

# *The Presence of the Old Testament in the Gospel Tradition*

## **Zechariah 9**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, daughter of Jerusalem! Look, your king is approaching, he is vindicated and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace to the nations, his empire will stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the limits of the earth.

## **The Cleansing of the Temple**

### **John 2**

<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, but they stayed there only a few days.

<sup>13</sup> When the time of the Jewish Passover was near Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

<sup>14</sup> and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and doves, and the money changers sitting there.

<sup>15</sup> Making a whip out of cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, sheep and cattle as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over

<sup>16</sup> and said to the dove sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop using my Father's house as a market.'

<sup>17</sup> Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: I am eaten up with zeal for your house.

<sup>18</sup> The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us that you should act like this?'

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, 'Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

<sup>20</sup> The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up again in three days?'

<sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the Temple that was his body,

<sup>22</sup> and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what he had said.

### **Mark 11**

<sup>11</sup> He entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple; and when he had surveyed it all, as it was late by now, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

<sup>12</sup> Next day as they were leaving Bethany, he felt hungry.

<sup>13</sup> Seeing a fig tree in leaf some distance away, he went to see if he could find any fruit on it, but when he came up to it he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season for figs.

<sup>14</sup> And he addressed the fig tree, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard him say this.

<sup>15</sup> So they reached Jerusalem and he went into the Temple and began driving out the men selling and buying there; he upset the tables of the money changers and the seats of the dove sellers.

<sup>16</sup> Nor would he allow anyone to carry anything through the Temple.

<sup>17</sup> And he taught them and said, 'Does not scripture say: My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples? But you have turned it into a bandits' den.'

<sup>18</sup> This came to the ears of the chief priests and the scribes, and they tried to find some way of doing away with him; they were afraid of him because the people were carried away by his teaching.

<sup>19</sup> And when evening came he went out of the city.

<sup>20</sup> Next morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered to the roots.

<sup>21</sup> Peter remembered. 'Look, Rabbi,' he said to Jesus, 'the fig tree that you cursed has withered away.'

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, 'Have faith in God.'

<sup>23</sup> In truth I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, "Be pulled up and thrown into the sea," with no doubt in his heart, but believing that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

## **2 Samuel 7:1**

Once the king had settled into his palace and Yahweh had granted him rest from all the enemies surrounding him,

<sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a cedar-wood palace, while the ark of God is under awnings.'

<sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do whatever you have in mind, for Yahweh is with you.'

<sup>4</sup> But that very night, the word of Yahweh came to Nathan:

<sup>5</sup> 'Go and tell my servant David, "Yahweh says this: Are you to build me a temple for me to live in?

<sup>6</sup> I have never lived in a house from the day when I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until today, but have kept travelling with a tent for shelter.

<sup>7</sup> In all my travels with all the Israelites, did I say to any of the judges of Israel, whom I had commanded to shepherd my people Israel: Why do you not build me a cedar-wood temple?"

<sup>8</sup> This is what you must say to my servant David, "Yahweh Sabaoth says this: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel;

<sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you went; I have got rid of all your enemies for you. I am going to make your fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth.

<sup>10</sup> I am going to provide a place for my people Israel; I shall plant them there, and there they will live and never be disturbed again; nor will they be oppressed by the wicked any more, as they were in former times

<sup>11</sup> ever since the time when I instituted judges to govern my people Israel; and I shall grant you rest from all your enemies. Yahweh furthermore tells you that he will make you a dynasty.

<sup>12</sup> And when your days are over and you fall asleep with your ancestors, I shall appoint your heir, your own son to succeed you (and I shall make his sovereignty secure.

<sup>13</sup> He will build a temple for my name) and I shall make his royal throne secure for ever.

<sup>14</sup> I shall be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does wrong, I shall punish him with a rod such as men use, with blows such as mankind gives.

<sup>15</sup> But my faithful love will never be withdrawn from him as I withdrew it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

<sup>16</sup> Your dynasty and your sovereignty will ever stand firm before me and your throne be for ever secure." '

<sup>17</sup> Nathan related all these words and this whole revelation to David.

## **Jeremiah 7:1**

The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

<sup>2</sup> 'Stand at the gate of the Temple of Yahweh and there proclaim this message. Say, "Listen to the word of Yahweh, all you of Judah who come in by these gates to worship Yahweh.

<sup>3</sup> Yahweh Sabaoth, the God of Israel, says this: Amend your behaviour and your actions and I will let you stay in this place.

<sup>4</sup> Do not put your faith in delusive words, such as: This is Yahweh's sanctuary, Yahweh's sanctuary, Yahweh's sanctuary!

<sup>5</sup> But if you really amend your behaviour and your actions, if you really treat one another fairly,

<sup>6</sup> if you do not exploit the stranger, the orphan and the widow, if you do not shed innocent blood in this place and if you do not follow other gods, to your own ruin,

<sup>7</sup> then I shall let you stay in this place, in the country I gave for ever to your ancestors of old.  
<sup>8</sup> Look, you are putting your faith in delusive, worthless words!  
<sup>9</sup> Steal, would you, murder, commit adultery, perjure yourselves, burn incense to Baal, follow other gods of whom you know nothing? -  
<sup>10</sup> and then come and stand before me in this Temple that bears my name, saying: Now we are safe to go on doing all these loathsome things!  
<sup>11</sup> Do you look on this Temple that bears my name as a den of bandits? I, at any rate, can see straight, Yahweh declares.

### **Isaiah 56:1**

Thus says Yahweh: Make fair judgement your concern, act with justice, for soon my salvation will come and my saving justice be manifest.  
<sup>2</sup> Blessed is anyone who does this, anyone who clings to it, observing the Sabbath, not profaning it, and abstaining from every evil deed.  
<sup>3</sup> No foreigner adhering to Yahweh should say, 'Yahweh will utterly exclude me from his people.' No eunuch should say, 'Look, I am a dried-up tree.'  
<sup>4</sup> For Yahweh says this: To the eunuchs who observe my Sabbaths and choose to do my good pleasure and cling to my covenant,  
<sup>5</sup> I shall give them in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I shall give them an everlasting name that will never be effaced.  
<sup>6</sup> As for foreigners who adhere to Yahweh to serve him, to love Yahweh's name and become his servants, all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant:  
<sup>7</sup> these I shall lead to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples.  
<sup>8</sup> Lord Yahweh who gathers the exiles of Israel declares: There are others I shall gather besides those already gathered.  
<sup>9</sup> Come and gorge, all you wild beasts, all you beasts of the forest!  
<sup>10</sup> Its watchmen are all blind, they know nothing. Dumb watchdogs all, unable to bark, they dream, lie down, and love to sleep.  
<sup>11</sup> Greedy dogs, never satisfied, such are the shepherds, who understand nothing; they all go their own way, each to the last man after his own interest.  
<sup>12</sup> 'Come, let me fetch wine; we will get drunk on strong drink, tomorrow will be just as wonderful as today and even more so!'

### **Malachi 3:1**

'Look, I shall send my messenger to clear a way before me. And suddenly the Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple; yes, the angel of the covenant, for whom you long, is on his way, says Yahweh Sabaoth.  
<sup>2</sup> Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like fullers' alkali.  
<sup>3</sup> He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they can make the offering to Yahweh with uprightness.  
<sup>4</sup> The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be acceptable to Yahweh as in former days, as in the years of old.  
<sup>5</sup> I am coming to put you on trial and I shall be a ready witness against sorcerers, adulterers, perjurers, and against those who oppress the wage-earner, the widow and the orphan, and who rob the foreigner of his rights and do not respect me, says Yahweh Sabaoth.