

Zechariah 9

**Rejoice Greatly**Wednesday  
3/2/2022**I. God will Judge Israel's Enemies** v 1 - 8

God opens the chapter with his prophet telling of the judgment of three bordering perennial enemies of the Jews: Syria, Phoenicia, and the Philistines.

v 1 *the land of Hadrach* - a district in **Syria** ('the high land') named after a Syrian god.

The word Hadrach comes from **Edrei** ('sown land') **Deuteronomy 1:4**

{ Og ('giant'), Bashan ('fruitful'), Ashtaroth ('wife') - the idol of the Zidonians }

*Damascus* (60x in HB) - the capital city in Syria

v 2a *Hamath* ('defenced' or 'walled')- a city in upper Syria

v 2b - 4 The two major cities of **Phoenicia**; Sidon was the firstborn of Canaan (Gen 10:15)

*Sidon = Zidon* ('fortress') *Tyrus = Tyre* ('rock')

The Phoenicians were *wise* (v 2) and *rich* (v 3). 1 Kings 5:6, Ezekiel 27 & 28:2-3

v 5 - 7 *the pride of the Philistines* = **Philistia** ('migration')

*Ashkelon* ('holm-oak'), *Gaza* ('strong place'), *Ekron* ('natural'), *Ashdod* ('castle')

Hist: These judgments were partially fulfilled by Alexander the Great when he set out from Macedonia in the spring of 324 BC. He travelled eastward first conquering Asia Minor, next these regions (v 1 -7), and finally the Persian Empire.

Doct: They will be entirely fulfilled at the close of the great tribulation by the Lion of the tribe of Judah with His vial judgments (Rev 16) and His victory at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 19).

Spir: Syria - is a type of the spirit. The devil seduces here.

Phoenicia - is a type of the soul. The world entices here.

Philistia - is a type of the flesh. The lusts pressure here.

These are the three constant enemies every believer battles down here.

**II. The Messiah will Come** v 9 - 13

v 9 The Triumphal Entry - Matthew 21:5, Mark 11:1, Luke 19:29, John 12:12

v 10 *He shall speak peace to the heathen* = Gentile Salvation, Ephesians 2:11-17

v 11 *by the blood of the covenant* - **Hebrews 9:14-15**

v 12-13 Promises the writing of a completed Holy Bible between the first & second coming.

*I will render double unto thee* - **Ezekiel 21:14**, note vv 1, 8, 18

**III. The Messiah will Come Again** v 14 - 17

- v 14 *the Lord shall be seen* - Matthew 24:30, Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7  
*the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet* - of war , Numbers 10:9  
*the whirlwinds* - Proverbs 1:27 & 10:25, Isaiah 66:15 (2 K 2:11)
- v 15 This verse describes the Lord leading his returning armies (Ex 6:26) into battle against the antichrist's combined forces.
- v 16 *the stones of a crown* - Malachi 3:17  
*lifted up as an ensign* - Isaiah 11:10-12
- v 17 how : 1. *great is his goodness* - Psalm 31:19 & 119:68  
2. *great is his beauty* - Isaiah 33:17, Psalm 29:2 & 96:9