

The Gospel of Zechariah

Zechariah 9:14-17



Redemptive History





Darius: Chronology of the Persian Period¹

Persian King	Dates	Biblical Correlation	Context
Cyrus	539-530	Declaration of Cyrus (539) Return of Zerubbabel and Jeshua (Ezra 1-3)	Stirred up to rebuild the temple
Cambyses	530-522	Rebuilding at Jerusalem stopped (Ezra 4)	Discouraged and afraid to rebuild
Darius I	522-486	Haggai and Zechariah prophecy (520) Zechariah prophecy (518) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6)	Rebuilding of the Temple begins again
Xerxes	486-464	Story of Esther (Esther 1-9)	
Artaxerxes I	464-423	Return of Ezra (458) (Ezra 7-10) Return of Nehemiah (445) (Nehemiah 1-2) Prophecy of Malachi (433)	

1. Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament, John H. Walton, 1994, p. 70



Gospel of Zechariah (Themes)

Call to repentance

Return of YHWH

Restoration of the temple

The coming of the branch

Coming judgement on the nations

Day of the Lord



Zechariah 9:14-17 (ESV)

9:14	Then 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.	9:16	On 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.
9:15	The 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.	9:17	For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.



arrow and the trumpet

- names and titles for God
 - LORD - Yahweh
 - Lord GOD - Adonai Yahweh
- Judah and Ephraim
 - bow and arrow (v. 13)
- military language
 - his arrow - like lightning
 - trumpet - Lord GOD will sound
 - march forth
- whirlwinds of the south
 - Sinai
 - Job 38 - God answers Job out of a whirlwind
 - 2 Kings 2 - Elijah taken to heaven by a whirlwind
 - Zechariah 7 - exile like a whirlwind
 - whirlwinds in the desert - south
- God as defender

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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. (Zechariah 9:14 ESV)



protect them

- Yahweh of the heavenly armies
 - protect them
- tread down
 - victory in battle
 - people of God
- drink and roar
 - as if drunk
 - Acts 2:1-21
- full like a bowl
 - coming of the Spirit
 - preaching of the Gospel
- corners of the altar
 - the blood poured out
 - Leviticus 4:7
 - sacrifice complete

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(Zechariah 9:15 ESV)



save them

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(Zechariah 9:16 ESV)

- that day
 - day of the Lord
 - Christ's earthly ministry - the already
 - the Consummation - the not yet
- their God
 - personal God
 - covenantal relationship
- flock of his people
 - John 10:11 - I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (ESV)
- like jewels
 - Revelation 21:9-27 - the bride of Christ



goodness and beauty

- praise
 - goodness
 - beauty
- abundance
 - grain
 - new wine
 - young men and young women - enough for all
- Easter text
 - “Christ has risen. He has risen indeed.”
 - the resurrection/the new heavens and new earth

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