### Zechariah

## Chapter 9

1This is a proclamation… It’s the [message from the] Word of Jehovah against the land of HadRach, and against [the city of] Damascus where they offer sacrifices [to him]. For Jehovah examines all men (not just the tribes of IsraEl). 2[This proclamation is also] for HamAth, as well as Sidon and Tyre, since all their people have the same mindset.  
  
 3‘Tyre has made a fortress of herself…  
 She’s treasured up silver like dust,  
 And gathered gold like mud in the streets.  
 4So, by Jehovah, she will be owned.  
 He’ll strike down her power over the seas,  
 And she will be burned in a fire.  
  
 5‘Then, ‘Then, <span class="placename">AshKelon‘Then, <span class="placename">AshKelon</span> will see this and fear,  
 And And <span class="placename">Gaza And <span class="placename">Gaza</span> will be very grieved.  
 In In <span class="placename">EkRon In <span class="placename">EkRon</span>, her errors will bring her much shame,  
 And the kings of Gaza will perish.  
  
 ‘In AshKelon, no one will live,  
 6And in And in <span class="placename">AshDodAnd in <span class="placename">AshDod</span>, foreign peoples will dwell;  
 For, I’ll soon wipe away  
 The insolence of the The insolence of the <span class="placename">Philistines The insolence of the <span class="placename">Philistines</span>…  
 7I’ll remove all the blood from their mouths,  
 And the disgusting things from their teeth.  
  
 ‘Then they’ll leave their things to your God  
 And submit to a general from Judah.  
 And what happened to the Jebusi,  
 Is the same that will happen to Is the same that will happen to <span class="placename">EkRon Is the same that will happen to <span class="placename">EkRon</span>.  
  
 8‘[For God said:]  
  
 ‘Then, I’ll stand in My [Temple] there in the heights  
 And I won’t leave it again.  
 No way, will [armies] march on it;  
 For upon it, My eyes will keep watch.  
  
 9‘So rejoice, O daughter of Zion;  
 Shout aloud, you daughters of JeruSalem;  
 For {Look!} your king will be coming to you…  
 The righteous one who’s your Savior.  
  
 ‘He will be [a person who’s] gentle,  
 And on a beast of burden, he will arrive…  
 Yes, even upon a young foal!  
  
 10‘Ephraim’s chariots, he will destroy,  
 As well as JeruSalem’s horses.  
 He’ll destroy [all the weapons] of warfare,  
 And send you peace with the nations roundabout.  
 Then he’ll rule from the waters of the [great] sea  
 To the rivers and passes throughout your land.  
  
 11‘Then by his blood of My Sacred Agreement,  
 From dry pits, he will ransom your captives.  
 12Those who were captives, he’ll settle in forts,  
 And for each day that they’ve [been there],  
 He will repay them with double.  
  
 13‘O Judah; I’ve held you tight to Myself…  
 [As tight] as I’d hold a bow.  
  
 ‘So, Ephraim will be [free] once again,  
 And I’ll awaken your children, O Zion,  
 Against the sons of the Greeks…  
 Like a warrior’s sword, I’ll use them.’  
  
 14‘Then the Lord will be seen as your leader,  
 And he’ll [shoot] his arrows like lightning.  
 Then, from the Lord Jehovah, a trumpet will sound,  
 Which will send intimidation on them.  
  
 15‘For Jehovah the Almighty will serve as your shield  
 As you bring them [destruction].  
 Upon them, your [sons] will be heaping sling stones,  
 And drink their blood as though it were wine…  
 Like basins for the Altar, their bowls will be filled.  
  
 16‘In that day, Jehovah will be known as your God,  
 And He’ll save the sheep of His people…  
 They’ll be like [gems] in His land.  
  
 17‘Then for all that are found to be good,  
 And for all that are found to be fair;  
 The young men will be given their grain,  
 And there’ll be fragrant wine for the virgins.’