

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of April 13, 2025
"Triumphal Entry"

PALM BRANCHES

Sunday **Read Mark 11:1-10**

"And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

The Jewish people were very eager to crown Jesus to be the King over the nation of Israel. It was God's promise to His chosen nation that their Messiah would rule the world from the throne of David in Jerusalem. The Israelites were right as far as the prophetic truth of the Messiah to be the King of kings, but they were off in their timing. The first appearing of the Jewish Messiah would be for the sacrificial lamb to take away the sin of the world. God would be able to offer a Divine pardon to all who would confess their sin and open their hearts to Jesus. The Kingdom would come later!

DAVIDIC COVENANT

Monday **Read II Samuel 7:16-17**

"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." God's covenant with David to make the throne of David as an eternal kingdom is the hope of all the Jews. In His covenant with Abraham, God promised that He would bless all people in the earth through the nation He would make of Abraham. He is in the process of bringing that to happen before our very eyes with all the focus on Israel in today's news! Looking back over the history of the world, Satan has tried to distract people from God's truth. He has actually succeeded in causing Israel to be the target of most nations. The Anti-Semitic movement even now is flourishing on college campuses in America. But God is working things out to maintain His chosen nation under the current leadership of Benjamin Netanyahu. The stage is being set for that final great battle that will occur according to God's time table.

MOUNT ZION

Tuesday **Read Psalm 2:6-10**

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Even the psalmist shared prophetic truth along with all of the words of instruction for people to live their lives according to the principles of God. Although the establishment of the Kingdom of Israel with the throne of David on Mount Zion remains the hope that will wait until God has completed other parts of His plan. That plan will include Gentiles, the people who became a major part of God's church. As we see the Church Age coming to its completion a lot of the world's attention is turning to Israel. Much of the news is focused on the discord created on the Gaza strip where the Hamas have committed

themselves to wiping Israel off the face of the earth. All that is leading up to the return of Jesus. That is the battle in which Jesus will return to earth to take the throne of David and establish the kingdom in fulfillment of God's covenant with David.

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

WednesdayRead Romans 6:10-13

"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Whereas Satan has blinded many, if not most, people to God's truth. God has His people to promote His righteousness as recorded in the Bible. If there was ever a time that the followers of Jesus needed to shine as the light of the world, it is now. The Holy Spirit, whose presence on earth is in the bodies of true believers, is working to complete the building of the church. The Holy Spirit leaves earth when those who have accepted Christ are taken to heaven as mentioned in II Thessalonians 2:7 NIV: *"For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way."* That will open the door to Satan going wild for seven years until Jesus comes to rule the earth.

THE CRUCIFIXION

ThursdayRead John 19:19-22

"And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, Jesus of Nazareth the king of the jews." When Jesus was put on trial before Pilate, the Roman governor, the charge was that He claimed to be the King. That obviously would upset the Roman emperor. When Pilate raised the point about the accusations, Jesus remained silent. Instead of defending Himself against the false charges, He yielded to the demands of the crowd convincing Pilate to rule for a crucifixion. Praise God that His crucifixion led to the resurrection: victory over death!

GOD'S TIMING

FridayRead Habakkuk 2:1-3

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." The most important calendar in the world is God's calendar. His planning is perfect. We read this about His timing in Galatians 4:4: *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."* The next great event on God's calendar is the Rapture of the Church, when Jesus appears in the air to take believers to heaven. Since only God knows when that is scheduled, it is important for all believers to do as Jesus commanded in Matthew 24:44: *"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."* Be ready.

KING OF KINGS

Saturday Read Revelation 19:16-20

"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords." The final battle on God's earth will be the Battle of Armageddon. When it appears the armies of the nations will conquer Jerusalem, Jesus comes from heaven with His army of His followers to defeat those who thought they were going to subdue the Israelites. After leading His people to victory in battle, Jesus will take the throne of David to rule the world. The King is coming! He will bring His people with Him: true Christians.