

~HADRACH (59) **(Ha'drach)**

- A land against which Yehowah expressed a pronouncement through his prophet Zechariah. This prophecy, pronounced probably in **518 B.C.E.**, showed that **Hadrach** had incurred Yehowah's displeasure.
- It is mentioned in association with a number of cities surrounding Israel, such as Damascus, Hamath, Tyre, Sidon, and the Philistine cities of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and Ashdod.
- A pronouncement! The word of Yehowah is against the land of **Hadrach**, and Damascus is where it rests, for Yehowah has an eye on earthling man and on all the tribes of Israel. (**Zechariah 9:1**)
- And Hamath itself will also border upon her, Tyre and Sidon, for she is very wise. (**Zechariah 9:2**)
- And Tyre proceeded to build a rampart for herself, and to pile up silver like dust and gold like the mire of the streets. (**Zechariah 9:3**)
- Look! Yehowah himself will dispossess her, and into the sea he will certainly strike down her military force, and in the fire she herself will be devoured. (**Zechariah 9:4**)
- Ashkelon will see and get afraid, and as for Gaza, she will also feel very severe pains. Ekron also, because her looked-for hope will have to experience shame. And a king will certainly perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon herself will not be inhabited. (**Zechariah 9:5**)
- And an illegitimate son will actually seat himself in Ashdod, and I shall certainly cut off the pride of the Philistine. (**Zechariah 9:6**)
- And I will remove his bloodstained things from his mouth and his disgusting things from between his teeth, and he himself also will certainly be left remaining for our God, and he must become like a sheik in Judah, and Ekron like the Jebusite. (**Zechariah 9:7**)
- And I will encamp as an outpost for my house, so that there will

be no one passing through and no one returning, and there will no more pass through them a taskmaster, for now I have seen it with my eyes. (**Zechariah 9:8**)

- It may be that **Hadrach** was a city-state that exercised control over the area surrounding it. It is believed to be the Hatarikka of the Assyrian inscriptions, identified with the mound of **Tell Afis**, about 45 kilometers (28 miles) Southwest of Aleppo.
- Assyrian King Tiglath-pileser III lists **Hatarikka** among the 19 districts belonging to Hamath. [**Ancient Near Eastern Texts**, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, pp. 282,283]