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Unit II: Jesus envisions the Kingdom

Subject: World Peace

Text: Zechariah 9: 9-13, 16-17

Key Verse:

The LORD their GOD shall save them in the day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land (Zechariah 9: 16, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) His Reign (Zechariah 9: 9-10)
- 2) His Revival (Zechariah 9: 11-13)
- 3) His Resolution (Zechariah 9: 16-17)

Introduction

Zechariah is one of the most quoted Old Testament prophets in Scripture. Zechariah name means “the LORD remembers” this fit the prophet who documented the LORD’S remembrance of HIS people while in captivity and HIS covenant made with Israel. GOD actions was faithful toward HIS people, in remembering HIS purpose to establish an eternal peace through JESUS CHRIST, the Messiah.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- His Reign (Zechariah 9: 9-10)

Now, the king JESUS CHRIST is no ordinary king, HE is the Messiah, who sovereignly reigns in peace. Zechariah instructs the people to rejoice and shout over the coming king, Zechariah gives four reasons for the people to rejoice and to shout: (1) JESUS CHRIST the Messiah is coming to and for His people, (2) JESUS CHRIST the Messiah is just and righteous, unlike any ruler the earth has ever witnessed, (3) JESUS CHRIST the Messiah is salvation, empowered with our deliverance, and (4) JESUS CHRIST the Messiah is truly humble, unlike any king to ever walk the earth (Zechariah 9: 9). Zechariah declared that the king JESUS CHRIST shall come with all power and that HIS reign shall extend peace throughout the world. Zechariah also prophesied that the king JESUS CHRIST would cut off instruments of war used by kings and armies to conquer their enemies. Not using traditional weapons of warfare such as horses, chariots, and bows, but the King of Kings JESUS CHRIST shall gain victory through the power of HIS word. JESUS CHRIST will speak peace to the heathen and to the entire world (Zechariah 9: 10).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **His Revival (Zechariah 9: 11-13)**

JESUS CHRIST reign and power are so powerful that **JESUS CHRIST** liberates the captives from whatever binds them, by **HIS** shed blood covenant **GOD** the Father made with **HIS** people, **JESUS CHRIST** has released the hopelessness of physical bondage (slavery) and spiritual bondage (sin) (Zechariah 9: 11). Now those who were once without hope can now turn to their stronghold. Turning to **JESUS CHRIST** gives us greater joy and blessings upon our lives, and **JESUS CHRIST** pledge to restore double to **HIS** people (Zechariah 9: 12). The promise of **JESUS CHRIST** is completed when Judah and Ephraim, who are the united people, **GOD'S** instruments fight against the world power in **HIS** strength. Foretells of the victories of Israel over their enemies; **GOD** will fight for **HIS** people, **HE** will shield them in battle, and cover them against the weapons that their enemies uses against them (Zechariah 9: 13).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **HIS Resolution (Zechariah 9: 16-17)**

The **LORD JESUS CHRIST** purpose to save **HIS** people as a shepherd keeps **HIS** flock. **JESUS CHRIST** cares for **HIS** children as a shepherd leading **HIS** flock to safety (Zechariah 9: 16-17). Note, that centuries later the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** reveals Himself as the **GOOD** shepherd (read John 10:11), protecting **HIS** people, and also ready to destroy those who threaten to injure them (read Zechariah 9: 14-15; compare 1 Samuel 17: 34-36). The **LORD JESUS CHRIST** appearance will bring peace and safety to **HIS** people (sheep). The **LORD JESUS CHRIST** present and everlasting affection for Israel offers a prophetic glimpse of their and our glorious eternal future.

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