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The Book of ZECHARIAH
Zech. 9:11-17

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Mark 14:24 And he said unto them, **This is my blood of the new testament**, which is shed for many.

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Heb. 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted **the blood of the covenant**, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

12:24 And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling**, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant**,

Gen. 37:24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and **the pit was empty, there was no water** in it.

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Mt. 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; **so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

Lu. 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

Eph. 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, **he led captivity captive**, and gave gifts unto men.

9 **(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?**

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

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Mt. 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves **after his resurrection**, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Psa. 18:2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

Psa. 31:3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Psa. 71:3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

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Psa. 91:2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psa. 144:2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

Jer. 16:19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.

Nah. 1:7 The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

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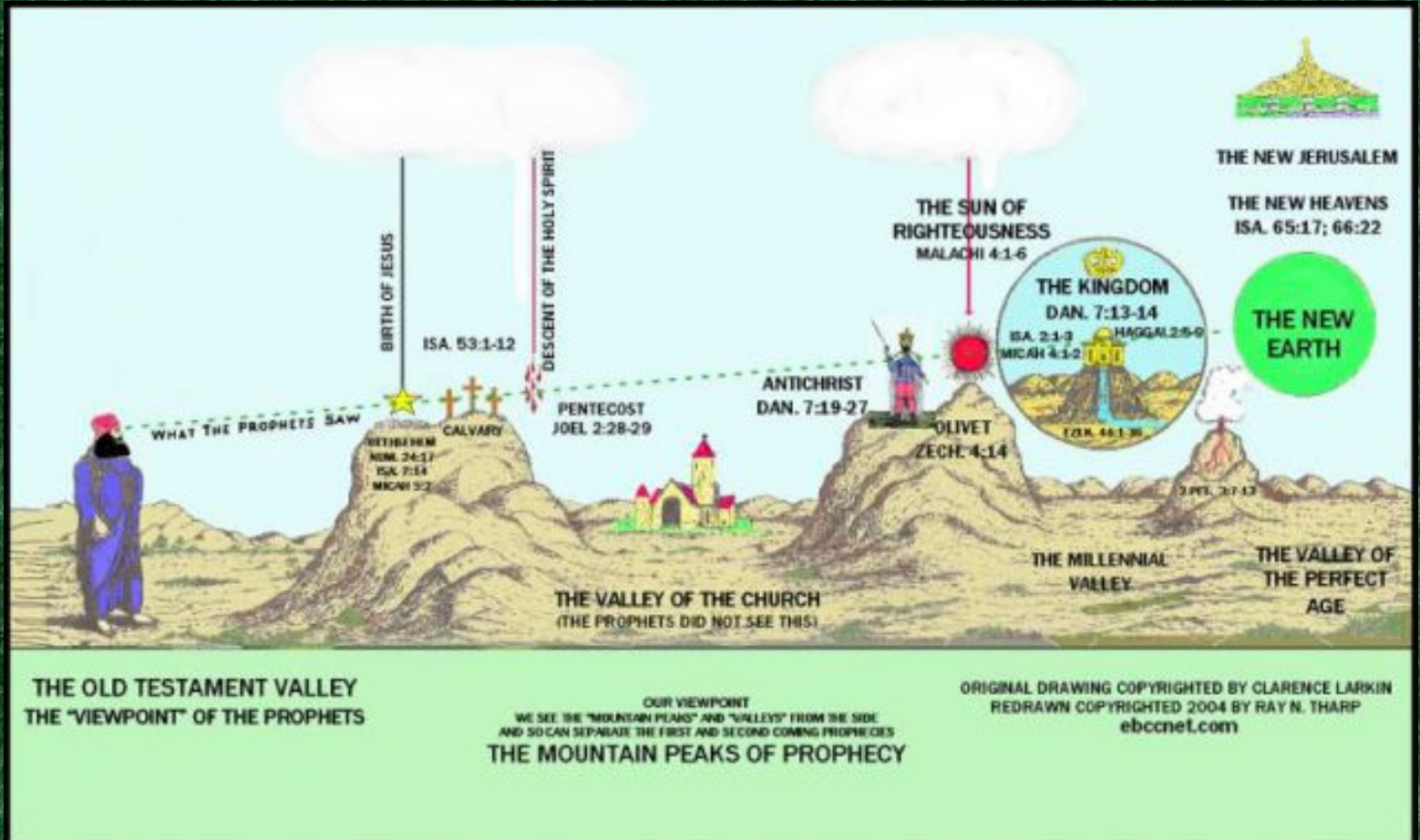
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Recap:

Zech. 9:9 – The Triumphal Entry = The First Advent

Zech. 9:10 – The Second Advent

Zech. 9:11 – The Death, Burial, and Resurrection = The First Advent



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1 Pet. 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when **it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.**

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

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Lu. 24:20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 **But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel:** and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

25 Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:**

26 **Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?**

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all **the scriptures the things concerning himself.**

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b. The Battle, 9:13-16

i. Israel Confronting the Foe, 9:13

Zech. 9:13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

“...sons, O Greece...” = Gentiles

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, **and also to the Greek.**

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Rom. 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew **and the Greek**: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

1 Cor. 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and **the Greeks** seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and **unto the Greeks** foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews **and Greeks**, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor **Greek**, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

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Col 3:11 Where there is neither **Greek** nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all.

Dan. 8:21 And the rough goat *is* **the king of Grecia**: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes *is* the first king.

Dan. 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

Dan. 11:2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than *the* all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against **the realm of Grecia**.

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6. Founding of Alexandria and Visit to the Shrine of Jupiter Ammon:

When he entered Egypt, the whole country submitted without a struggle. Moved at once by the fact that Pharos is mentioned in the Odyssey, and that he could best rule Egypt from the seacoast, he founded Alexandria on the strip of land opposite Pharos, which separated Lake Mareotis from the Mediterranean. The island Pharos formed a natural breakwater which made possible a spacious double harbor; the lake, communicating with the Nile, opened the way for inland navigation. As usual with Alexander, romance and policy went hand in hand. The city thus founded became the capital of the Ptolemies, and the largest city of the Hellenistic world. He spent his time visiting shrines, in the intervals of arranging for the government of the country. **The most memorable event of his stay in Egypt was his expedition to the oracle or Jupiter Ammon (Amen-Ra) where he was declared the son of the god. To the Egyptians this meant no more than that he was regarded a lawful monarch, but he pretended to take this declaration as assigning to him a Divine origin like so many Homeric heroes. Henceforward, there appeared on coins Alexander's head adorned with the ram's horn of Amen-Ra.** This impressed the eastern imagination so deeply that Mohammed, a thousand years after, calls him in the Quran Iskander dhu al-qarnain, "**Alexander the lord of the two horns.**"

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/isbe/alexander-the-great.html>

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ii. Israel Conquering the Foe, 9:14-16

(a) The Lord Descends in Power, 9:14

Zech. 9:14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and **the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet**, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

(b) The Lord Delivers His People, 9:15-16

(i) Shattering the Foe, 9:15a

Zech. 9:15a “The LORD of hosts shall defend them...”

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(ii) Shepherding the Flock, 9:15b-16

Zech. 9:15b "...and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar. 16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they *shall be* as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land."

Psa. 78:65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like **a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.**

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Isa. 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 **Thou shalt also be a crown of glory** in the hand of the LORD, and **a royal diadem** in the hand of thy God.

c. The Blessing, 9:17

Zech. 9:17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Isa. 33:17 Thine eyes shall **see the king in his beauty**: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

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Conclusion

Psa. 96:9 **O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness:** fear before him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen *that* the LORD reigneth: **the world** also shall be established that it shall not be moved: **he shall judge the people righteously.**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that *is* therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD: for **he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**

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