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ZECHARIAH PART 1

We spoke earlier that the minor prophets were called this due to their writings being shorter than the major prophets. But there is nothing minor about their messages.

Zechariah is one of the most significant of the prophetic books as it speaks of the Messiah and the end times. Let us highlight just a few of these prophecies.

Among the prophecies of the coming of Jesus is Zechariah 9:9 which speaks of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem/Judea. It reads, ***“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion [Jerusalem]. Shout O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, thy king cometh unto thee. He is just [righteous], and having salvation, lowly [humble, meek], and riding upon an ass, and upon an colt the foal of an ass.”***

This prophecy was fulfilled in Matthew 21:1-10; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-40; and John 12:12-15.

We also see the prophecy of Jesus' betrayal for thirty pieces of silver by Judas along with the specific location of Judas' burial. Zechariah 11:12-13 says, ***“And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me [Judas] my price, and if not, forbear [hold off]. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, cast it unto the potter. A goodly price that I was prised [priced] at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.”***

Judas cast the silver back to the Jews in the temple and they bought the potters field for Judas' burial with the money. The prophecies were given more than five hundred years before Judas' betrayal.

There are more of Zechariah's prophecies fulfilled and we shall look at more of them tomorrow.

This “minor prophet book” contains some of the greatest of all the Old Testament prophecies.