

Return, Rebuild, Restore
Study Guide
Zechariah 9

Big Idea: God can be Trusted!

1. Read Zechariah 9:1-8.

Zechariah wrote in 520BC what was going to happen in 333-332 BC under Alexander the Great. It was a battleplan for the destruction of the Persian Empire!

Oracle- burden

Resting place- The battle of Issus in Syria was the beginning of laying the burden to rest.

Discuss what you may recall from history (or just google) the battle of Issus, and the siege of Tyre and Gaza. These were the three main strongholds that needed to be conquered by Greece in order to destroy the Persian Empire.

Discuss the following concepts:

- a. You can trust the word of God.
- b. God uses kings and nations as pawns.
- c. God protects His people.

2. Read Zechariah 9:9-17.

Here we see the question addressed, 'What about our King?'

List any possible references to Christ. List any descriptions of our King. Share what excites you the most about Him.

3. Verse 17 says, "*For how great is His goodness...*".

Share a few instances of the goodness of God in your life. Take some time to pray and thank Him for the fact that He can be trusted. Share any areas of doubt or fear that you want to bring to light and pray about.

Message Slides

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Zechariah- “God Remembers”

520BC- “In the eighth month of the second year of Darius...”

Ch. 1-8- 8 visions/Love Story

Chapter 9-14- Messianic passages

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I. Fall of the Persian Empire (v. 1-8)

The oracle of the word of the Lord is against the land of Hadrach and Damascus is its resting place. For the eye of mankind, especially of all the tribes of Israel, is toward the Lord and on Hamath also, which borders on it, Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise. ³Tyre has built herself a rampart and heaped up silver like dust, and fine gold like the mud of the streets. ⁴But behold, the Lord will strip her of her possessions and strike down her power on the sea, and she shall be devoured by fire.

Tyre

Ezek. 28:2b

“Because your heart is proud, and you have said, ‘I am god’, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas, yet you are but a man, and no god, though you make your heart like the heart of a god.”

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Ezek. 28:13-14; 16b

“You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering...

¹⁴...You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God.

^{16b} ...so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God.”

I. Fall of the Persian Empire- *continued* (v. 1-8)

⁵Ashkelon shall see it, and be afraid; Gaza too, and shall writhe in anguish; Ekron also, because its hopes are confounded. The king shall perish from Gaza; Ashkelon shall be uninhabited; ⁶a mixed people shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of Philistia. ⁷I will take away its blood from its mouth, and its abominations from between its teeth; it too shall be a remnant for our God; it shall be like a clan in Judah, and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites.

Image- Alexander the Great

Image- The Battle of Issus- 333BC

Image- The Siege of Tyre- 332 BC

Image- The Siege of Gaza- 332 BC

I. Fall of the Persian Empire- *continued* (v. 1-8)

⁸Then I will encamp at my house as a guard, so that none shall march to and fro; no oppressor shall again march over them, for now I see with my own eyes.

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1. You can trust the word of God.
2. God uses kings and nations as pawns.
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II. Your Coming King (v. 9-17)

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

II. Your Coming King- *continued* (v. 9-17)

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. ¹³For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword.

II. Your Coming King- *continued* (v. 9-17)

¹⁴Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow will go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones, and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar.

II. Your Coming King- *continued* (v. 9-17)

¹⁶On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. ¹⁷For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

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