

Notes for the Ones Called-Out to Meet

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The Second Triumphal Entry

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“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9

“I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. ³ Then Yahweh will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. ⁵ And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then Yahweh, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! ⁶ And it will come about in that day that there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. ⁷ For it will be a unique day which is known to Yahweh, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. ⁸ And it will come about in that day that living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. ⁹ And Yahweh will be king over all the earth; in that day Yahweh will be the only one, and His name the only one.”

Zechariah 14:2-9

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Matthew 23:37-39

“And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them; ¹¹ and they also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.’ ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem...”

Acts 1:9-12

Many people do not realize that there are two “triumphal entry” prophecies spoken about in the book of Zechariah. Both of these are described as a “grand entry” of the king, the king of Jerusalem. Interestingly, both of these separate events were revealed to the prophet Zechariah, over 500 years before Christ was born in Judea, and more than 550 years before Jesus would fulfill the first of these prophecies. Although it was not clearly understood by Zechariah, Jesus will ultimately fulfill the second prophecy, as well.

Both events take place on the Mount of Olives. Both proclaim the coming of a king. On both occasions, this king will be riding a beast of burden. Both events are proclamations and precursors of a great deliverance. Both times the king will come with a procession. Both times, the people will be crying out for the salvation of Yahweh. Both times, Jesus Himself will be the center of everyone’s attention.

In spite of these amazing similarities, those two days could not be more different!

On that first day...

The king will come in humility and meekness
The king will come riding on a donkey’s colt
The king will come with salvation and grace
The king will come offering peace
The king will come with the noise of celebration
The king will come amidst throngs of people
The king came to be a light in the darkness
The king came to save the world
The king never reigned over any earthly kingdom
The king was judged and rejected
by those who did not believe

On that second day...

The king will come in majesty and authority
The king will come riding on a white war horse (Rev. 19:11)
The king will come with salvation and judgment
The king will come bringing war and fighting
The king will come with the tumult of earthquake and war
The king will come with armies of angels (Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7)
The king will forever put an end to the darkness
The king will come to judge the world (Jn. 12:47)
The king will reign over the entire earth, as the ONLY KING.
The king will judge and reject those who do not believe

A couple of days after the first triumphal entry, Jesus wept over Jerusalem, because they would not respond to His message, or His care. They would be “desolate”. Within a generation, Jerusalem was defeated and destroyed by the Romans. Again, at the end of the age, the city will be being invaded by other nations when Jesus will return as the prophesied king. He will descend, as the angels declared, out from the sky, as the disciples had seen Him depart. This time, however, He will defeat those who are opposed to Him, and He will come to reign as king over all the earth.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Yahweh!