

# **The Path To Palm Sunday**

# When did the path begin?

- **Genesis 3:15** Notice this is where the path of Jesus begins: with the declared war against Satan, who caused the fall of Adam and Eve. The “He” is Jesus, and “you” is Satan. The battle over mens’ souls is a spiritual battle which will be eventually won by Jesus in the Millennial Kingdom and the final war which leads to a recreated earth and eternity, but until that time, Satan will continue to bruise, or strike at our weak spots. That is why Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:27 to “not give the devil an opportunity” and in chapter 6 that we must dress in our spiritual armor. Without our armor, we cannot make the stand against Satan’s schemes.

- **But note Jesus will “bruise you on the head,” the power source of Satan, the father of lies and progenitor of murder. Remember how the snake “spoke” to Eve.**
- **Beware of his voice. He will always speak what seems to be the truth, but it will be perverted in some way.**
- **Remember the advice of John in 1 John 4: 1. Test the spirits! Everything good comes from above, while anything else comes from the deceiver. “Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.” James 1:16.**

# Next step on the path

- **The next step on the path to Palm Sunday is found in Genesis 3:21. This verse shows just how graceful and loving our Lord is. He made the first sacrifice in order to cover their nakedness. In this sacrifice, we are shown by Adam's two sons that Elohim showed Adam how to do a proper sacrifice and what the importance of the sacrifice was. Hebrews 9:22b reveals this. "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins."**
- **So knowing the reason for a blood sacrifice, Adam passes on Elohim's directive to his two sons.**

# Another step on the path

- **Genesis 4:3-7.** I have noted this many times in past messages, so draw your attention to verse 4. The word “fat portions,” is immensely important because Abel didn’t just bring a lamb and throw it on the altar to be burned up; he prepared it just like his father told him to. The lamb had to be spotless and brought. To do this, one has to recognize that he/she has sinned and must make a blood sacrifice to cover over their sin.
- **And to the fat, this points to the necessity to cut it up in portions and to offer the fat on the altar. Lev 7:31.**

# The sacrifice continues

- **Genesis 8:20 proves the necessity of the sacrifice. After the beasts depart the ark, the first thing Noah does is to make a blood sacrifice. Noah recognizes his sin and mankind's sin, so he obeys what he had been taught by his father, Lamech, of the godly lineage noted in chapter 5.**
- **The next verse is both telling of Elohim's nature and man's nature. Elohim is pleased with the sacrifice and makes a pronouncement to not curse the ground again, but He notes the ever present nature of man that it is evil from his youth.**
- **Thus the ever present need for the sacrifice.**

# The next important step

- **Genesis 49:10 is a very important verse because it is prophetic. Scepter equates with "ruler," Judah notes the tribe of prophetic importance, "staff" equates with a shepherd, "feet" equates with where he walks, "Shiloh" equates with Messiah, "obedience of the peoples" actually looks ahead to Jesus' second coming as king.**
- **So in the one verse we have Jesus explained as the One to come, but in the Old Testament shadow language.**

# Out of the shadow

- **Matthew 21:1-11. Jesus has been ministering for about 3 ½ years and now comes His Triumphal Entry! Jesus knew why He came, Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." And John 12:27 "But for this purpose I came to this hour." He knew He was the perfect lamb that was to be slain for the sins of the world-you and I.**
- **Jesus rode into Jerusalem to fulfill all prophecy. He allowed the people to be joyful and to proclaim Him to be King, the son of David, and the prophet. But He is so much more!**

# **Are you on His path?**

- The question we must ask ourselves is, have we met Jesus on our path of life? Have you joyfully proclaimed Him to be your Savior? Are you willing to throw palm branches down for Him and sing “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord?”**
- If you haven't, now is the day of salvation. He desires to be Lord of your life. Why not let Him into your heart so He can care for you, love you, and lead you through life.**
- Just acknowledge your sin and invite Him in. Open the door of your heart. He's just on the other side! Waiting!**