

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

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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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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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Spirit-filled Songs of Praise in Luke's Gospel

[\(Luke 1-2\)](#) 5783 B"H, updated 2/20/23

Last week, I focused on [Dr.Luke, Gospel-writer](#). His purpose in writing was so that the beloved ones would ["know for sure the Truth."](#) We will see today that Luke was also very interested in recording examples of [Spirit-filled praise](#).

As we continue to look at [Luke's](#) writings, I'd like to point out his early focus on praise hymns. Before the [first chapter](#) of the [Gospel of Luke](#) ends, he has already shared with us the song of praise (often called the ["Magnificat"](#)) of Mary (Miriam), the mother of Jesus (Yeshua).

This indicates to me that Luke was a worshipper. It seems to me that Dr.Luke had a heart filled with praise which inspired Him to write and share the Good News with us.

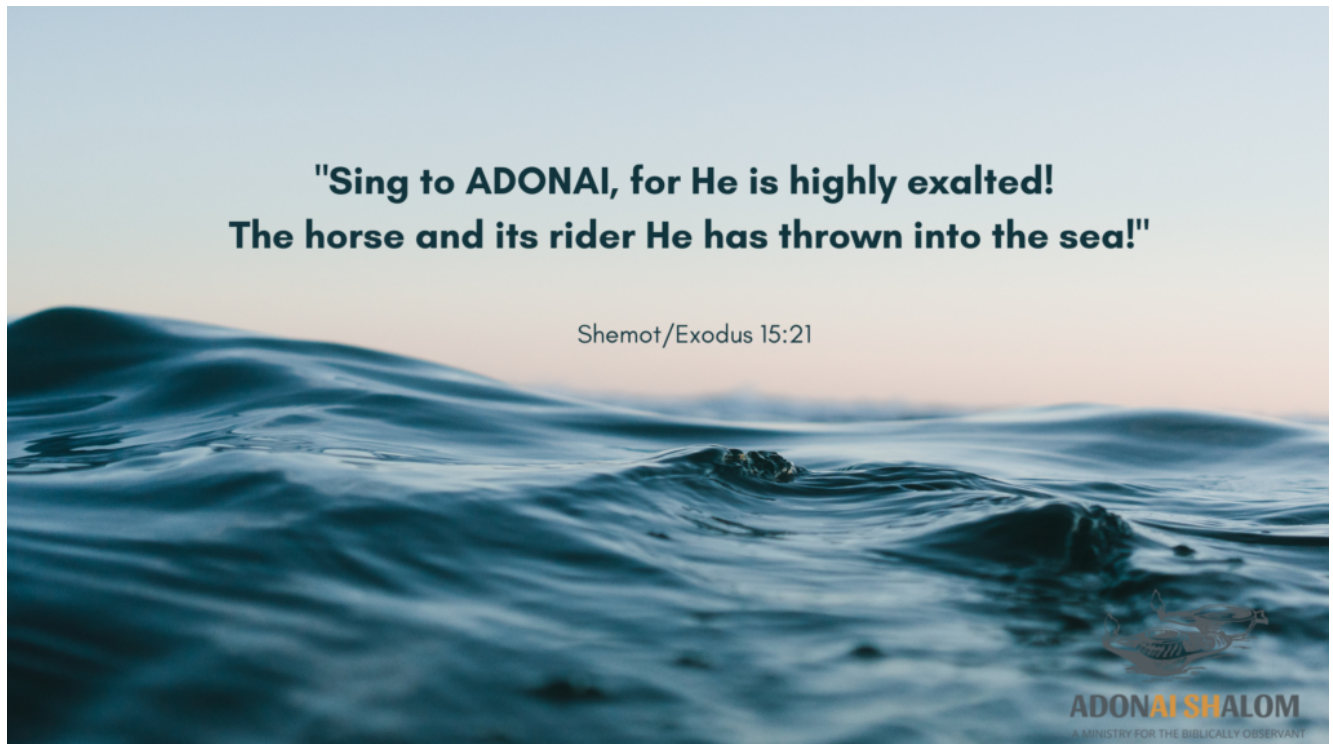
Miriam the Prophetess & Miriam, Mother of Messiah

When we hear the name "Miriam" related to Scripture, it is not uncommon to immediately think of Miriam the Prophetess, Moshe's (Moses') brave sister [\(Shemot/Exodus 15:20\)](#).

Both [Moshe \(Moses\) and Miriam sang praises to ADONAI](#) for leading them to safety through the parted waters of the Red Sea [\(Shemot/Exodus 15\)](#). With tambourine in hand, Miriam led dancing and singing:

["Sing to ADONAI, for He is highly exalted! The horse and its](#)

[rider He has thrown into the sea!" Exodus 15:21](#)



The praises sang in the Sinai desert set a precedent for the way praise would be offered throughout the Scriptures. Even today, we ought use these patterns for our praise – unashamedly rejoicing before the LORD in song and celebration.

Every bit of the Bible is compelling, but I find it very fascinating that **Miriam the Prophetess is not the only Miriam in Scripture.**

The mother of Yeshua (Jesus) was also a Miriam. “Mary” is anglicized. Back in ancient Bethlehem, it wasn’t “Mary and Joseph:” it was “Yosef and Miriam” blessed with their beautiful Son, Yeshua.

[Luke’s Gospel account](#) records that when Miriam visited Elizabeth, the Holy Spirit (Ruach haKodesh) filled Elizabeth “completely” ([Luke 1:41](#), TLV).

In response to that Spirit-driven experience, Prophetess Miriam praised the LORD using the types of phrasing typical of Hebrew poetry. It is likely that Miriam, mother of Jesus (Yeshua) was inspired by the praise song sung by the other

Miriam, sister of Moses:

"Then Miriam said,

'My soul magnifies ADONAI,

and my spirit greatly rejoices in God, my Savior.

For He has looked with care upon the humble state of His maidservant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One has done a great thing for me,
and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation
to the ones who fear Him.

He has displayed power with His arm

He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down rulers from thrones
and exalted humble ones.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent away the rich empty-handed.

He has helped His servant Israel,
remembering His mercy,

just as He spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his seed forever.'" Luke 1:46-55

Zechariah the Priest (Kohen)

Luke, being the very detail-oriented doctor that he was, made sure to record the song sung by Priest Zechariah because of its prophetic Truth.

Zechariah, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit (Ruach haKodesh) and Luke makes sure to point that out.

Notice the parallels between the songs of the Miriams and Zechariah. They begin by magnifying the LORD, blessing His Holy Name. The Bible says that Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and therefore prophesied about his son Yochanan (John [the Baptist/Immerser]) as well as Messiah Yeshua our

Savior Jesus:

"Blessed be ADONAI,
God of Israel,
for He has looked after His people
and brought them redemption.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of His servant David,
just as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ages
past,
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us!
So He shows mercy to our fathers
and remembers His holy covenant,
the vow which He swore to Abraham
our father, to grant us—
rescued fearlessly from the hand of
our enemies—to serve Him,
in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
And you, child, will be called a prophet of Elyon.
For you will go before ADONAI to prepare His ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to His people
through removal of their sins.
Through our God's heart of mercy,
the Sunrise from on high will come upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet in the way of shalom." Luke 1:67-79



The Army of Heaven

Are you familiar with Chris Tomlin's song, [Whom Shall I Fear? \(The God of Angel Armies\)](#)?

I particularly love the line, ["The One who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine!"](#)

Think about that! Let it sink in! The God of the Heavenly Armies, the All-Victorious, Almighty One, who reigns forever – is also your Friend. A Friend of mine!? Then yes, whom shall I fear? The Commander-In-Chief, the Eternal Protector, just so happens to be the One I can call upon at any moment and He will send heavenly host reinforcements. Immediately. He's that Powerful. He's that Loving. He's that good of a Friend. *ADONAI-Tzva'ot!*

["A multitude of heavenly armies"](#) proclaimed the birth of our Messiah:

["Glory to God in the highest, and on earth shalom to men of good will." Luke 2:13-14](#)

Luke recorded these songs of praise to inspire us to do the same.

Praise the LORD today!

Does your soul magnify ADONAI?

Do you sing praises to the LORD Most High?

Have you, like those who have gone before us, recognized the Sovereignty of God in your life?

Do you rejoice in God your Savior?

Have you been rescued and delivered by His Mighty hand of power?

Are you filled with the glorious Holy Spirit?

Praise the LORD for all He has done!

[“For the Mighty One has done a great thing for me, and holy is His Name.” Luke 1:49](#)

Asbury Awakening

We appear to be witnessing a revival, or what is often more historically termed, an “awakening,” at Asbury University. As I wrote on our [Adonai Shalom Facebook page](#),

“Let’s pray for the students of Asbury University. May this be a true revival/spiritual awakening that our nation and world so desperately needs. I have been cautiously optimistic that what is going on there may become the Azusa Street of our day. This generation has been raised on coffee and donuts in the church and is hungry for real spiritual nourishment. I pray this generation learns true worship and experiences the authentic power of the Eternal One! I also pray for the administration because the logistics of what is going on at

the university must be quite a challenge to navigate. But may the LORD have His way and may hearts turn to Messiah Yeshua (Jesus)!"

This is such an exciting event to witness! We are in the last days, and there will again be Spirit-filled songs of praise lifted to our Most High God who is worthy of all honor and glory forever and ever. With all the modern technology, people have found out about the revival and are traveling from all over the world, hungry to experience the LORD. The Spirit of God is not limited to that place, but there will be people who, like the wise men, need to go there to see what it is the LORD has done and they will go and spread that news elsewhere. We should pray that this wonderful spirit of repentance and revival will continue and truly have a global impact.

Keep your eyes fixed on our Savior Yeshua (Jesus) – because He will come back for His own!



May you be most especially blessed today!

Living Water at the Feast of Tabernacles: exploring John 7

Water was drawn from the Pool of Siloam, brought to the Temple, poured on the altar, and berakhot (blessings) were said, thanking the LORD Most High for rain. That same pool of water would be the site where the blind man was healed and Messiah's healing ministry would expand.

Yom Kippur and Messiah's return

There are many Messianic prophecies in the Bible, but what is found in Zechariah 12 in particular regarding mourning (i.e. genuine, travailing repentance) is very much related to Yom Kippur. We know that Messiah Yeshua will come back after the time of the tribulation and wicked nations will be about to attack Jerusalem. Adonai Tzva'ot will handle it: "It will happen in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem" (Zech.12:9).