

**Palm Sunday in the Big Picture**

Lk 19<sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples,<sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.”<sup>31</sup> And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’”<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them.<sup>33</sup> But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?”<sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of him.”<sup>35</sup> Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him.<sup>36</sup> And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.<sup>37</sup> Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,<sup>38</sup> saying: “‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”<sup>40</sup> But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”<sup>41</sup> Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,<sup>42</sup> saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”<sup>43</sup> For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,<sup>44</sup> and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”<sup>45</sup> Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,<sup>46</sup> saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”<sup>47</sup> And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,<sup>48</sup> and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

► To truly understand Palm Sunday, we must understand the big picture: Palm Sunday touched off not only Christ’s Passion Week, but also the entire sequence of events of the next \_\_\_\_\_ years ending in Jerusalem’s destruction (see vs 41-44). The reason God took so much time setting up the OT exodus, wilderness wanderings, destruction of Jericho, and the conquest of the promised land was to provide a vivid historical picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and its effect upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

Lk 9<sup>28</sup> He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.<sup>29</sup> As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.<sup>30</sup> And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,<sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease [lit., *exodus*] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Rom 4<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would be the heir of the world [*kosmos*] was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Mat 28<sup>18</sup> “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have

commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

► This means the true Pharaoh is no earthly tyrant, but the tyrant behind all tyrants: \_\_\_\_\_ who rules by the power of sin and death. That’s what we see in Rev 12, which is a vision showing the true nature of the events surrounding Christ’s first \_\_\_\_\_.

Rev 12<sup>1</sup> Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.<sup>2</sup> Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.<sup>3</sup> And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.<sup>4</sup> ... And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.<sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.<sup>6</sup> Then the woman fled into the wilderness ...<sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.” ...<sup>13</sup> Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.<sup>14</sup> But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness ...<sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Mat 2<sup>8</sup> [Herod] sent [the Magi] to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” ...<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, ... sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under.

2Tm 2<sup>25</sup> [I]n humility correct[] those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,<sup>26</sup> and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Rev 11<sup>8</sup> ... the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Rev 17<sup>3</sup> I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast ... having seven heads and ten horns ...<sup>5</sup> And on her forehead a name was written: “Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth.”<sup>6</sup> I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus ...<sup>18</sup><sup>24</sup> And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints ...

Lk 13<sup>33</sup> “[I]t cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.”

► How then are we to understand the role of OT Israel? Israel was God’s priestly (servant) nation to show all the world for all time: (1) The iron \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan, sin, and death, and

therefore the helplessness of fallen man; and (2) the only way of \_\_\_\_\_ thru Jesus Christ. No. 2 was shown thru the \_\_\_\_\_-types and prophets. No. 1 was shown by Israel's poor response, for while there was always a faithful believing remnant, Israel as a whole constantly \_\_\_\_\_ toward unbelief and unfaithfulness, and consequently toward judgment and captivity. All of the Christ-types were \_\_\_\_\_ by establishment powers within the covenant, and many of the prophets were persecuted or killed by the same, all in the name of advancing Israel (see Stephen's historical summary in Acts 7.9-52).

► This pattern was repeated toward Jesus Christ, against whom all of the feuding factions of Israel's leadership united, including: (1) The high priests (the \_\_\_\_\_); (2) The Sadducees (the theological and political \_\_\_\_\_ who supported the elites); (3) The scribes & Pharisees (the professing \_\_\_\_\_, including firebrand anti-Romans, Big Eva progressive sympathizers, and some closet believers such as Nicodemus). They all aligned against Jesus and conspired to crucify him because they saw him as a \_\_\_\_\_ to their positions, to their movements, and to their concept of Israel's interests, and they all \_\_\_\_\_ his popularity with the people.

► Earlier in his ministry, Jesus generally stayed away from Jerusalem, but now that it means \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus comes.

Lk 9 <sup>51</sup> Now ... when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem

Lk 18 <sup>31</sup> "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things

► As Jesus approaches Jerusalem, everything he says and does, and everything the disciples say and do in response, amount to a claim that he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, the long awaited Son of David, and the promised Messiah:

(1) Jesus comes riding on a \_\_\_\_\_ (30-31; Zec 9.9).

(2) The disciples spread their \_\_\_\_\_ on the road (36; 2Ki 9.13).

(3) The disciples shout, "Blessed is the \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the name of the LORD" (38; Ps 118.26).

(4) When the Pharisees call for Jesus to rebuke his disciples, he replies that if they were silent, the \_\_\_\_\_ would cry out (39-40; Hab 2.11).

(5) Jesus announces the \_\_\_\_\_ and destruction of Jerusalem (43-44).

Lk 21 <sup>5</sup> Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones ..., He said, <sup>6</sup> "These things which you see —the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." <sup>7</sup> So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And He said: ... <sup>20</sup> "[W]hen you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains ... <sup>32</sup> [T]his generation will by no means pass away till all [these] things take place."

Deut 18.18-22 (false prophets to be put to death)

Mat 26 <sup>63</sup> [T]he high priest ... said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see 'the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! ... <sup>66</sup> What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

Dan 7 <sup>13</sup> I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. <sup>14</sup> Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.

Heb 10 <sup>12</sup> [T]his Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

(6) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the temple (45-46).

Isa 56 <sup>7</sup> "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations"

Num 15 <sup>14</sup> [I]f a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering ... to the LORD, he shall do as you do. <sup>15</sup> For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD.

Jer 7 <sup>11</sup> "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I ... have seen it"

Jn 2.13-16 (Jesus' first cleansing of the temple)

Lev 14.34-48 (the priest was to inspect a leprous house up to three times, whereupon it would be condemned and demolished)