones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar.
- 16 The LORD their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.
- 17 How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

#### CHAPTER 10

- 1 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.
- 2 The idols speak deceitfully, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd.

- He will care for the flock
  - He will make His people victorious in life — like a proud war-horse
- f. Christ will come as the model leader: He is the believer's...
- 1) Cornerstone and foundation
  - 2) Source of security and victory
- g. Christ will be with His people and empower them to be victorious
- 1) He will help His people overcome the enemy
  - 2) He will strengthen, save, and restore His people: Treat them as if He had never rejected them
    - Because He is compassionate
    - Because He is their God
    - Because He hears their prayers
  - 3) He will cause the Northern Kingdom (Ephraim) to be victorious and to rejoice
- h. Christ will call His people to return to the promised land
- 1) They will be redeemed
  - 2) They will multiply
  - 3) They will remember the LORD
  - 4) They will survive as a people and will always have the hope of returning

- 3 “My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the LORD Almighty will care for his flock, the people of Judah, and make them like a proud horse in battle.
- 4 From Judah will come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler.
- 5 Together they will be like warriors in battle trampling their enemy into the mud of the streets. They will fight because the LORD is with them, and they will put the enemy horsemen to shame.
- 6 “I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.
- 7 The Ephraimites will become like warriors, and their hearts will be glad as with wine. Their children will see it and be joyful; their hearts will rejoice in the LORD.
- 8 I will signal for them and gather them in. Surely I will redeem them; they will be as numerous as before.
- 9 Though I scatter them among the peoples, yet in distant lands they will remember me. They and their children will survive, and they will return.

<p>5) They will return from Egypt and Assyria (representing all nations)</p> <p>6) They will live in the land promised by God to Abraham (Gilead and Lebanon)</p> <p>7) They will safely pass through all obstacles and afflictions as they return</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assyria's pride will be crushed, brought down</li><li>• Egypt's rule and dominion will come to an end</li></ul> <p>i. Christ will strengthen His people for one reason: That they might walk in His Name</p>	<p>10 I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to Gilead and Lebanon, and there will not be room enough for them.</p> <p>11 They will pass through the sea of trouble; the surging sea will be subdued and all the depths of the Nile will dry up. Assyria's pride will be brought down and Egypt's sceptre will pass away.</p> <p>12 I will strengthen them in the LORD and in his name they will live securely," declares the LORD.</p>
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