

WHEN JESUS MARCHES IN THE STORM WINDS OF THE SOUTH

ZECHARIAH CONTINUES SOME OF THE THEMES OF THE DESERT PROPHECIES. IN MANY WAYS, HE DREW THEMES AND SYMBOLS FROM THE PREVIOUS PROPHECIES BUT DEVELOPED THEM A LITTLE MORE.

I. ZECHARIAH'S BATTLE HYMN

- A. [Zechariah 9:9](#)
 - 1) in all of the prophecies we have looked at thus far, YHWH comes back from heaven on chariots and horses; but here Zechariah talks about Him coming back on a donkey. This idea comes from the Servant Songs in [Isaiah](#)
 - a) [42:1-6](#)
 - b) [49:7-13](#)
 - c) [50:6-8](#)
 - d) [52:13-53:12](#)
- B. [Zechariah 9:10](#)
 - 1) in this verse it switches from talking about Jesus' earthly ministry phase to a very eschatological reference
- C. [Zechariah 9:11-12](#)
 - 1) "the blood of my covenant" the Sinai covenant, Abrahamic covenant, and New covenant
 - 2) this type of imagery is used in Isaiah's highway songs
- D. [Zechariah 9:13](#)
 - 1) "O Greece" the Hebrew is "yavan." In ancient times, Yavan was the entire area of the Middle East that had been conquered by Alexander the Great; it included Turkey, Iraq, Syria, and extended into Iran
 - 2) this is an important end-time prophecy foretelling the battle between Israel and the Middle East before Jesus' return
 - a) [Ezekial 38 & 39](#)
- E. [Zechariah 9:14](#)
 - 1) this type of language is used in [Habakkuk](#) and [Deuteronomy 33](#)
- F. [Zechariah 9:15-17](#)
 - 1) this battle hymn prophecy deals with Jesus' first coming, His second coming, and His millennial reign; it clearly draws from a lot of the desert prophecy themes

II. ZECHARIAH 12-14

- A. [Zechariah 12:2, 9-12](#)

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- 1) in combination with [Zechariah 9](#), this vision contains the idea that when Jesus returns on the clouds, Israel will see YHWH coming and realize that the Divine Warrior is in fact Yeshua whom the Gentiles believed in
 - 2) we are all saved by grace through faith
 - 3) it is a Jerusalem-centric prophecy
- B. [Zechariah 13:1-2](#)
- 1) the context is the Day of the Lord: the nations come against Israel, YHWH returns to save Israel, Israel repents, and all of Israel is saved
- C. [Zechariah 13:8-9](#)
- 1) two thirds of the inhabitants of the land of Israel will be cut off
 - 2) from the beginning, the Lord said, "I will be your God, and you will be My people." The culmination of the story comes when they say, "The Lord is our God"
- D. [Zechariah 14:1-2](#)
- 1) talking about the end times and the antichrist
- E. [Zechariah 14:1-5a](#)
- 1) "in that day His feet will stand" Jesus won't descend from heaven and land directly on the Mount of Olives; rather, He will come from the south and make His way there
- F. [Zechariah 14:5b-9](#)
- 1) "then the Lord, my God, will come" the operative phrase, almost a direct quote from [Deuteronomy 33](#)
- G. [Zechariah 14:9, 11](#)