

Text: Zechariah 9:9-10

Title: Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Thesis: Zechariah 9:9-10 contains a prophecy regarding the character and conquest of Israel's Messianic King commanding the people of God to rejoice when He comes to establish His Kingdom.

I. The prophecy

- A. The context: The preceding prophecy of Alexander the Great and his conquests.
- B. The command to rejoice.
- C. The reason for rejoicing: The coming of your King.
 - 1. The character of the King: righteous, saving, and humble.
 - 2. The conquest of the King: universal by means of the gospel of peace.
- D. Zechariah 9:9-10 contains a prophecy regarding the character and conquest of Israel's Messianic King commanding the people of God to rejoice when He comes to establish His Kingdom.

II. The fulfillment

- A. LK 19: 29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, [30] Saying, Go ye into the village over against *you*; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him hither*. [31] And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him*? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. [32] And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. [33] And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? [34] And they said, The Lord hath need of him. [35] And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. [36] And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. [37] And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; [38] Saying, Blessed *be* the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. [39] And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. [40] And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.
- B. On Palm Sunday the prophecy of Zech 9:9-10 was fulfilled declaring that the Messianic King has come to establish His Kingdom.
- C. Christ has already come as the righteous, saving, and humble King of God's people and has already established His kingdom of peace, which will spread and conquer the world by means of the preaching of the gospel.

III. The response

- A. Rejoicing by the humble, which leads to salvation and peace.
 - 1. This includes submission to His reign.
 - 2. This includes service in His kingdom.
- B. Rejection by the proud, which leads to damnation and destruction.

Conclusion: Zechariah 9:9-10 contains a prophecy regarding the character and conquest of Israel's Messianic King commanding the people of God to rejoice when He comes to establish His Kingdom. The Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled this prophecy and now reigns as King of Kings, conquering the world by the preaching of the gospel. Will you rejoice, humbly acknowledging Christ as your King or will you proudly resist His rule and reject Him as your King?