

# JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY -- PALM SUNDAY

{April 13, 2014 A.D.}

1. God's Appropriation. **{SOVEREIGN KING}**
2. Presentation of the King of Peace/Righteousness/Glory – Praise/Prayer (Worship/Faith) response of God's people. **{SOVEREIGN KING}**
3. Christ's lament over the people's failure to recognize the time of God's coming (visitation) to them. **{PROPHET/JUDGE}**
4. Who is this???? Jesus the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. **{PROPHET/MESSIAH-CHRIST/GOD INCARNATE, GOD WITH US (Person/Teaching/Ministry)}**
5. Cleansing of the temple. **{HIGH PRIEST}**
6. Indignation of the religious leadership to the prophetic voice of God.

## FOCUS PASSAGES – 1<sup>st</sup> COMING of CHRIST:

[Matthew 21:1-17](#) [Mark 11:1-10](#) [Mark 11:15-18](#) [Luke 19:29-48](#) [John 12:12-22](#) ([John 2:13-22](#) not included)

## REFERENCE PASSAGE – 2<sup>nd</sup> COMING of CHRIST:

[Revelation 19:11-16](#)

- ❑ Focusing in on the "**Cleansing of the Temple**." (FOCUS PASSAGE)
  - Cleansing of the Temple as a part of the larger and imminent, forceful return of **Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords to manifest/consummate God's Reign.**
- ❑ Addresses:
  - Judgment beginning in the "**House of God**" (1 Peter 4:17).
  - Commercialization of worship/faith ("**Den of Robbers**" – Canaanites & unfaithful/hireling Under-Shepherds).
  - Greatest defilement of the Temple (**Church/Heart – false worship**).
  - Instead of true faith, misplaced confidence/**presumption in hypocritical worship**.
  - **God's inclusion in His chosen remnant**, representatives from many tribes/tongues.

## FOCUS EXCERPT – 1<sup>st</sup> COMING of CHRIST:

[Matthew 21:1-17](#) (NASB95)

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were **buying and selling in the temple**, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. <sup>13</sup> And He said\* to them, "It is written, '**MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER**'; but you are making it a **ROBBERS' DEN**."

<sup>14</sup> And *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

[Zechariah 14:20-21](#) (NASB95)

<sup>20</sup> In that day there will *be inscribed* on the bells of the horses, "**HOLY TO THE LORD**." And the cooking pots in the LORD'S house will be like the bowls before the altar. <sup>21</sup> Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them.

And **there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.**

[Jeremiah 7:1-11](#) (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house and proclaim there this word and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!' " <sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup> "**Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'**

<sup>5</sup> "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, <sup>6</sup> *if* you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, <sup>7</sup> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. <sup>8</sup> "Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup> "**Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known,** <sup>10</sup> then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name,

and say, 'We are delivered!'—that you may do all these abominations? <sup>11</sup> "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight?"

Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*," declares the LORD.

**Isaiah 56:1-12** (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD, "Preserve justice and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come And My righteousness to be revealed. <sup>2</sup> "How blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

<sup>3</sup> Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from His people." Nor let the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree."

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD, "To the eunuchs who **keep My sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,** <sup>5</sup> To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. <sup>6</sup> "Also the foreigners who **join themselves to the LORD, To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the sabbath And holds fast My covenant;** <sup>7</sup> Even those I will bring to My holy mountain And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." <sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD, who gathers the dispersed of Israel, declares, "Yet *others* I will gather to them, to those *already* gathered."

<sup>9</sup> All you beasts of the field, All you beasts in the forest, Come to eat. <sup>10</sup> His watchmen are blind, All of them know nothing. All of them are mute dogs unable to bark, Dreamers lying down, who love to slumber; <sup>11</sup> And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one. <sup>12</sup> "Come," *they say*, "let us get wine, and let us drink heavily of strong drink; And tomorrow will be like today, only more so."

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**John 12:20-21** (NASB)

20 *Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;*  
21 *these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and {began to} ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."*

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- **Discernment:**
  - God's holiness and His personal and just wrath against sin and sinners
  - Our personal and particular need of forgiveness
  - God's personal and particular love of us and His grace that saves us from just condemnation
  - The infinite cost and value of the broken Body and shed Blood of Christ
  - Our infinite debt of love and gratitude to God for our salvation
- **Commitment:**
  - To faithfully love God with an undivided heart
  - To live holy obedient lives, to His glory, picking up our individual crosses and offering our lives to be poured out for Christ and His Kingdom
  - To love our brothers and sisters in Christ, the lost and our enemies, self-sacrificially, as Christ loved
  - In accepting the gifts of His sacrifice of atonement and righteous life before God, we accept His Lordship over our life, the particular life he has ordained for us to live to His glory
- **We Come:**
  - Justified – by God's declaration of us before God as "NOT GUILTY and RIGHTEOUS"
  - Redeemed – by God's payment of a infinite ransom to God
  - Reconciled – by God's restoration of our relationship with Him
  - Regenerated – by miraculous rebirth, with a new spirit alive in Christ and a new heart of flesh
  - Repentant – changed of heart/mind away from evil, by the power of God
  - Converted – new will which is the will of our heavenly Father
  - Sanctified – set apart to be holy and wholly God's
  - To be Glorified – the hopeful in the faithfulness and power of God to do all He promised

