

The Humble King Who Brings Peace

Zechariah 9:9–10 | Participant worksheet | 30–45 minutes

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After words concerning surrounding nations and God’s protection, Zechariah calls Jerusalem to rejoice. Her king comes in humility, and the vision expands to peace among the nations.

Read and explore

Read Zechariah 9:1–12. Then focus on Zechariah 9:9–10.

“Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you! He is righteous, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be cut off; and he will speak peace to the nations. His dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.”

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Word help: Zion and Jerusalem refer here to the city and its people. Dominion means rule or authority. Ephraim can represent the northern kingdom of Israel.

1. Who is told to rejoice in verse 9? What reason is given for rejoicing?

2. How is the king described? What does he ride?

3. Which instruments of warfare disappear in verse 10? What takes their place?

4. How far does the king’s dominion extend? How does verse 10 enlarge the scene in verse 9?

Connect and reflect

Read each New Testament passage in your Bible before answering. Notice whether it explicitly quotes the prophecy or develops a related theme.

5. Read Matthew 21:1–11. What does Jesus arrange, and which details does Matthew connect with prophecy?

6. Read John 12:12–16. What do the crowd and the disciples understand about Jesus, and when do the disciples understand more fully?

7. Read John 18:33–37. How does Jesus describe his kingdom and the behavior of his servants?

Study note: Matthew and John explicitly connect Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with Zechariah 9:9. Verse 10 broadens the promise to peace and worldwide rule; the entry alone does not display every aspect of that vision.

8. How do these passages connect royal authority with humility and peace? What remains beyond the entry into Jerusalem itself?

9. How could the example of this king change how you use influence or respond to conflict?

10. My main takeaway and an optional prayer

Explore further: Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–44. Compare how each Gospel describes the king's arrival.

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