

# ZECHARIAH'S RELATION TO DANIEL

Though the prophecies of Daniel and Zechariah are both full of predictive content, their prophetic emphases are different:

1. Daniel mixed prophetic visions and predictions with historic content; Zechariah presented his visions and predictions in a hortatory context. (Daniel 2; Zechariah 2)
2. Daniel emphasized the prophetic future of the Times of the Gentiles as they related to Israel; Zechariah dealt almost exclusively with the future of Israel, noting Gentile relations only incidentally. (Daniel 2, 7; Zechariah 12:3)
3. Daniel focused on Gentile kings and the coming of Antichrist, mentioning Messiah but once, almost incidentally (Daniel 9:26); Zechariah constantly points to the coming of Messiah, mentioning the coming of Antichrist only incidentally (Zechariah 11:16).
4. Daniel was a statesman from the royal line of Judah and unveiled the progress of Gentile kingdoms until the setting up of Messiah's kingdom on earth (Daniel 2:44). Zechariah was a priest and characteristically urged the rebuilding of the temple, cleansing of the nation, and restoring of righteousness and holiness in the land. (Zechariah 1:4, 16; 3:4; 12:10)

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- I. Israel's Preparation for Messiah's Coming 1—8
- II. Israel's Salvation through Messiah's Coming 9-14

A. Messiah's 1<sup>st</sup> coming and Rejection by Israel 9-11

## CHAPTER NINE-- Israel's Divine Rescue in time of the Greeks

### 1. The Earthly Conqueror—Alexander 9:1-8

Syria---Hadrach, Damascus, Hamath

Phoenicia—Tyre, Sidon

Philistia—Askelon, Gaza, Ashdod, Ekron

This traces the conquests of Alexander the Great. Subsequently he passed through Israel on the way to Egypt, then back through Israel again (northward), sparing it by God's Word and Providence (Note 9:8).

### 2. The Heavenly King—Messiah Jesus 9:9-17

He is King

He is lowly

He is righteous

He comes in peace—riding on

He brings salvation

a donkey (*rather than on a horse; cf. Rev. 19*)

Note the “I will”s from 9:11 to 10:1

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## CHAPTER 10—Israel's Divine Regathering in time of the End

### 1. Contrasting False gods and the True God 10:1-5

Delusions, lies, false dreams (v.2) lead to futility, purposelessness, and trouble. Contrast the life of the follower of the true God, as evidenced by I Cor.15:58, I Cor. 10:31, and I Peter 1:16.

### 2. The LORD will bring back His people 10:6-12

Note the “I will”s of this section (Sure promises of the LORD):

*I will strengthen* the house of Judah

I will save the house of Joseph

I will bring them back (because I have mercy on them)

(For I am the LORD their God)

I will hear them

I will whistle for them and gather them

I will redeem them

I will sow them among the peoples (they shall return)

I will bring them back from the land of Egypt

I will gather them from Assyria

I will bring them back into the land of Gilead and Lebanon

*I will strengthen* them in the LORD

Note the “bookends”----*I will strengthen*—v. 6

*I will strengthen*—v.12

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## CHAPTER 11—Israel's Defiant Rebellion in the time of Messiah

### 1. Desolation of the Nation (Israel) 11:1-3

North-----Lebanon

Middle----Bashan

South-----Jordan floodplain

Cedars, cypress and oaks involved in the conflagration

### 2. The Cause of the Judgment 11:4-17

a. Instructions to Zechariah 11:4-6

b. Instructions carried out by Zechariah 11:7-17