

Part 6 – This is the day which the Lord Hath Made

In part 5 we learned how the Psalmist proclaimed the Lord (YHVH) *became* his salvation *because* He heard his sincere prayer *and* delivered him out of his troubles, which gave him the victory over his enemies. Yet, the Lord's salvation was also *prophetical* of the time when “*The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner*”. And we learned that, in the *physical* sense, this referred to the building of the Temple of Solomon, and how a certain *physical* stone was rejected as being part of it. This stone is thought (by many) to be the very stone that Jacob laid his head on one night, when had a dream where he saw *a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it* (Gen 28:12). And, not only did Jacob set up that rock (as a pillar) and anoint it but, he also took it with him into Egypt, which his descendants then took out of Egypt, and into the Promise Land. And that's likely why Solomon wanted to use ‘*the rock*’ in the Temple but, for some reason, the builders rejected it. So, in the *physical* sense, **this** ‘rock’ (called today “Jacob's Pillar” or the ‘Stone of Scone’) is *most likely* what this Psalmist is referring to, here in Ps 118:22.

However, we also learned that this verse is *most definitely prophetical*. As the *Companion Bible* notes point out (and most all scholars agree) this ‘stone’ (in Ps 118:22) is *prophetical* for **the Messiah**, which **is** Jesus Christ. So, it's not surprising that there are *many* references to it, in the Scriptures. And we covered a few Scriptures which prophesied of it (Gen 49:24, Isa 28:16) and also looked at some of the Scriptures where Jesus Himself quoted from this Psalm (Mth 21:42, Mk 12:10-11 and Lk 20:17-18) that *prove* this verse **is indeed** prophetical of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. So, we know that *this* ‘stone’ - that the builders refused - is *prophetical* of how, those who were *controlling* (managing with guile) God's Temple would *refuse* Jesus Christ as the ‘corner stone’ (i.e. the head stone). And what that means is **they rejected Jesus Christ as the Messiah**, who *was* prophesied to be the ‘head ruler’ (chiefdom), i.e. the King of kings and Lord of lords of God's righteous (and eternal) Government (Ps 2:6, Isa 9:6-7, 11:1, 32:1, 33:22; Jer 23:5, 33:15; Zech 3:8, 6:12; Mal 4:1, etc.). And we also looked at how Peter quoted from this Psalm 118:22 (in Acts 4:8-12) which *also* proves this Psalm 118:22 is prophetical for **how Jesus Christ would be rejected**, at His First Advent, **as the Messiah** (i.e. the King of kings and Lord of lords).

Yet we also learned that, *because* ‘the stone’ (i.e. the head stone of the corner, i.e. Jesus Christ) was rejected (at His first Advent) it (He) was **also prophesied to be a ‘stone of stumbling’**. As the Scriptures declare (Isa 8:14, 1 Peter 2:1-8, Rom 9:29-33), Jesus was be **“a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to those who refuse the Lord (YHVH) to rule over them. And that is *because* they ‘stumble at the Word’ (i.e., they do not believe God's Word) and are, therefore, ‘disobedient’ to God's Word. So, regardless of race, *anyone* who rejects Jesus Christ as the Messiah, will *not* be allowed to be a part of God's *eternal* Government, which is what the ‘building’ of the Temple represented (as Jesus also said in Mth 21:43 and 7:21-23, etc.). Yet, Paul also explained (in 1 Cor 3:9-17) how those who **do** believe in Jesus Christ, as the *true* Messiah

(i.e. they accepted the ‘corner stone’, this Ps 118:22 prophesied of), are indeed ‘God’s building’, which foundation is *laid upon* Jesus Christ. In fact, Paul even explains that, when the Holy Spirit dwells within us, *we are* the “Temple of God”, which Paul further explained in Eph 2:18-22.

So, we learned that there’s *many* Scriptures that speak of this ‘head stone of the corner’ *being Jesus Christ* – which is *the* stone that completes, and is *above all* the others ‘stones’ (people), like the capstone of a pyramid. And, if we reject Him as that ‘head stone of the corner’ (i.e. the capstone), then He *will* indeed reject us (Matt 10:32-33; Luke 9:23-26). And that’s *why* Jesus Christ will still be a ‘stone of stumbling’ *yet future to us*! For, as the Scriptures clearly warn us (Ps 110:1-2), the *true* Messiah will *not* (and *cannot*) *return until* the *false* Messiah (the false ‘head stone of the corner’) comes *first*. This *is* the ‘antichrist’ (which actually means the ‘instead of Christ’, in the Greek), who *is none other* than Satan himself (Rev 12:7-12, Matt 24:15; Mark 13:14, Dan 9:27, 11:31, 12:11). And those who accept Satan, as the Messiah, will thus commit *apostasy* which Paul warned us *strongly* about in 2 Thess 2: 1-4. So, in the prophetic sense (still yet future to us today) Jesus *will* be a ‘stone of stumbling’ to many Christians *because* they won’t realize there is a *false* Christ (Satan himself) coming *before* the *true* Jesus Christ returns. Thus, they will unwittingly worship God’s arch enemy, Satan, because they *willingly* rejected the opportunity to study God’s Word, just as the builders of old rejected ‘that stone’ (Jacob’s Pillar) which was prophetic of Jesus Christ.

So, the last study made it *very* apparent just *how* important this Psalm 118 really is. For, it not only prophesied of how Jesus Christ would be refused (rejected) at His *First* Advent, but also how He will be rejected during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 24:21) that comes *shortly before* Jesus Christ’s *Second* Advent. So then, the *reason* this Psalmist wrote this verse, right after stating how he would praise the Lord (YHVH) for saving him (‘become my salvation’, vs 21) is that he *knew*, even though many had (and would continue to) reject the *true* Messiah (‘the stone’), He would *still* become the ‘head stone of the corner’, i.e. the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 17:14, 19:16). And that’s why he went on to write “*This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes*” (Ps 118:23) - which means, it truly *was* the “Lord’s doing” that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and then took Him up to heaven, where Jesus *still* sits (at the right hand of God) *waiting* for His enemies to be made His ‘footstool - *so that* Jesus can return to earth as the King of kings and Lord of Lords, *forevermore* - as even Psalm 110:1 prophesied of. And that *truly* will be the *greatest* fulfillment of the Lord (YHVH) ‘becoming our salvation’, as verse 21 spoke about! So, yet again, we see these precious Psalms give us much hope, and comfort, through the many prophecies God has given to us, through them. And, it is the thought of hope, and comfort, *from the Scriptures* that we pick up with in this great Psalm...

Psalm 118

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Now, ‘*this day*’ is *still* speaking about the time set forth in the prior verses (22-23), when ‘*the stone*’ the builders *refused* (Jesus Christ) *would become* the ‘head stone of the corner’, i.e. the Chiefdom (top ruler, King of kings) of the *entire* world. So, while this verse is often cited by Christians to remind others to thank God for each day we have to live on earth (for life is a gift from Him), it’s truly quite a *prophetical* verse. The Hebrew word for ‘**day**’ here can mean **a day** but, it’s also often used, figuratively, for **a space of time defined by an associated term** (#3117). Therefore, ‘*this day*’ that the Lord (YHVH, #3068) has made refers to *the day* that Jesus Christ *returns* at His Second Advent, to take *full* control over the *entire* world. And the Bible has **a lot** to say about *that* ‘day’! For, the Old Testament *often* speaks of God’s ultimate victory over sin and death, *and* His return in judgment, as “*that day*”, “*the day*”, or “*the day of the Lord*” (Isa 2:11-22; Ezek 30:3-9; Joel 1:15, 2-3:2; Amos 5:18-20; Obadiah 1:15; Zeph 1:7-18; Zech 2:18-13, 9:16-17,14; Mal 3:16-18, 4:5, etc.). And, the New Testament *also* speaks much about ‘that day’, i.e. the ‘day of the Lord’ (Mth 7:21-23; Lk 6:22-23, 17:26-31, 21:34-36; Acts 2:17-21; 1 Cor 5:4-5; 2 Cor 1:14; 1 Thess 5:1-4; 2 Thess 2:1-4; 2 Peter 3:10; Rev 6:17, etc.)

And, as Peter tells us, we shouldn’t be ignorant that *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day* (2 Pt 3:8), which Ps 90:4 also says. And Rev 20:6 explains that, when Jesus Christ returns (at “that day”, i.e. the “day of the Lord”), He will not *only* come ‘with a vengeance’ to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ upon His enemies (Jude 14-15), but He will rule over all people (even His enemies) *for a thousand years* (i.e. “that day”, “this day”, the “day of the Lord”). You can learn more about “this day”, i.e. the Millennium, in the special study on **Enhances and Magnifies** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/421>].

Now, the Psalmist also says (in this Ps 118:24) that, when ‘this day’ comes (Jesus’ return) *we will rejoice and be glad in it*. The word ‘**rejoice**’ means **to spin round** (under the influence of any violent emotion), i.e. usually **rejoice**, or (as cringing) **fear** (#1523). And then the word ‘**glad**’ means **to brighten up**, i.e. (figuratively) be (or, make) **blithe** or **gleesome** (#8055). So, the Psalmist is prophesying how, when Jesus Christ (the true ‘head stone of the corner’, vs 22) returns (to take full control over the earth), we (who did not refuse Him, vs 22) will indeed rejoice *greatly* and be blithe and gleesome! As Isa 61:2-3 says, *the day of vengeance of our God is what comforts all those that mourn* for the wickedness on earth (specially Satan’s ruling on earth). For Jesus’ return *will reward* those who remained *faithful* servants to Him *and punish all* those who are wicked, and work iniquity (2 Cor 5:10, 2 Thess 1:6-10, Jude 14-15, etc.). As Peter also wrote, *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished* (2 Peter 2:9). And Isaiah also prophesied of the rejoicing we (who remained faithful to Jesus Christ) will have when He returns. As it is written, *And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation* (Isa 25:9). And this is why Jesus told us that, those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake (i.e. Jesus’ sake) are (and will be) *blessed*. And so, we *shouldn’t* be grieved at the persecutions we must

endure now, but “**Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you**” (Matt 5:10-12). And, as Paul also pointed out, “**the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**” (Rom 8:18). And, just as there are many Scriptures that speak of ‘that day’ of vengeance, so too are there many Scriptures that speak of ‘that day’ of the great rejoicing, those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ, will do (Isa 29:18-21, 35:1-4, 61:6-11, 65:18-19, 66:10-16; Jer 31:10-14, 32:37-42; Joel 2:21-27; Zeph 3:14-20; Zech 9:9, 10:6-9; John 16:20-22; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-14; Rev 18:20-21, 19:1-9). And not only that, Isa 62:5 also tells us that, “**for as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee**”. So, our Heavenly Father Himself will also be greatly rejoicing (blithe and gleesome) at the return of Jesus Christ. For it is in ‘that day’ the Lord (YHVH) has ‘made’ (appointed and caused to come to pass) that *all* evil will be stopped, *and punished* while all those who believe in Jesus Christ (that ‘head stone of the corner’) – and do *not* apostatize (2 Thess 2) – will indeed ‘*rejoice and be glad in it*’!

Psalms 118

25 *Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.*

26 *Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.*

Now, the Hebrew word ‘**save**’ here is **yasha**, a prim root that means **to be open, wide** or **free**, i.e. (by implication) **to be safe** and (causatively), **to free** or **succor** (#3467). This is actually one of the two prim roots that Jesus’ Greek name (#2424) comes from (#3091). And the word ‘**now**’ is a primitive particle **of incitement and entreaty**, which may usually be rendered: “**I pray,**” “**now,**” or “**then**”; it’s added mostly to verbs (in the Imperative or Future), or to interjections and, occasionally to an adverb or conjunction (#4994). And then the word ‘**beseech**’ means ‘**oh now!**’ (#577) and comes from #4994, which we looked at above. And, of course, the word “**Lord**” is God’s Sacred, and Covenantal, Name, **Yehovah** (i.e. YHVH, #3068), which means He is the **only self-existent, and eternal** One, for He has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And then the word ‘**prosperity**’ means **to push forward**, in various sense (literal or figurative, transitive or intransitive, #6743). Thus, it’s also been rendered as ‘be good’, ‘be profitable’ or to ‘send prosperity’, etc. Now, the *Companion Bible* notes points out that this verse isn’t a ‘particle of time’, but is an **entreaty** which is repeated **for emphasis**. The *Moffett Bible* renders this verse as, “*O thou Eternal, lend thine aid! O thou Eternal, prosper us!*”. So, as the prior verse (24) spoke of ‘*this day*’ that the Lord has made (appointed for the Messiah to come), this 25th verse now beseeches the Lord (YHVH) to ‘save now’ so he could see prosperity (or good things) come to pass.

And then (in verse 26) we see the Psalmist write, *Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD*. The word ‘**blessed**’ here (both times)

is a prim root that simply means *to kneel*; but, by implication, it can also mean *to bless God as an act of adoration* or, for *God to bless mankind as a benefit* (#1288). So, the first time the word ‘blessed’ is used, it’s used *in the sense that the Lord* (YHVH, #3068) would bless ‘He’ that would come ‘in the name of the Lord’, which is most certainly the *true* Messiah, Jesus Christ. That is, after all, why the Hebrew word that Jesus’ Greek name (#2424) comes from means Yehovah-saved (#3091). Further, Jesus plainly declared that He came *in His Father’s name* (John 5:43), and the miracles He did were done *in His Father’s name* (John 10:25), and that He *declared His Father’s name* to His apostles (John 17:26). In the Hebrew, the word ‘**name**’ can mean *a mark, or memorial, of individuality* but, by implication, also means *honor, authority, character* (#8034). So, Jesus’ declaring His Father’s Name (Yehovah, i.e. YHVH, #3068) means He *explained who He is*, i.e. His character, honor and authority. And so, Jesus Christ *did* come ‘in Yehovah’s name’ - not only because His own name included Yehovah’s name, but also because *He was sent of the Father* (Yehovah, i.e. YHVH) *and* because He taught others *who* the true God (YHVH) really is, i.e. what He’s like (ex: Mth 6:48, John 4:23, 5:36, 45-48) and the authority He has (ex: John 5:27).

But, in the second part of this 26th verse – where it is written that “*we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD*” – the word ‘**blessed**’ means *to bless God as an act of adoration* (#1288). And the word ‘**house**’ does mean *a house* but is used to refer to *God’s house*, i.e. the Temple. Thus, this 25th verse is simply prophesying of how the Messiah would come ‘in the name’ of the Lord (YHVH) and would be worshiped in the Temple... and this *did* happen! In fact, verses 25-26 were actually *quoted* when this verse was *being fulfilled*! For, these verses were spoken *by the people* when Jesus Christ entered into Jerusalem (*and* while He was *in the Temple*), *shortly before* the Passover, where He would *become* the ‘Great Sacrifice’ which atones for our sins, *once and for all times* (Rom 5:11, Heb 10:10). We see this account documented in three of the Gospels (Mth 21, Mk 11 and John 12). Let’s take a look at the Gospel of Matthew’s account...

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.
3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.
4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,
5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.
6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,
7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.
8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 *And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, **Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.***
10 *And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?*
11 *And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.*
12 *And Jesus **went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,***
13 *And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*
14 *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.*
15 *And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, **and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,***
16 *And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?** [Ps 8:2]
Matt 21:1-16*

So, this account (in Mth 21) tells us that God *ordained* that this great multitude of people would come to Jesus (at the very Passover where He would *become* the ‘Passover Lamb’) and *quote* this very Psalm 118:25-26 - not only as He was *going* to the ‘house of the Lord’ but also while they were *actually in it* (as Mth 21:9 and 5 pointed out) *just as verse 26 prophesied of!* And the Greek word for ‘**Hosanna**’ means ‘*oh save!*’ and is an exclamation of adoration (#5614). If you look up that Greek word, for ‘Hosanna’ (#5614), you’ll see it’s *of Hebrew origin*, and is a combination of the Hebrew words (rendered into the English as) ‘save’ (#3467) and ‘now’ (#4994). So, while typically Jesus Christ was the one who fulfilled the Scriptures of the Old Testament, there *were* times when other people did so. You can see more instances of this when studying the 22nd chapter of Psalms [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/226] as well as the 69th chapter of Psalms [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/774]. From the Roman soldiers parting Jesus’ clothing, and cast lots for them, to how they gave Him vinegar to drink, to piercing His hands and feet, to how the wicked chief priests, elders (etc.) also waged their heads and mocked Him while He was on the cross... there are *many* Scriptures that were fulfilled by the common people, just as these 25-26th verses, here in Psalm 118 were. For further study, check out: **Signs of the End of this Earth Age** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/405>]. And so, the fulfilling of these Scriptures (Ps 118:25-26) *further proves* how our Heavenly Father is *perfectly* able to make His Will (Word) come to pass, *exactly* as it is written. And that *should* give us *great* confidence that, what He’s prophesied (promised), regarding His Second Advent, *will come to pass exactly* as it is written...

29 *And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;*
30 *When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.*

31 So likewise ye, *when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.* [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/295>]

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, *till all be fulfilled.*

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but **my words shall not pass away.**

34 And **take heed to yourselves**, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**

Luke 21:29-36

We'll pick this up in part 7...

AMEN.