

Zechariah 9-11:3

A. Judgment on neighbouring nations

1. The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of **Hadrach**,
and **Damascus** shall be the rest thereof:
when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the LORD.
2 And **Hamath** also shall border thereby;
Tyrus, and **Zidon**, though it be very wise.
3 And **Tyrus** did build herself a strong hold,
and heaped up silver as the dust,
and fine gold as the mire of the streets.
4 Behold, the LORD will cast her out,
and he will smite her power in the sea;
and she shall be devoured with fire.
5 **Ashkelon** shall see it, and fear;
Gaza also shall see it, and be very sorrowful,
and **Ekron**; for her expectation shall be ashamed;
and the king shall perish from **Gaza**,
and **Ashkelon** shall not be inhabited.
6 And a bastard shall dwell in **Ashdod**,
and I will cut off the pride of the **Philistines**.
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.
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.

B. Coming of the King to bring peace

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.

C. Victory for Judah and Ephraim

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;

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.

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.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them;
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.

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.

10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain;
so the LORD shall make bright clouds,
and give them showers of rain,
to every one grass in the field.

D. Judgment against false prophets

2 For the idols have spoken vanity,
and the diviners have seen a lie,
and have told false dreams;
they comfort in vain:
therefore they went their way as a flock,
they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

C'. Victory and return for **Judah and **Ephraim****

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds,
and I punished the goats:
for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock **the house of Judah**,
and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth the corner,
out of him the nail,
out of him the battle bow,
out of him every oppressor together.

5 And they shall be as mighty men,
which tread down their enemies
in the mire of the streets in the battle:
and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them,
and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen **the house of Judah**,
and I will save **the house of Joseph**,
and I will bring them again to place them;

for I have mercy upon them:
and they shall be as though I had not cast them off:
for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

7 And they of **Ephraim** shall be like a mighty man,
and their heart shall rejoice as through wine:
yea, their children shall see it, and be glad;
their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

B'. Jews summoned back to the land and their king

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them;
for I have redeemed them:
and they shall increase as they have increased.
9 And I will sow them among the people:
and they shall remember me in far countries;
and they shall live with their children, and turn again.
10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt,
and gather them out of Assyria;
and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon;
and place shall not be found for them.
11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction,
and shall smite the waves in the sea,
and all the deeps of the river shall dry up:
and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.
12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD;
and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

A'. Judgment against Lebanon and Bashan

Zechariah 11: 1 Open thy doors, O **Lebanon**,
that the fire may devour thy cedars.
2 Howl, fir tree;
for the cedar is fallen;
because the mighty are spoiled:
howl, O ye oaks of **Bashan**;
for the forest of the vintage is come down.
3 There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds;
for their glory is spoiled:
a voice of the roaring of young lions;
for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.
