

# Zechariah 9:1-13

1. Zechariah 9-14 contain two undated oracles.
  - a. No date is given for these messages.
  - b. It could be assumed they came after chapters 1-8
  - c. And, most likely after the completion of the temple in 516 BC when culture and society had settled in after the return from exile.
2. The two “oracles” from the Hebrew *massa* also translated “burden”, “pronouncement”) are:
  - a. 9-11 – the destruction of Gentile world-power and Israel’s strengthening and protection
  - b. 12-14 – the purification of Israel through trials to purge them for the final great conflict with the nations before they are transformed into the nation of the Lord
3. Both sections have a clear coming of the Lord. This has led many Jewish groups in the ancient world to anticipate two Messiah’s:
  - a. 9-11 – the savior, gentle and humble (the cross)
  - b. 12-14 – the sovereign king conquering and ruling in victory (the crown)
4. The style and focus of the Zechariah’s writing change in 9-14.
  - a. The same happens in Isaiah chapters 40-66
  - b. There are no clear outlines
  - c. There is no accompanying interpretation or interpreting angel
  - d. There is no clear connection to contemporary people or events
  - e. There are cryptic allusions vague references to enemies, battles betrayal
  - f. There is sections that promise peace, prosperity and the final victory, but the journey to this is long and winding.
  - g. Jerome referred to the book of Zechariah as “that most obscure book of the prophet Zechariah, and of the Twelve the longest”
5. “on that day” occurs 18 times and points to the distant future based on the context.
  - a. This phrase “on that day” seems to introduce new sections or units of thoughts
  - b. These sections or units tend to match the outline below.
6. The focus of these last six chapters is the Messiah King
  - a. The Messiah King will appear
  - b. The Messiah King will bring both judgment and blessing
7. The declaration of judgment on the individual nations and ultimately all nations serves to support Israel’s faith in their God, but also to warn the Gentiles of their futility without YHWH which also comes with an invitation to join Israel in serving YHWH
  - a. God’s judgment on the nation demonstrates the impotence of the god’s ruling those nations. Thus, only YHWH is God. Only YHWH should be worshipped.
  - b. After defeat the remains of the nations will flee to Zion for protection and to honor the Lord
  - c. The defeat of the nations will result in deliverance, joy and prosperity for the world.
  - d. The judgment of the nations will end their attempt for universal dominion and open the way for the universal establishment of the righteous kingdom of the Lord
8. The whole church age occurs between Zechariah 9:9 and 9:10
  - a. This is the same thing that occurs between Isaiah 9:6 and 9:7
  - b. The Gospels clearly identify Jesus as having fulfilled Zechariah 9:9
  - c. The Gospels never claim Jesus fulfilled 9:10 during his earthly ministry
  - d. The New Testament is based in the anticipation and hope that Jesus will fulfill 9:10

9. The Gospels quote verses from these six chapters:

<b>Zechariah</b>	<b>General Content</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
9:9	The king comes to Zion humble and riding a donkey	Matt. 21:5; John 12:15
11:13	Thirty pieces of silver thrown into the house of the Lord	Matt. 29:9
12:10	Looking on him whom they have pierced	John 19:37 (Rev. 1:7)
13:7	The shepherd is struck and the sheep are scattered	Matt. 26:31; Mark 14:27

**Outline of 9-14 (can be seen with a chiasmic pattern):**

1. 9-10 – God comes to protect and bless (A)
2. 11:1-14 – People reject God’s shepherd (B)
3. 11:15-17 – The worthless shepherd hurts the flock (C)
4. 12:1-9 – Nations come to destroy Jerusalem (C)
5. 12:10-13:6 – People repent and turn to God (B)
6. 13:7-14;21 – God comes to protect and bless (A)

**A similar more detailed Outline of 9-14:**

1. 9:1-8 – Judgment and salvation of surrounding nations
2. 9:9-10 – Introduction of the king
3. 9:11-10:1 – Israel’s battle and victory
4. 10:2-3 – Idolatry and judgment
5. 10:3-11:3 – Israel’s battle and victory
6. 11:4-17 – People reject the shepherds
7. 12:1-9 – Israel’s battle and victory
8. 12:10-13:1 – YHWH’s Servant pierced
  - a. mourning
  - b. purification
9. 13:2-6 – Idolatry and judgment
10. 13:7-9 – Shepherd struck
  - a. Judgment
  - b. Purification
  - c. Return to God
11. 14:1-15 – Israel’s battle and victory
12. 14:16-21 – Judgment and salvation of all nations

**Zechariah 9:1 – “The oracle of the word of the Lord is against the land of Hadrach and Damascus is its resting place. For the Lord has an eye on mankind and on all the tribes of Israel,**

3068 [e]	3588 [e]	4496 [e]	1834 [e]	2317 [e]	776 [e]	3068 [e]	1697 [e]	4853 [e]
Yah-weh	kī	mə-nu·hā·tōw;	wə·dam-me·seq	ḥad·rāk,	bə·'e-reṣ	Yah-weh	də·bar-	maś·śā
·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
לַיהוָה	כִּי	מִנְחָתוֹ	וְדַמְשֶׁק	·	חֲדָרַךְ	בְּאַרְצוֹ	יְהוָה	דְּבַר-
Are on Yahweh	for	its resting place	and Damascus	of Hadrach	Against the land	of Yahweh	of the word	The burden
Prep-l   N-proper-ms	Conj	N-fsc   3ms	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	N-proper-fs	Prep-b   N-fsc	N-proper-ms	N-msc	N-msc

  

3478 [e]	7626 [e]	3605 [e]	120 [e]	5869 [e]
yis·rā·'ēl.	šib·tê	wə·kōl	'ā·dam,	'ēn
·	·	·	·	·
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	שְׁבִטֵי	וְכֹל	אָדָם	עֵינַי
of Israel	the tribes	and all	of men	The eyes
N-proper-ms	N-mpc	Conj-w   N-msc	N-ms	N-csc

**9:2 – “and on Hamath also, which borders on it, Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise.**

3986 [e]	2449 [e]	3588 [e]	6721 [e]	6865 [e]	1379 [e]	2574 [e]	1571 [e]	
mə·'ōd.	ḥāk·māh	kī	wə·šî·dō·wn,	šōr	bāh;	tiḡ·bāl-	ḥā·māt	wə·ḡam-
·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
מְאֹד:	חַכְמָה	כִּי	וַצִּידוֹן	·	צָר	תְּגַבֵּל-	חַמַּת	וְגַם-
very	they are wise	though	and Sidon	and [against] Tyre	on it	[which] borders	[against] Hamath	and
Adv	V-Qal-Perf-3fs	Conj	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	N-proper-fs	Prep   3fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	N-proper-fs	Conj-w   Conj

**9:3 – “Tyre has built herself a rampart and heaped up silver like dust, and fine gold like the mud of the streets.**

2351 [e]	2916 [e]	2742 [e]	6083 [e]	3701 [e]	6651 [e]	4692 [e]	6865 [e]	1129 [e]
ḥū·šō·wṭ.	ke·ṭiṭ	wə·hā·rūṣ	ke·'ā·pār,	ke·seḡ	wat-tiṣ·bār-	lāh;	mā·šō·wr	šōr
·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
חוֹצוֹת:	כֶּטִיט	וְחָרוּץ	כַּעֲפָר	כֶּסֶף	וַתִּצְבֵּר-	לָהּ	מִצּוֹר	צָר
of the streets	like the mire	and gold	like the dust	silver	and Heaped up	herself	a tower	Tyre
N-mp	Prep-k   N-msc	Conj-w   N-ms	Prep-k, Art   N-ms	N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3fs	Prep   3fs	N-ms	N-proper-fs

  

6865 [e]	1129 [e]
šōr	wat-ti·ben
·	·
צָר	וַתִּבְנוּ
Tyre	For built
N-proper-fs	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3fs

**9:4 – “But behold, the Lord will strip her of her possessions and strike down her power on the sea, and she shall be devoured by fire.**

398 [e]	784 [e]	1931 [e]	2428 [e]	3220 [e]	5221 [e]	3423 [e]	136 [e]	2009 [e]
tê·'ā·kél.	bā·'éš	wə·hī	ḥé·lāh;	bay-yām	wə·hik·kāh	yō-w-ri·šen-nāh,	'ā·dō·nāy	hin·nêh
·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
תֵּאָכַל:	בָּאֵשׁ	וְהִיא	חִילָהּ	—	בַּיָּם	וְהִקָּהּ	יִרְשְׁנָהּ	אֲדֹנָי
will be devoured	by fire	and she	her power	in the sea	and He will destroy	will cast her out	Yahweh	Behold
V-Nifal-Imperf-3fs	Prep-b, Art   N-cs	Conj-w   Pro-3fs	N-msc   3fs	Prep-b, Art   N-ms	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-3ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms   3fse	N-proper-ms	Interjection

  

2009 [e]
hin·nêh
·
הִנֵּה
Behold
Interjection

9:5 – “Ashkelon shall see it, and be afraid;  
 Gaza too, and shall writhe in anguish;  
 Ekron also, because its hopes are confounded.  
 The king shall perish from Gaza;  
 Ashkelon shall be uninhabited;

954 [e]	3588 [e]	6138 [e]	3966 [e]	2342 [e]	5804 [e]	3372 [e]	831 [e]	7200 [e]	
hō-biṣ	kī-	wə-'eq-rō-wn	mə-'ōd,	wə-tā-hīl	wə-'az-zāh	wə-tī-rā,	'aš-qə-lō-wn	tê-re	
—	הַבִּישׁ	כִּי	—	וְעָקְרוֹן	מְאֹד	—	וְתִירָא	אֲשַׁקְלוֹן	תִּרְא
—	He dried up	for	—	and Ekron	very	—	and fear	Ashkelon	Shall see [it]
V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	Adv	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjImperf-3fs	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjImperf-3fs	N-proper-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-Jus-3fs	

  

3427 [e]	3808 [e]	831 [e]	5804 [e]	4428 [e]	6 [e]	4007 [e]	
tê-šēb.	lō	wə-'aš-qə-lō-wn	mē-'az-zāh,	me-lek	wə-'a-bad	mēb-bā-tāh;	
·	מִשָּׁב:	לֹא	וְאֲשַׁקְלוֹן	מִגַּזָּה	מֶלֶךְ	וְאָבַד	מִבְטָהּ
·	shall be inhabited	not	and Ashkelon	from Gaza	the king	and shall perish	her expectation
V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	Prep-m   N-proper-fs	N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-msc   3fs	

9:6 – “a mixed people shall dwell in Ashdod,  
 and I will cut off the pride of Philistia.

6430 [e]	1347 [e]	3772 [e]	795 [e]	4464 [e]	3427 [e]	
pe-liš-tim.	ge-'ō-wn	wə-hiḳ-rat-tī	bə-'aš-dō-wd;	mam-zēr	wə-yā-šab	
·	פְּלִשְׁתִּים:	גָּאוֹן	וְהִקְרַתִּי	בְּאֲשְׁדוֹד	מִמְזַר	וַיָּשֶׁב
·	of the Philistines	the pride	and I will cut off	in Ashdod	a mixed race	And shall settle
N-proper-mp	N-msc	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs	Prep-b   N-proper-fs	N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	

9:7 – “I will take away its blood from its mouth,  
 and its abominations from between its teeth;  
 it too shall be a remnant for our God;  
 it shall be like a clan in Judah,  
 and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites.

1931 [e]	1571 [e]	7804 [e]	8127 [e]	996 [e]	8251 [e]	6310 [e]	1818 [e]	5493 [e]
hū	gam-	wə-niš-'ar	šin-nāw,	mib-bén	wə-šiq-qu-šāw	mip-pīw,	ḏā-māw	wa-hā-si-rō-tī
·	הוּא	גַּם	·	וְנִשְׂאָר	שִׁנָּיו	מִבֵּין	וּשְׁקִצּוֹ	·
·	he [shall be]	even	·	But he who remains	his teeth	from between	and the abominations	·
Pro-3ms	Conj	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConjPerf-3ms	N-cdc   3ms	Prep-m	Conj-w   N-mpc   3ms	Prep-m   N-msc   3ms	N-mpc   3ms	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs

  

2983 [e]	6138 [e]	3063 [e]	441 [e]	1961 [e]	430 [e]		
kī-bū-sī.	wə-'eq-rō-wn	bī-hū-dāh,	ke-'al-luḅ	wə-hā-yāh	lê-lō-hē-nū;		
·	כִּיבוּסִי:	וְעָקְרוֹן	·	בְּיְהוּדָה	כְּאַלְפָּה	וְהָיָה	·
·	like a Jebusite	and Ekron	·	in Judah	like a leader	and shall be	·
Prep-k   N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	Prep-b   N-proper-ms	Prep-k   N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	Prep-l   N-mpc   1cp		

9:8 – “Then I will encamp at my house as a guard,

so that none shall march to and fro;  
 no oppressor shall again march over them,  
 for now I see with my own eyes.

5674 [e] ya·'ā·bōr יַעֲבֹר shall pass V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	3808 [e] wə·lō- וְלֹא- and No Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	7725 [e] ū·miš·šāb, וּמִיֵּשֵׁב and him who returns Conj-w, Prep-m   V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	5674 [e] mē·'ō·bēr מַעֲבֵר because of him who passes by Prep-m   V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	4675 [e] miš·ṣā·bāh מִצְבָּה because of the army N-fs	1004 [e] lə·bê·tī לְבֵיתִי around My house Prep-l   N-msc   1cs	2583 [e] wə·hā·nī·tī וְהִנֵּיתִי And I will camp Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs
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s	5869 [e] bē·'ē·nāy. בְּעֵינַי with My eyes Punc	7200 [e] rā·'ī·tī רָאִיתִי have I seen V-Qal-Perf-1cs	6258 [e] 'at·tāh עַתָּה now Adv	3588 [e] kī כִּי for Conj	5085 [e] nō·gēs; נֹגֵשׁ an oppressor V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	5750 [e] 'ō·wd עוֹד more Adv	5921 [e] 'ā·lē·hem עֲלֵיהֶם through them Prep   3mp
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9:9 – “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
 Behold, your king is coming to you;  
 righteous and having salvation is he,  
 humble and mounted on a donkey,  
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

8662 [e] šad·dīq צַדִּיק just Adj-ms	lāk, לְךָ to you Prep   2fs	935 [e] yā·bō·w יָבֹוא is coming V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	4428 [e] mal·kēk מַלְכְּךָ your King N-msc   2fs	2009 [e] hin·nēh הִנֵּה behold Interjection	3389 [e] ye·rū·šā·lim, יְרוּשָׁלַיִם of Jerusalem N-proper-fs	1323 [e] bat בַּת daughter N-fsc	7321 [e] hā·rī·'ī הֲרִיעִי Shout V-Hifil-Imp-fs	6726 [e] šī·yō·wn, צִיּוֹן of Zion N-proper-fs	1323 [e] bat- בַּת daughter N-fsc	3966 [e] me·'ōd מְאֹד greatly Adv	1523 [e] gī·lī גִּילִי Rejoice V-Qal-Imp-fs
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860 [e] 'ā·tō·nō·wī. אֲתוֹנוֹת: of a donkey N-fp	1121 [e] ben- בֶּן the foal N-msc	5895 [e] 'a·yir עֵיר a colt N-ms	5921 [e] wə·'al- וְעַל- and Conj-w   Prep	2543 [e] hā·mō·wr, הַמֹּר a donkey N-ms	5921 [e] 'al- עַל- on Prep	7392 [e] wə·rō·kēb וְרֹכֵב and riding Conj-w   V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	6041 [e] 'ā·nī הֵוא Lowly Adj-ms	1831 [e] hū; הוא He [is] Pro-3ms	3467 [e] wə·nō·wō·šā' וְנוֹשָׁע and having salvation Conj-w   V-Nifal-Prtcpl-ms
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9:10 – “I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
 and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
 and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
 his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

1696 [e]	4421 [e]	7198 [e]	3772 [e]	3389 [e]	5483 [e]	669 [e]	7393 [e]	3772 [e]		
wə·dib·ber	mil·hā·māh,	qe·šet	wə·niḵ·rə·tāh	mī·rū·šā·lim,	wə·sūs	mē·'ep·ra·yim,	re·ḵeb	wə·hiḵ·rat·tī-		
וַדְבַר	מִלְחָמָה	קֶשֶׁת	—	וּנְקַרְתָּהּ	מִירוּשָׁלַיִם	וּסוּס	מֵאֶפְרַיִם	רֶכֶב	וְהִקְרַתִּי 10	
and He shall speak	battle	the bow	and shall be cut off	from Jerusalem	and the horse	from Ephraim	the chariot	And I will cut off		
Conj-w   V-Piel-ConjPerf-3ms	N-fs	N-fsc	Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConjPerf-3fs	Prep-m   N-proper-fs	Conj-w   N-ms	Prep-m   N-proper-ms	N-ms	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs		
	776 [e]	657 [e]	5704 [e]	5104 [e]	3220 [e]	5704 [e]	3220 [e]	4915 [e]	1471 [e]	7965 [e]
	'ā·reṣ.	'ap·sē-	'aḏ-	ū·min·nā·hār	yām,	'aḏ-	mī·yām	ū·mā·šə·lōw	lag·gō·w·yim;	šā·lō·wm
	אֶרֶץ:	אֶפְסַיִ	עַד-	וּמִנְהַר	יָם	עַד-	מִיָּם	וּמִשְׁלֹו	לְגוֹיִם	שְׁלוֹם
	of the earth	the ends	to	and from the River	sea	to	from sea	and His dominion [shall be]	to the nations	peace
	N-fs	Adv	Prep	Conj-w, Prep-m   N-ms	N-ms	Prep	Prep-m   N-ms	Conj-w   N-msc   3ms	Prep-l, Art   N-mp	N-ms

9:11 – “As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

	4325 [e]	368 [e]	953 [e]	615 [e]	7871 [e]	1285 [e]	1818 [e]	859 [e]	1571 [e]
bōw.	ma·yim	'ên	mib·bō·wr,	'ä·sî·ra·yik	šil·lah·tî	bə·rî·têk,	bə·dam-	'at	gam-
בּוֹ:	מַיִם	אֵין	מִבּוֹר	אֲסִירֶיךָ	שִׁלַּחְתִּי	בְּרִיתְךָ	בְּדָמַי	אַתָּה	גַּם 11
-	waterless	there no	from the pit	your prisoners	I will set free	of your covenant	because of the blood	you	As for also
Prep   3ms	N-mp	Adv	Prep-m   N-msc	N-mpc   2fs	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	N-fsc   2fs	Prep-b   N-msc	Pro-2fs	Conj

9:12 – “Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

	7725 [e]	4932 [e]	5046 [e]	3117 [e]	1571 [e]	8615 [e]	615 [e]	1225 [e]	7725 [e]
lāk.	'ā·šîb	miš·neh	mag·gīd	hay·yō·wm	gam-	hat·tiq·wāh;	'ä·sî·ré	lə·biš·šā·rō·wn,	ū·bū
לָךְ:	אָשִׁיב	מִשְׁנֵה	מַגִּיד	הַיּוֹם	גַּם	הַתְּקוּוּהָ	אֲסִירֵי	לְבִצְלוֹן	וְשׁוּבוּ 12
to you	[That] I will restore	double	I declare	today	Even	of hope	You prisoners	to the stronghold	and Return
Prep   2fs	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs	N-ms	V-Hifil-Prtcl-1ms	Art   N-ms	Conj	Art   N-fs	N-mpc	Prep-l   N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs

9:13 – “For I have bent Judah as my bow;  
I have made Ephraim its arrow.  
I will stir up your sons, O Zion,  
against your sons, O Greece,  
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

1121 [e]	5921 [e]	6726 [e]	1121 [e]	5782 [e]	669 [e]	4390 [e]	7198 [e]	3063 [e]	1869 [e]	3588 [e]	
bā-na-yik	'al-	ṣî-yō-wn,	bā-na-yik	we-'ō-w-rar-tī	'ep-ra-yim,	mil-lê-tī	qe-šet	ye-hū-dāh,	lī	dā-rak-tī	kī-
בְּנֵיךָ	עַל־	צִיּוֹן	בְּנֵיךָ	וַעֲזָרְתִּי	אֶפְרַיִם	מִלְּאֵתִי	קֶשֶׁת	יְהוּדָה	לִי	דָרַכְתִּי	כִּי 13
your sons	Against	Zion	your sons	and raised up	with Ephraim	Fitted	the bow	Judah	My [bow]	I have bent	For
N-mpc   2fs	Prep	N-proper-fs	N-mpc   2fs	Conj-w   V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs	N-proper-ms	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	N-fs	N-proper-ms	Prep   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-1cs	Conj

1368 [e]	2719 [e]	7760 [e]	3120 [e]
gib-bō-wr.	kə-ḥe-reb	we-śam-tik	yā-wān;
גִּבּוֹר:	כְּתֹרֵב	וַשְׁמַתִּיךָ	יָוֶן
of a mighty man	like the sword	and made you	Greece
Adj-ms	Prep-k   N-fsc	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs   2fs2	N-proper-fs