

“Zacharias’ Sermon”

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- Zacharias is coming off of a 9 month sermon prep time.
- He has had 9 months to not only think about what he did that brought him into silence.
- Like a child being disciplined in the corner – time to think.
- He probably had many conversations with himself. “How stupid could I be?,” “Why did I need a sign?,” “Couldn’t I just believe the Word of God?”
- But this gave him time to see what was happening and to “think through” and meditate on what this all means – Gabriel’s appearances, Elizabeth’s miraculous ability to conceive, Mary’s miraculous virgin pregnancy and his disbelief and inability to speak. Hen must have come to his senses and thought, “Wait, these are unprecedented days. This is what I and Israel have been waiting for. THIS IS IT!”
- But now he is ready to speak . . . and speak he does.
- 400 years of silence and nothing from God.

What would it mean for your life and what would you have to say if for nine months you could not hear or say anything???

“If we don’t seek out silence, we will probably not feel the stupendous significance of God’s work in history on our lives. It would be a rare thing to be gripped and moved deeply in a noisy room. “

- John Piper

“prophesied” – προφητεῖαν - literally to tell in front of or before. pró = before, in front of, forth, on behalf of + phemí = speak, tell) is primarily a forth-teller or one who speaks out God’s message.

- One who prophesies is a forth-teller, a preacher. 1. He may speak forth God’s Word of things that have happened or are happening or 2. He may speak forth things that will happen, that which is still in the future or 3. A combination.
- Luke 1:67-80 is a good example of #3.
- Also notice Zacharias is “filled (controlled) with the Holy Spirit.” That makes all 3 of his family.

• That should be the desire for every believer – to be controlled continually with the Holy Spirit.

• 3 things to observe about Zach’s sermon:

1. It is filled with Scripture – Zach is Word saturated.
2. It focuses on the Messiah.
3. It focuses on Salvation.
4. It focuses on the O.T. fulfillment of 1 and 2.
 - That’s important: it shows that the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He did was the fulfillment of everything promised in the Old Testament.

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1 Cor 14:1,3,4,5,39

1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may **prophecy**.

3 But one who **propheies** speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. 4 . . . but one who **propheies** edifies the church. 5 . . . but even more that you would **prophecy**; and greater is one who **propheies** . . . so that the church may receive edifying.

39 Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to **prophecy**,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

• “Lord God of Israel” - appears 54 times in the Bible all in the Old Testament, except for this one.

• Why did he limit God to Israel? Why did he not address God as the Lord God of the earth?

• Answer: Because the Messiah is the direct fulfillment of everything promised in the O.T.

• Zach knows that the Messiah is in the womb of Mary who she just spent 3 months with in face to face conversation.

• Thus you have the past tense reference to God “visiting us.”

“**accomplished**” – ποιεο – to execute, to cause, to accomplish.

“**redemption**” – λυτροσις – to pay a ransom, to redeem.

• Redemption and ransom implies that those being redeemed are in bondage, in slavery. Slaves need redemption.

Rom 6:6

6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be **slaves to sin**;

Eph 1:7

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

• For Zach, how will redemption happen? A political deliverance? Death?

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Ps 92:9-10

9 For, behold, Your enemies, O Lord,
For, behold, Your enemies will perish;
All who do iniquity will be scattered.

10 But You have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;

Mic 4:13

13 "Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion,
For your horn I will make iron
And your hoofs I will make bronze,
That you may pulverize many peoples,

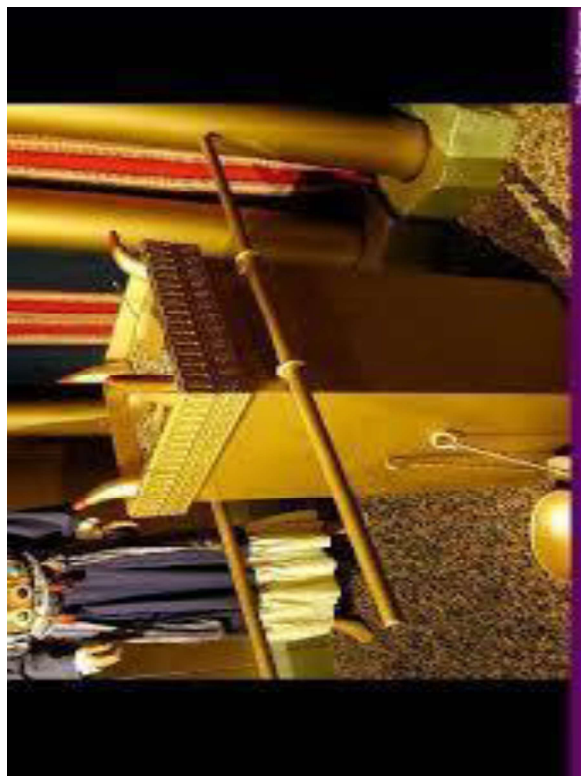
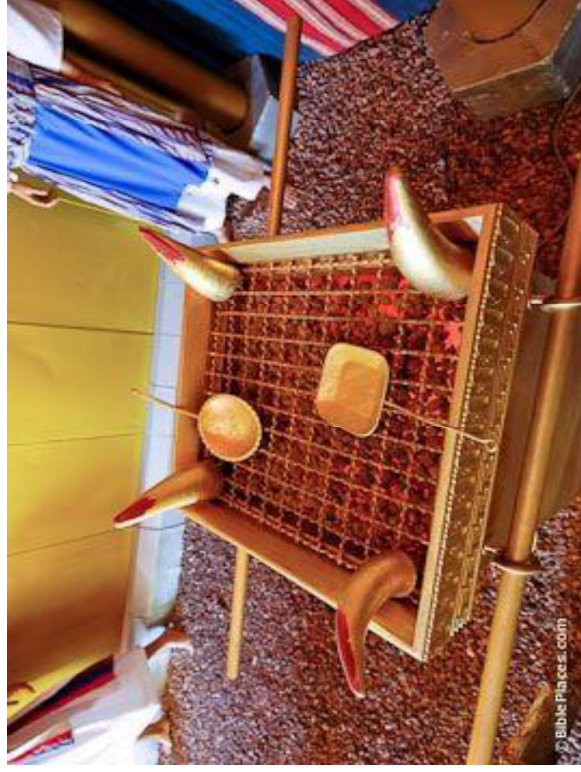
Ps 132:17-18

17 "There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth;
I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.

18 "His enemies I will clothe with shame,
But upon himself his crown shall shine."

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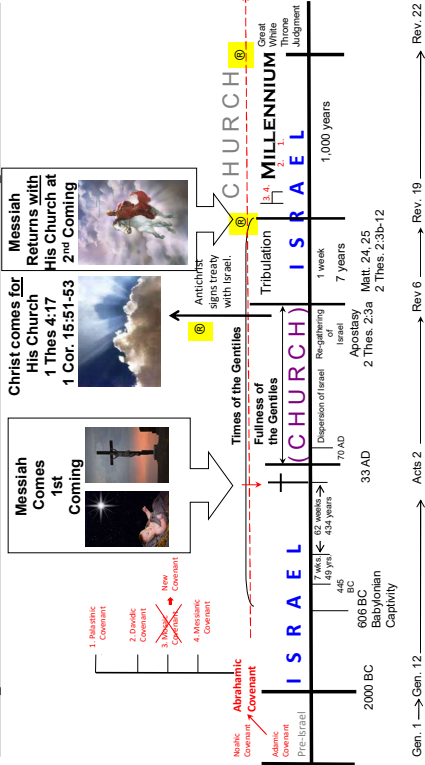
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- He is a horn of salvation because He uses His power to secure and protect His people.
- **This verse teaches us 4 things:**
 1. The Messiah will destroy Israel’s enemies (“horn”).
 2. He will bring salvation to Israel.
 3. He will come from the line of David
 4. He will fulfill the Davidic Covenant.

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- The Davidic Covenant was a promise to David by God that a Son would come out of David’s loins ultimately, who would rule in Israel and would rule over the whole earth forever.
- It would put David’s Son (Messiah) on the throne forever. Israel has had no king for nearly 1,000 years (400 + 586).
- Now He is here. Zach is ecstatic.
- From that throne the Messiah will bring peace and prosperity to Israel, would rule with a rod of iron, and His rule would extend over the whole earth.

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Davidic Covenant

2 Sam 7:12-16

- 12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- 14 "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,
- 15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.
- 16 "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

2 Sam 23:5

5 "Truly is not my house so with God? For He has made an everlasting covenant with me,

I Chronicles 17, Psalm 89

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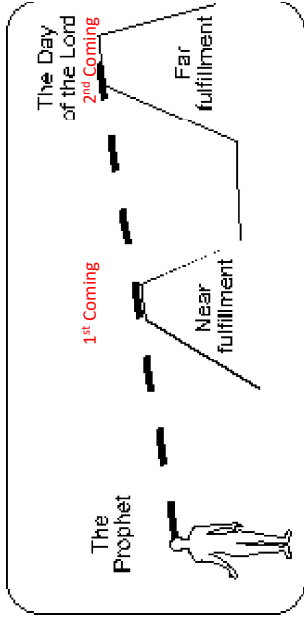
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- The prophets in the O.T. saw that part of the Messiah’s mission was to deliver Israel from their enemies - a “military Savior.”

- That became the main focus instead of a “spiritual Savior.”
- So what the Jews thought about when they thought about the Davidic kingdom was freedom from oppression, freedom from their enemies.



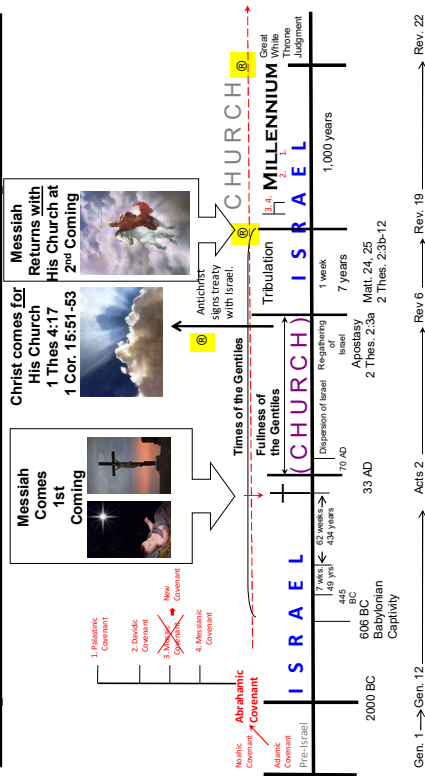
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- It all begins with the fathers – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.
- The Messiah, the Davidic Covenant, and the Abrahamic Covenant were given by God as promises to the fathers of blessing to the people of God.
- The Abrahamic Covenant is the granddaddy of all covenants. The covenant from which all the other covenants with Israel flow.

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- The Abrahamic Covenant promised Israel the blessing of serving God without fear because of what the Messiah would do in the Davidic Covenant – defeat Israel’s enemies.
- The Abrahamic Covenant was a covenant of blessing, of peace, prosperity, righteousness, reigning, and ruling in the Promised Land.
- God selected Abraham out of Ur.
- Made a covenant with him – Gen. 12,15,17,22.

Gen 12:1-3

12 Now the Lord said to Abram,

"Go forth from your country,

And from your relatives

And from your father's house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And I will make you a great nation,

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so you shall be a blessing;

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Summary:

- The Davidic Covenant will bring the rule of Messiah to Israel, a King on the Davidic throne. The Messiah came through the line of David.
- And the rule of Messiah will bring the blessing that the Abrahamic Covenant promised. It was through the loins of Abraham that Israel came, and from Israel came the Messiah.
- We, as part of Abraham's seed, experience the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant now to a degree but someday to its fullest extent in the Millennial Kingdom.
- We will also experience the blessing of the Davidic Covenant as we live in the Millennial Kingdom, ruled by Christ, and free of all fear from our enemies.
- The goal is not to just have a safe place to live, but to serve God and His Son in godly living.