



Day of Decision

Palm Sunday

(all verses in ESV)

Psalm 118:24 *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118 is part of a special collection of Praise Songs.

Psalms 113 – 118 **EGYPTIAN** Hallel Hallel is Hebrew for Praise

Psalms 120 – 136 **GREAT** Hallel

Psalms 145 – 150 **FINAL** Hallel

Seven Days of Decision!!

Day Number 1 – Genesis 3

Genesis 3:1-14-15 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring (**Hebrew calls it SEED as in genetic seed**) and her offspring (**SEED**); he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

➤ **SOMEONE** is **COMING!!**

Day Number 2 – Exodus 12

Exodus 12:1-3,5-7 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household... ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷ Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

God's doing 2 New Things:

1. God gives Israel a **NEW CALENDAR** Nisan becomes the first month of the year!
God calls out 3 special days *Nisan 1st...Nisan 10th...Nisan 14th*
2. God gives Israel a **NEW CEREMONY** Passover becomes the salvation celebration!

➤ **THE LAMB** brings **SALVATION!!**

Day Number 3 – Psalm 118

Psalm 118:19-24, 26 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it... ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

➤ **THE STONE** that is **REJECTED!!**

Day Number 4 – Daniel 9

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

Gabriel gives Daniel 2 important days:

Day 1: The day a commandment is given to rebuild Jerusalem's wall.

Day 2: The day of the coming of an anointed one **MASHIVACH NAGIVD** Messiah the King.

➤ **THE DAY** can be **KNOWN!!**

Day Number 5 – Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12

Luke 19:29-44 ...he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here... ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near already on the way down the Mount of Olives the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." ⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

2 important things happening here:

1. Jesus presents himself as **THE KING**.

- We know he is doing this because he **RODE A DONKEY**.
- The people know he's doing this and respond by:
 - Spreading their **GARMENTS**
 - Waved **PALM BRANCHES**
 - Sang from the special **EGYPTIAN HALEL PSALMS**

2. Jesus presents himself as **THE LAMB**

- The 10th of Nisan came to be known as:
 - The Day of **PRESENTATION** – Presenting the Lamb **TO THE PRIEST**
 - The Day of **TAKING** – Taking the Lamb **HOME**
 - The Day of **ACCEPTING** – Israel accepting the **AS PERFECT**

The Special Day of Rejoicing in Psalm 118 is **PSALM SUNDAY**

Day Number 6 – Revelation 7

Day Number 7 – Revelation 20

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