

# Behold, your King is coming to you: Zechariah's Palm Sunday prophecy

([Zechariah 9](#); [Luke 19:28-48](#)) 5783 B"H

It is already nearly Palm Sunday and [Passover](#)! We still have snow on the ground here in the northwoods, but the joy of our Savior's [Resurrection](#) warms our hearts and helps us remember that the spring flowers are just about to burst forth.

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## [Zekharyah: God remembers](#)

Have you ever read the full prophecy found in [Zechariah 9](#)?

Zechariah (זְכַרְיָהוּ (Zekharyah) was a priest and prophet by heritage and lineage and God used him to reveal one of the most important Messianic prophecies!

The Hebrew name "Zekharyah" means "God remembers."

God remembers His people, He remembers His promises, and prophecy is fulfilled precisely because the LORD has spoken and His Word will not return void ([Isaiah 55:11](#)).

The chapter begins with judgment on Israel's enemies – highly appropriate given the promise of Zion's Coming King who would defeat evil. God remembered all that Israel had endured and reassured them that He would send the Righteous One.



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"Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion!  
Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you,  
a righteous one bringing salvation.  
He is lowly, riding on a donkey—  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Zechariah 9:9

[Zechariah 9:9-17](#) contains the prophecies that were fulfilled on Palm Sunday. Additionally, this passage prophesies that the coming King would speak shalom and salvation to the nations:

[Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion!](#)

[Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!](#)

[Behold, your King is coming to you,](#)

[a righteous one bringing salvation.](#)

[He is lowly, riding on a donkey—](#)

[on a colt, the foal of a donkey.](#)

[I will banish chariots from Ephraim](#)

[and horses from Jerusalem,](#)

[and the war bow will be broken.](#)

[He will speak \*shalom\* to the nations.](#)

[His rule will extend from sea to sea,](#)

[from the River to the ends of the earth.](#)

[As for you also, by the blood of your covenant,](#)

[I will release your prisoners from the waterless Pit.](#)

[Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope!](#)

[Today I declare that I will restore twice as much to you.](#)

[I will bend Judah as my bow](#)

[and fill it with Ephraim.](#)

[I will rouse your sons, O Zion](#)

against your sons, O Greece.  
I will wield you like a warrior's sword.

Then ADONAI will be seen over them  
as His arrow flashes like lightning.  
**ADONAI Elohim will blow the shofar**  
**and march in whirlwinds of the south.**  
ADONAI TZVA'OT will defend them.

They will consume and conquer with sling stones.  
They will drink and roar as with wine  
and be filled like a bowl,  
like the corners of the altar.

**ADONAI their God will save them on that day**  
**as the flock of His people.**  
They will be like gems of a crown  
**sparkling over His land.**

**How good and beautiful it will be!**

**Grain will make the young men thrive**  
**and new wine the virgin women."** Zechariah 9:9-17,  
*emphases added*

Isn't this beautiful to picture?

"They will be like gems of a crown sparkling over His land."  
Zechariah 9:16b

He loves you so much you sparkle like a regal gem!

"ADONAI their God will save them on that day as the flock of His people.  
They will be like gems of a crown sparkling over His land.  
How good and beautiful it will be!"

Zechariah 9:16-17a



As you can see, this Bible passage describes the overwhelming and awesome power of the LORD Most High. His arrows flash like lightning and shofars will sound and the LORD of the Armies will defend us. It is really impactful to dwell on this passage for a time. Meditate on God's Word! You will always be blessed.

## Our Humble King, Owner of all things

Do you notice that the [Zechariah](#) passage ends with all such fanfare and victorious imagery, but it sure didn't start out that way. It tells about a lowly Man, riding on a donkey. But, despite the humbleness of the passage, it does make a bold announcement:

["Behold, your King is coming to you." Zechariah 9:9](#)



What a statement!

The King was coming! And not just any King – *your* King. The One who will hold out His scepter of righteous forgiveness and allow you into His Presence with all-consuming love, mercy, and passion.

***Do you need to hear that today?***

Do you need to know that there is One who holds all Authority, the Majestic King of all kings, and He is coming once again? [No one knows the day or the hour](#) of Yeshua's (Jesus') Second Coming, but I can assure you this: He is coming back for His own.

As Zechariah records, Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ our Lord) is the Righteous One and He is bringing salvation. He will save you, deliver you, and set you free of your burdens and your sins and even the curse and sting of death. He will give you new life, if you will trust in Him today with all your heart.

[Luke](#) documented the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy that the Messiah would ride on a colt. [\(Luke 19:30ff\).](#)

I love how the owners of the colt ask the two disciples in [Luke 19](#), [“Why are you untying the colt?” Luke 19:33](#)

That was a reasonable question. The disciples didn't own the colt, but the Master, the LORD Himself can give them permission to take it! They were instructed to simply say,

[“The LORD has need of him.” \(Luke 19:34, NKJV\).](#)

[“The Master needs it.” \(Luke 19:34, TLV\).](#)

God owns everything, so He owned that young donkey, too.

The LORD needed the donkey because He was absolutely fulfilling in every minute detail the words of [Zechariah's](#) triumphal prophecy.

## **Luke describes the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

Even though our LORD chose to use a lowly donkey as His transportation into Jerusalem, the events of that first Palm Sunday were far from lowly.

During what is commonly described as “the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem,” there was now a full multitude of people who would consider themselves Yeshua's (Jesus') disciples. They were celebrating because they knew He was the Anointed One, the Promised King!

Scripture says that they praised God with a loud voice!

*Do you, too, praise Him with a loud voice?*

*Do you let it be known that you and your household serve this King?*

[“When Yeshua came near the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to rejoice. They praised God](#)

with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of ADONAI!”

Shalom in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!”


But answering, Yeshua said, “I tell you that if these keep silent, the stones will shout out!”

As He drew near and saw Jerusalem, He wept over her, saying, “If only you had recognized this day the things that lead to *shalom*! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you when your enemies will surround you with barricades and hem you in on all sides. And they will smash you to the ground—you and your children within you. And they won’t leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” (Luke 19:37-45).

Blessed is the King!

What has often become a repetitive custom to say, “Baruch haba b’Shem Adonai” was in that moment the most powerful declaration of allegiance and praise!

## **Shalom in Heaven and Glory in the Highest!**



“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of ADONAI!”  
Shalom in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Luke 19:38



Shalom in heaven!

Glory in the Highest!

Doesn't that reach the depths of your heart?

The joy of knowing the King of kings has come!

I imagine the overwhelming experiential joy that the disciples must have been feeling at that moment!

The Pharisees missed the mark and wanted to hear a public rebuke.

But Yeshua (Jesus) knew the condition of their hearts.

He wept over the Holy City, knowing that despite their daily greetings to one another saying, “Shalom,” they truly didn't understand *shalom*.

More than a greeting and more than a temporary condition, true *shalom* comes only from being in right relationship with the Holy One, learning to love and seeking His mercy. Keeping every jot and tittle of the law could not save the people. They needed to know the *Lord of Shalom*.

# Rejoice Greatly and Shout

[Zechariah 9:9](#) proclaims we are to rejoice greatly and shout because of the announcement of the Coming King!

As we enter this Holy time of Passover and celebrating the FirstFruits of the Resurrection, I pray you will rejoice greatly. That you will not be ashamed to shout praises unto God Most High!

The tomb is empty. Our King will return!

**Celebrate! And may we pray for those who do not yet know Him. That they, too, would shout "Hoshiana!" (Hosanna!): Please, save!**



# Hoshiana!

You may recognize the word, "Hoshana."  
We get the term "Hosanna" from this,  
a pleading for the Holy One to "please save."  
It has an emphatic tone in Hebrew: "Save now!"

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# Yosef (Joseph) : Favor & Shalom

*Parashat Vayeshev ([B'reishit/Genesis 37-40](#)) 5783 B"H*

Last week in our study of [Timna & Amalek](#), we considered how rejection can fuel anger, bitterness, violence, and absolute hatred. These attributes exist to rob us of peace, of *shalom*, and we do well to learn from the Biblical examples of dysfunction and consequence to protect ourselves from falling into those same traps.

**The marked divisions and dysfunction that plagued [Esav \(Esau\)](#) and [Yaacov](#) (Jacob)'s relationship would continue to stealthily inject the stains of sin into future generations.**

Yaacov (Jacob) [now-Israel] had 12 sons, who would become the first of the tribes of Israel.

But before that would happen, many of the brothers would act as young brothers sometimes do –

selfish,

jealous,

and conniving.

Was there room for grace?

Would there be any *shalom*?

**Could this family overcome the temptations brought on by rivalry and habitual distrust?**

# Yosef (Joseph) had favor, but . . . he, too, had to deal with a complicated family life

## He was perceived as a tattletale

The second-to-youngest son in Yaacov's family was Yosef (Joseph), and when he was just a 17-year-old young man, he ["brought back a bad report about \[his brothers\] to their father" \(Genesis 37:2c\).](#)

Well, no one likes a tattletale, and if he was already 17, maybe Yosef (Joseph) had been tattletaling on his older brothers ever since he could walk.

*Now, I am **not** here to defend Yosef's (Joseph's) brothers.*

Scripture does not tell us why Yosef (Joseph) felt he needed to give a **bad report** to Yaacov (Jacob)]; but given how these brothers treated Yosef (Joseph) in significant future events, it is absolutely probable that they *were* truly doing something terrible that was **well-worth the risk of being labeled a tattler**.

Indeed, Yosef (Joseph) "the informant" was well-received by **his father**, and

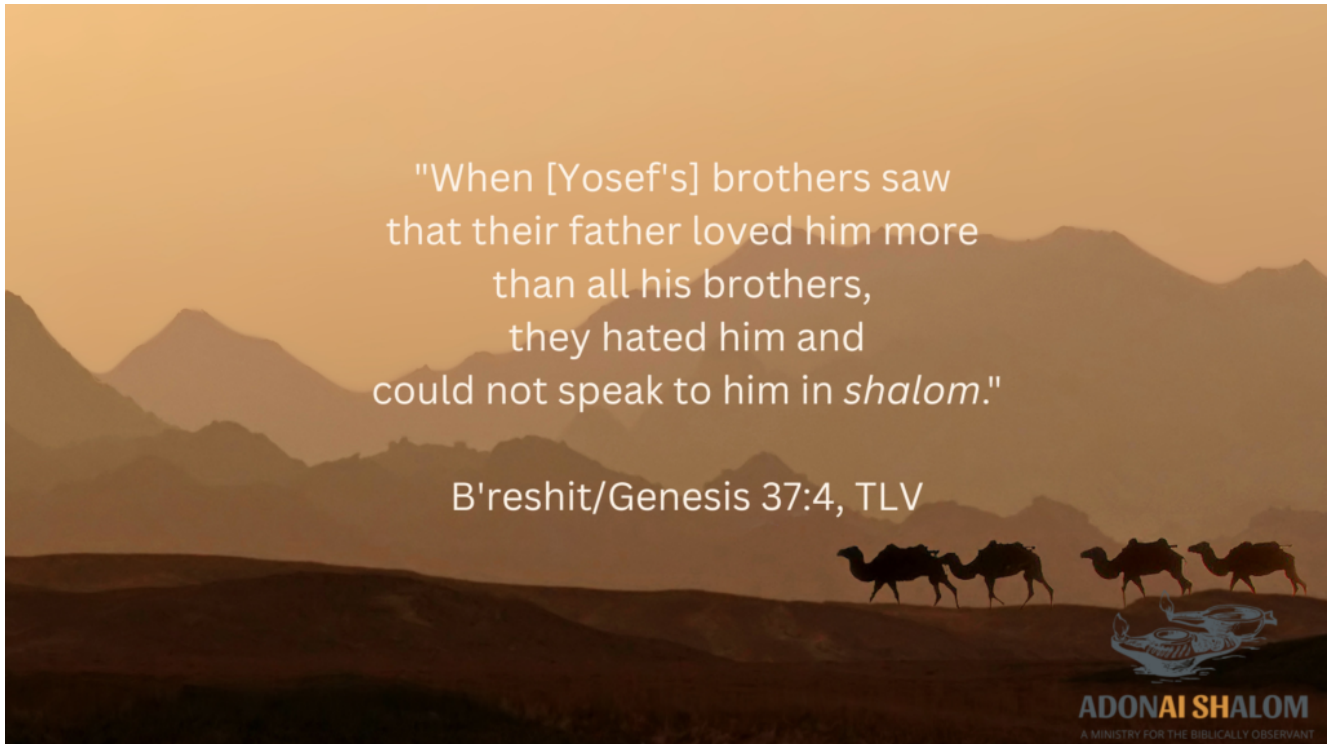
["\[Yaacov\] loved \[Yosef\] more than all his brothers . . ."](#) (Genesis 37:4).

Yaacov made his son Yosef (Joseph) the famous long-sleeved tunic that is often called the "coat of many colors." [\(Genesis 37:3\).](#)

## His brothers resented him

["When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak to him](#)

in shalom." Genesis 37:4, TLV, *emphasis added*



To me, this is a very appropriate translation.

But, let's look at a few different translations of [Genesis 37:4](#) because there is disagreement among scholars about the very best way to translate *l'shalom* here. (*Any time you find a discrepancy between different translations, this indicates that the translators are having a difficult time expressing Hebrew idiom in modern English.*)

## ***Shalom* is more than a simple "peace"**

The Hebrew term, "shalom," is usually translated quite simply as, "peace."

But the true meaning of "shalom" has a greater depth to it.

**"Shalom" refers to an all-encompassing peace, wholeness, completeness, healthfulness, and overarching prosperity.**

Here is the original Hebrew:

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\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, *WLC, emphasis added*

Translators have wanted to express the fullness of the term, so they describe it in these ways:

“When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they began to hate him and reached the point where they couldn’t even talk with him in a **civil manner**.”  
Genesis 37:4, Complete Jewish Bible, emphasis added

“But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not **speak peaceably to him**.” Genesis 37:4, NKJV, *emphasis added*

“And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and **could not speak to him on friendly terms**.” Genesis 37:4, NASB, *emphasis added*

Each translation is basically saying the same thing, but their **nuanced differences give us a clue as to the deeper meaning** of “peace” that is intended by the original language.

In English, “peace” has lost a lot of its power in our culture today, but the God of the Bible wants you to experience a genuinely powerful and wholly total depth of peace – *shalom* – that is found only when you live under the favor of the Almighty!

## **Maintaining your *shalom* when those around you make that difficult**

The term, “grace,” is commonly defined as “*unmerited favor*.”

Yosef (Joseph) walked in this type of favor – and to do so, he would have needed to know how to maintain his inner peace.

He faced so much adversity in life!

**How did Yosef (Joseph) overcome being sold into slavery by his own brothers?! [\(Genesis 37:27\)](#)**

**He learned to walk in grace.**

His brothers' (also unmerited) *evil* actions toward Yosef (Joseph) helped form in him a **perseverance** and **self-confidence** that would lead him to become Egypt's second-in-command.

Now, of course, Messiah Yeshua had not yet come to endow full-fledged grace and forgiveness and mercy, but the LORD did choose to use young Yosef (Joseph) to demonstrate and foreshadow the favor that comes when we trust in His Son.

**So how can you, like Yosef (Joseph), triumph when those around you conspire for your demise, make false accusations against you, or look for ways to either literally or figuratively incarcerate you?**

How can you walk in *shalom*?

1. Know the Word of God: ["Shalom I leave you, My shalom I give to you; but not as the world gives! Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid."](#) John 14:27
2. Trust the Word of God
3. Be filled with the Word of God

"*Shalom* I leave you,  
My *shalom* I give to you;  
but not as the world gives!  
Do not let your heart  
be troubled or afraid."

John 14:27



Our Savior Yeshua (Jesus) is the Word made flesh – the Word Incarnate. ["And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth."](#) John 1:14

When we know His Words – what He said, what He taught, what He proclaimed, and what He lived, we can learn to trust Him at His very Word. Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ) embodied the Word and demonstrated that by His Holy Spirit (Ruach haKodesh) we, too, can live in the peace that surpasses all understanding and find our *shalom* in Him.

As we mature in the faith, we learn that trust becomes synonymous with peace, because He fills us with His Spirit – the Spirit of the LORD – whose power overcomes all our fears and doubts. The enemy may stir up trouble like he did for Yosef (Joseph) or try to cause us all sorts of anguish and anxiety, but if we truly trust in the One who is Mighty to Save, we will maintain true inner *shalom*.

We must be filled with His Word! We need the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Ruach haKodesh)! So seek Him today and [be filled – Be filled with the Holy Spirit! \(Ephesians 5:18\)](#) Learn about

the true meaning of *shalom* and pray that the LORD will help you to truly live in the fullness of His *shalom* today!

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# Shabbat shalom, mishpocha!

["Remember Yom Shabbat, to keep it holy. Ex.20:8, TLV](#)

May you have a peaceful and restful Sabbath, dear friends.

*So Bnei-Yisrael is to keep the Shabbat,*

*to observe the Shabbat throughout their generations*

*as a perpetual covenant.*

*It is a sign between Me and Bnei-Yisrael forever,*

*for in six days Adonai made heaven and earth,*

*and on the seventh day He ceased from work and rested.'"*

*Exodus 31:16-17*

["Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Ex.20:8, KJV](#)

The Ten Commandments are favored even by postChristian society. They are considered the Tanakh commands that remain "relevant." *Nevermind the 603 other commandments* that just so happen to reveal the heart of the Father... It would be good to at least begin with the 10 that are well-known. Perhaps if we can learn to obey these, we will be on our way to obeying the others. Do we obey out of obligation? No. We obey because we love YHVH.

Why not begin with such a special command? The command to take time on the 7th day of the week to spend time with your

Creator.

[“Worship God! For the testimony of Yeshua is the Spirit of Prophecy.” Revelation 19:10cd TLV](#)



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