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The Book of ZECHARIAH
Zech. 9:1-17

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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.

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Jer. 23:21 **I have not sent these prophets**, yet they ran: **I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.**

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that **prophecy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.**

26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophecy lies? **yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;**

29 **Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD;** and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, **behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words** every one from his neighbour.

31 **Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues**, and say, He saith.

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32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

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Mt. 23:2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind **heavy burdens** and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers.

Mt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and **my burden is light**.

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Mark 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, **but their heart is far from me.**

7 **Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.**

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, **ye hold the tradition of men**, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, **Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**

13 **Making the word of God of none effect** through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

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ii. Wars in the West, 9:3-6

(a) Phoenicia, 9:3-4

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paronomasia

1. The use of a word in different senses or the use of words similar in sound to achieve a specific effect, as humor or a dual meaning; punning.

2. A pun.

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Original Word: צַר

Transliteration: **Tsor**

Short Definition: Tyre

<http://biblehub.com/hebrew/6865.htm>

Original Word: מָצוֹר

Transliteration: ma**tsor** or matsur

Phonetic Spelling: (maw-tso're')

Short Definition: siege

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Isa. 23:4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins.

Ezek. 29:18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

(b) Philistia, 9:5-6

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Alexander the Great's Empire



 The Empire of Alexander the Great. Alexander's conquests united Eurasia from Greece to India into a cultural and, briefly, a political unity.

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The Siege of Tyre – 332 B.C.



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The Grecian Empire Divided by the Generals

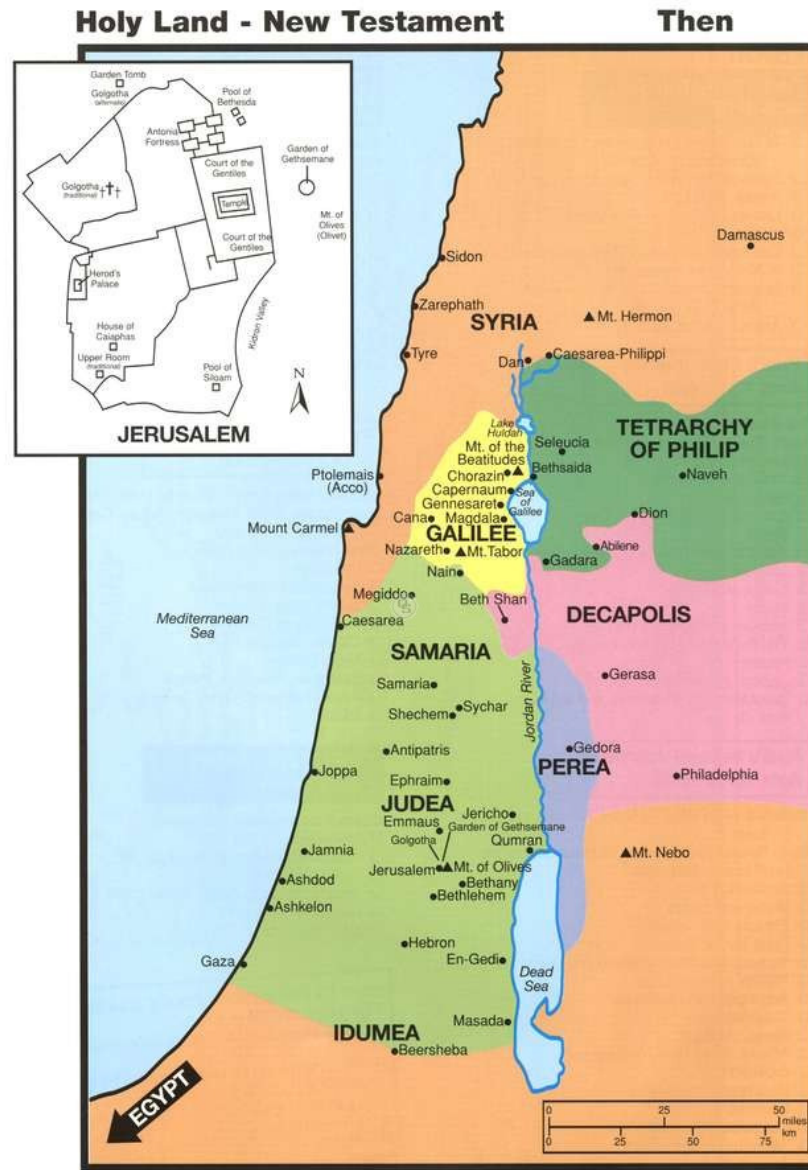


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Palestine



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b. God Draws the Line, 9:7-8

i. God's Power to Change Hearts, 9:7

Zech. 9:7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

ii. God's Power to Change History, 9:8

(a) The Immediate, 9:8a

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Gen. 49:10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

Jn. 12:15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: **behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.**

3. The Golden Age, 9:10

Zech. 9:10 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.

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a. World Disarmament, 9:10a

Zech. 9:10a “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...”

b. World Dominion, 9:10b

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

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

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Lu. 4:17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

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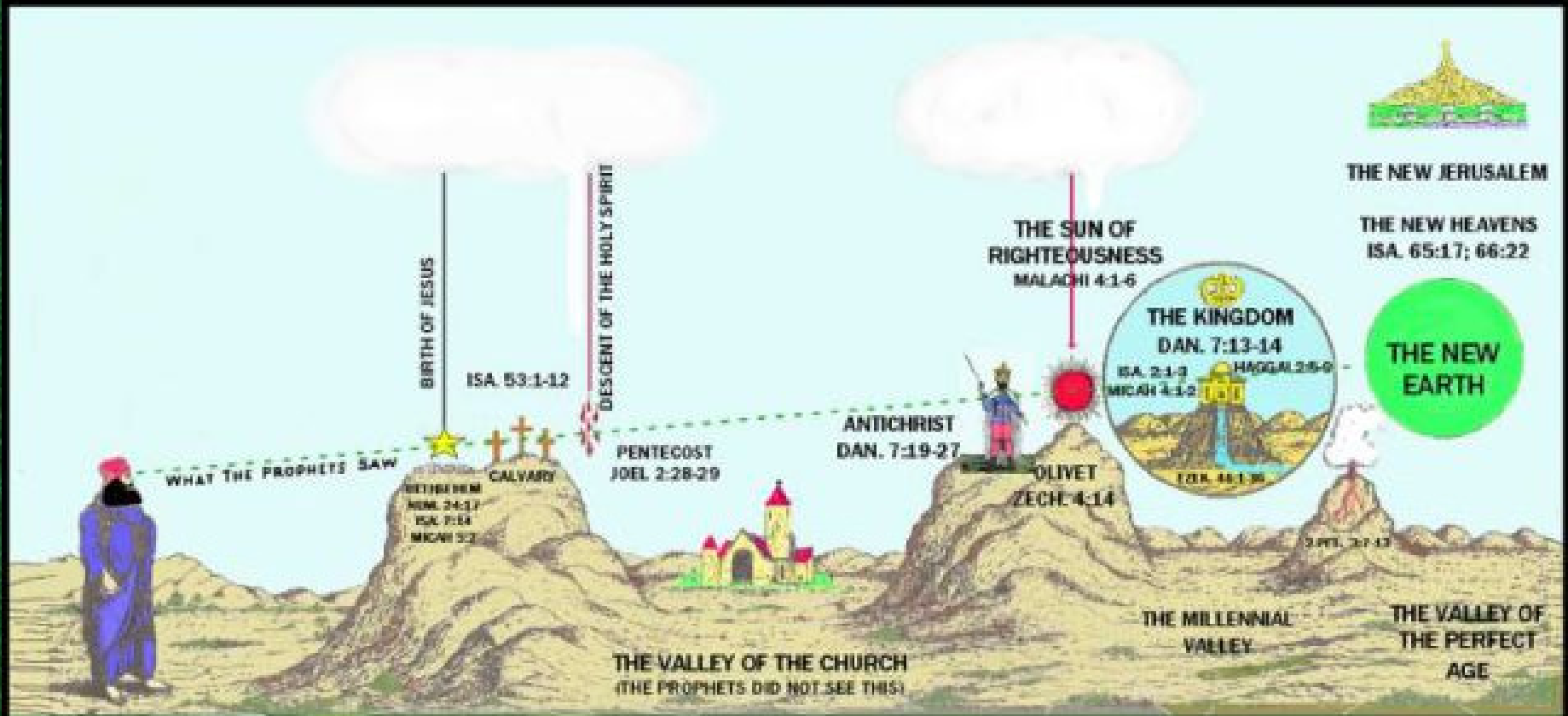
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Mountain Peak of Prophecy



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Conclusion

2 Pet. 3:10 But **the day of the Lord will come** as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless **we, according to his promise,** look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

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Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word,**

27 That he might **present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

13 **Looking for that blessed hope,** and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

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