

The Lowly and Victorious King

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Zechariah 9-10

To show the King who will come first as a lowly one and then in victorious righteousness so that the Lord's people will eagerly respond to Him now and prepare for His coming victory.

Introduction:

Someone has said, *“Before following a leader it is wise to see if he is headed in the right direction.”*

In order for us to speak of following a Lowly and Victorious King we should have some understanding of the appropriate attitude. Philippians gives us some insight.

Philippians 2:5 - 8 (NIV) ⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

I. The Worldly King Will Be Judged Zechariah 9:1-8

- A. Damascus, Tyre and Sidon will be destroyed
- B. Philistine cities will be defeated
- C. Philistine remnant will join Israel

II. The Lowly King Will Be Introduced Zechariah 9:9-10

9:9. The inhabitants of Jerusalem were personified as the Daughter of Zion (cf. 2:10; Isa. 1:8) and the Daughter of Jerusalem who, representing the whole nation of Israel, were exhorted to welcome the coming King not with fear but with glad rejoicing. The announcement that your King comes to you refers to the long-awaited King and Messiah (cf. Isa. 9:5-7; Micah 5:2-4; Luke 1:32-33). Righteous describes both His character and His reign (cf. Ps. 45:6-7; Isa. 11:1-5; 32:17; Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15-16). The phrase having salvation denotes that He will come as a Deliverer, as One to give salvation to others (cf. Isa. 62:11). His peaceful entrance—riding on a donkey—was fulfilled when He presented Himself to Israel in the Triumphal Entry (Matt. 21:1-5). In the ancient Near East, if a king came in peace, he would ride on a donkey instead of on a war stallion. Christ rode on a colt, the foal (lit., “son”) of a donkey. (On the question of whether Christ rode one or two donkeys see comments on Matt. 21:2.) Like some other Old Testament prophecies this one (Zech. 9:9-10) blends two events into one perspective—events that the New Testament divides into two distinct advents of Christ separated by the present Church Age (cf. Isa. 9:6-7; 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-21). In His First Advent He rode on a donkey and presented Himself to the nation Israel but they rejected Him as their King. So His universal rule (Zech. 9:10) will be established when He comes again.

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III. The Victorious King Will Bring Deliverance Zechariah 9:11-16

- A. He will remember His covenant Zechariah 9:11
God can always be trusted to remember His commitments. We sometimes fail in ours and often seem to forget that God will not fail.

It's Just Like His Great Love by Edna R. Worrell

1. A friend I have called Jesus, Whose love is strong and true,
And never fails how'er 'tis tried, no matter what I do;
I sinned against this love of His, but when I knelt to pray,
Confessing all my guilt to Him, the sin-clouds rolled away.
 - o Refrain:
It's just like Jesus to roll the clouds away,
It's just like Jesus to keep me day by day,
It's just like Jesus all along the way,
It's just like His great love.
2. Sometimes when clouds of trouble bedim the sky above,
I cannot see my Savior's face, and doubt His wondrous love;
But He, from heaven's mercy-seat, beholding my despair,
In pity bursts the clouds between, and shows me He is there.
3. When sorrow's clouds o'ertake me, and break upon my head,
When life seems worse than useless, and I were better dead;
I take my grief to Jesus then, nor do I go in vain,
For heav'nly hope He gives that cheers like sunshine after rain.
4. Oh, I could sing forever of Jesus' love divine,
Of all His care and tenderness for this poor life of mine;
His love is in and over all, and wind and waves obey,
When Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still!" and rolls the clouds away.

B. He will free the prisoners Zechariah 9:12-15

Zechariah 9:12 - 15 (NIV) ¹²Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope: even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you. ¹³I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, ¹⁵and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar.

C. The evidence of deliverance will be clear Zechariah 9:16

Zechariah 9:16 (NIV) The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.

IV. The Triumphant King Will Bring Blessings Zechariah 9:17-10:12

A. The King provides exuberant life Zechariah 9:17

Zechariah 9:17 (ESV) ¹⁷For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

The exclamation about his attractiveness (goodness) and his beauty introduce the statements about his offering these exuberant blessings to his people.

Grain and wine for the young men and women as indications of his great blessings and so that they will be prosperous.

B. The King is contrasted with the failed leaders Zechariah 10:1-8

Zechariah 10:4 - 7 (NIV) ⁴From Judah will come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler. ⁵Together they^f will be like mighty men trampling the muddy streets in battle. Because the LORD is with them, they will fight and overthrow the horsemen. ⁶“I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them. ⁷The Ephraimites will become like mighty men, and their hearts will be glad as with wine. Their children will see it and be joyful; their hearts will rejoice in the LORD.

C. The King will re-gather the scattered peoples Zechariah 10:9-12

1. They will return in great numbers
2. They will return in spite of difficulties
3. They will be strengthened to walk in His ways

Conclusion:

If our King can be both lowly and victorious so can we as we abide in Him. The victory that He gives us now will be the inward victory. Ultimately we will be part with Him in His millennial kingdom. We will know that our King not only can punish sin but has done so after the Great Tribulation is past.

Until these future events come to pass, we can serve with confidence because of the promises of our King. He will not, indeed cannot fail and so our strength in Him is not misplaced.

*The two-word affirmation *Kyrios Iesous* [Jesus is Lord] sounded pretty harmless at first hearing. But it has far-reaching ramifications. Not only does it express our conviction that he is God and Saviour, but it also indicates our radical commitment to him. The dimensions of this commitment are intellectual (bringing our minds under Christ's yoke), moral (accepting his standards and obeying his commands), vocational (spending our lives in his liberating service), social (seeking to penetrate society with his values), political(refusing to idolize any human institution) and global (being jealous for the honour and glory of his name).*

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Come to this lowly King. Bow before Him in confession of your sin and allow Him to be Lord in all things in your life. Anticipate better and greater things with Him and with His people.