

International Bible Lessons Commentary
Zechariah 9:9-10

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The **International Bible Lesson** (*Uniform Sunday School Lessons Series*) for **Sunday, March 30, 2014**, is from **Zechariah 9:9-10**. **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** follow the verse-by-verse *International Bible Lesson Commentary* below. **Study Hints for Thinking Further**, a study guide for teachers, discusses the five questions below to help with class preparation and in conducting class discussion; these hints are available on the **International Bible Lessons Commentary** website. The weekly *International Bible Lesson* is posted each Saturday before the lesson is scheduled to be taught.

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(Zechariah 9:9) Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Jesus fulfilled this prophecy regarding the Messiah when He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The day Jesus entered the city, the crowds rejoiced as Zechariah foretold. The church is now the bride of Christ, and “the daughter” of Zion and Jerusalem may be seen as true believers of God and followers of Jesus the Messiah, for not all in Jerusalem welcomed Him gladly when Jesus literally fulfilled this prophecy.

(Zechariah 9:10) He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Jesus brings peace to those who receive Him as Lord and Savior, peace with God, peace within themselves, and sometimes peace with others. Nations with Christian leaders and Biblical traditions can often find ways to live peacefully with one another. When Jesus returns to earth visibly, as King of kings on the day of His Second Coming, He will literally fulfill this part of Zechariah’s prophecy. We do not know how many centuries God the Father has ordained to pass between Zechariah 9:9 and Zechariah 9:10, but when Jesus returns as visible Lord over all, He will establish peace throughout the world. Furthermore, His redeemed followers will come to reign with Him.

Question for Discussion and Thinking Further

Since this is the first of a two part lesson series, only 1 of the 5 Study Questions will be asked below.

1. Why do you think God inspired many different people in the Hebrew Scriptures to prophecy the coming of the Messiah?

Begin or close your class by reading the short weekly *International Bible Lesson*.

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