

ZECHARIAH

Chapters 9 and 10

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT FUTURE?



- Chapters 9 and 10 are primarily Hebrew poetry
- Chapters 1 – 8 deal with Judah returning from exile
- Chapters 9 – 14 deal with the 10 Lost Tribes and the future
- Because God uses the human hand and mind to record His Word, it must use the current vocabulary



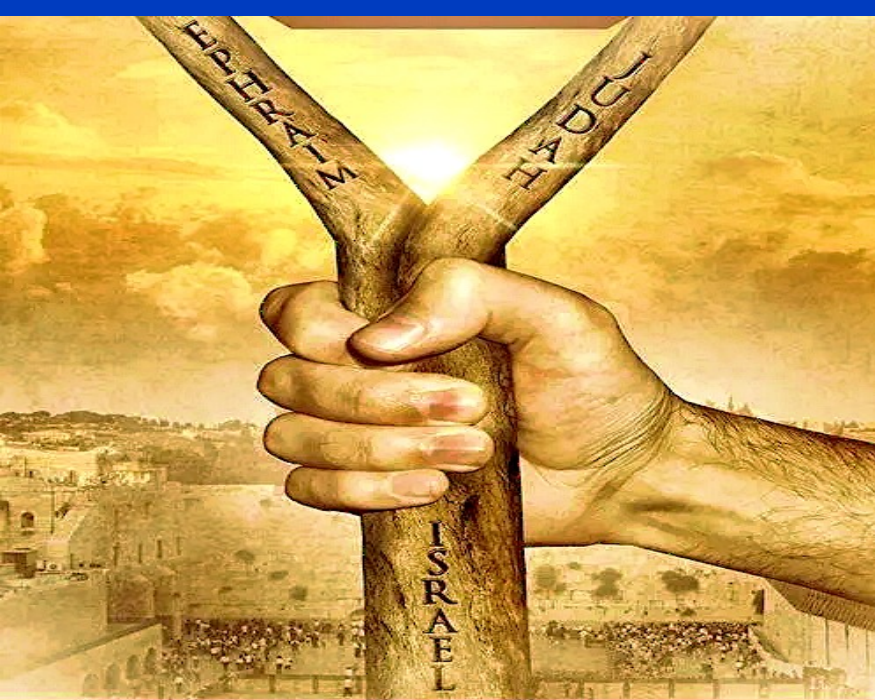
Covenant

- ***Berith*** = covenant
- Can mean a covenant offered by God, or an agreement between humans
- A God-covenant is not “breakable”, as in abolishing
- To “break a covenant” does NOT mean to terminate it
- Rather, it means to break a term, which results in a prescribed penalty



THE WAR BOW

- Bow and arrow a metaphor
- Prophet breaks Israel into 2 entities: Judah and Ephraim
- Judah the war bow, Ephraim the arrow
- Judah and Ephraim = Judah and Jerusalem = House of Judah and House of Joseph
- Zion is an elastic biblical term
- Zion will make war against Javan (Greece)
- Greece becomes a catch-word for unfriendly gentile nations



ARMY OF ZION

- This prophecy probably means neither the Greek War nor the Maccabean victory over Syria
- Since Zion indicates BOTH Judah and Ephraim, Ephraim had yet to return
- ***Gibborim*** = might men
- Idea is that Israel's army will be very strong
- Might this apply to the IDF defeating Hamas and Hezbollah, Iran's proxies?



THEOPHANY



- YHWH will appear over them indicates a theophany
- God now sends for His arrow
- Might this mean the Messiah?
- Storms, lightening, dark clouds, shofar always the backdrop for a theophany
- “Winds of the south” mean the most intense storms



DEFENDER OF ISRAEL

- Israel will devour their enemies like a lion
- ***Abneh qela*** = sling stones
- ***Mizraq*** = ritual basins
- Israel's warriors given to God in their service to Him
- Fear will curtail nearly any worthy task
- Fear not!

ON THAT DAY

- Day of Judgment, but also when Israel receives her Davidic King
- *Abneh nezer* = gem stones A poetic play on words with *abneh qela* = sling stones
- Isaiah 63:2 “*You will be a glorious crown...*”
- Zechariah 9:17 announcing the Golden Era of Israel
- Young men as grain, young women as wine represents all the elements of fertility and prosperity



ZECHARIAH 10

continue
steadfastly
in prayer

- No additional promise is added to chapter 10
- As with all covenants, there is a condition
- Praise and thanksgiving are to be ever-present
- “Ask of Yehoveh” He is the source of truth and blessing, none other



- The Pilgrims rejected human made doctrines and instead “asked Yehoveh”
- No suggestion of any type of intermediary needed
- **Matar** = spring rain **Malqosh** = later rains
- As result of the clouds and rains, everyone gets the resulting vegetation **eseb** = green plants