

NO STONE UNTURNED

The 17th of Nisan

1.) A New Beginning for Humanity

-- Noah's ark finally found dry land on the 17th day of the 7th month, or the **17TH OF NISAN**.

2.) A New Beginning for Israel

-- Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt was made complete when God parted before them the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21-22).
-- Israel's new beginning as a new nation occurred on the **17TH OF NISAN**. (Numbers 33:2-8).

3.) A New Beginning for Jacob's Family

-- Exactly 430 years before Israel's exodus from Egypt, Jacob's whole family entered Egypt and was spared from famine (Exodus 12:40-41).
-- Here again, we see a new beginning for God's people with a new hope in a new land, and it happens again on the **17TH OF NISAN**.

4.) A New Beginning in the Promised Land

-- On the 16th of Nisan, God ceases to send Manna. On the 17th, Israel begins eating of the new fruit of the new land and Joshua encounters the Angel of the Lord (Joshua 5:10-6:2).
-- The promise that God would give Israel a new beginning in the Promised Land was finally realized on the **17TH OF NISAN**.

5.) A New Beginning for the Temple

-- The end of 2 Chronicles 28 and the beginning of 2 Chronicles 29 tell of the deplorable condition of the God's magnificent Temple.
-- When Hezekiah became king, he ordered his servants to restore and redeem the Temple.

- God restores the place of His presence and gives a new beginning for joyful and acceptable worship on the **17TH OF NISAN**.

6.) A New Beginning from the Edge of Destruction

- Recall the historical account of Queen Esther.
- The sentence of death hung over the entire Israelite nation as their sworn enemy, Haman, had convinced the king to sign a decree to destroy them (Esther 3:1-12).
- On the **17TH OF NISAN**, the chief enemy of God's people was destroyed, and God's people were delivered unto a new beginning.

7.) The Ultimate New Beginning in Christ

- The ultimate new beginning revealed in Scripture is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the day on which the Passover Lamb was to be selected—Nisan 10.
- Seven days later, on the **17TH OF NISAN**, Jesus is resurrected from the grave (Luke 24:1-6).
- The probability of all seven of these events occurring by accident on the same day is one in almost 2 quadrillion.

Summary: Why the 17th of Nisan Matters

- These redemptive events that point ahead to the resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be anything but the intentional **PLAN** of God being worked out in human history.
 - The 17th of Nisan matters because it demonstrates the degree to which God has left no stone unturned in turning our hearts to Him.
 - God has specifically organized all of history so that it points to **the NEW BEGINNING** to which God is calling us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- *In light of what we have considered today, is there any possibility that that God doesn't have a plan and a purpose for you?*