**R1017 Rumination for July 21 2024**

The **T**heme: **Jesus was Crucified to be Crowned.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext:  *They* ***C****ried, saying,* ***C****rucify Him,* ***C****rucify* ***H****im.* Lk. 23:21

 But soon He will **C**ome as the **C**rowned ***K****ing of* ***K****ings and* ***L****ord of* ***L****ords.* Rev. 19:16

The **T**hots:

Intro. Last Saturday (17 July, US time), a failed **A**ttempt was made to **A**ssassinate Donald J. Thump,

a prospective candidate for the 47th presidency of the United States of **A**merica. What is an **A**ssassination?

It is a **P**lanned killing of a **P**rominent **P**erson, often for **P**olitical reasons.

1. **In the Old Testament, a number of assassinations was recorded** **as follows:**
2. **Ehud** assassinated **Eglon**, the king of Moab. Jud. 3:12-30 (21, **22**)

*And Ehud* (a judge of Israel) *put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his* [Eglon’s, king of Moab’s] *belly: And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and ﻿the dirt came out.*

1. **Jael,** wife of Heber the Kenite, assassinated **Sisera**. Jud. 4:17 (**21**)-22

*Jael Heber’s wife took ﻿a nail of the tent, and ﻿took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him* [Sisera, **C**ommander of the **C**anaanite army]*, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.*

1. *When* ***Abner***(commander of Saul’s army) *was returned to Hebron,* ***Joab***(commander of David’s army) *took him aside in the gate to speak with him ﻿quietly, and smote him there ﻿under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.* II Sam. 3:26, **27**
2. **Joab** **A**lso **A**ssassinated **A**masa, **A**ppointed by David as commander of the **A**rmy – II Sam. 20:9-**10**

*And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to ﻿kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab’s hand: so ﻿he smote him therewith ﻿in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and ﻿struck him not again; and he died.*

1. There were **O**ther cases of Assassination in the **O**ld Testament.
2. **Jehu** assassinated King **Joram** by shooting him with an arrow in his rebellion against Ahab. II Kgs. 9:24
3. **Jehu** had **Jezebel,** the queen mother, thrown out of a window with her body trampled by horses

and partially eaten by dogs. II Kgs. 9:30-37

1. **Athaliah** seized the throne of Judah by **A**ssassinating all potential heirs, except for Joash,

who was hidden and later became king. II Kgs. 11:1-16

1. **Ishmael** assassinated **Gedaliah**, the **G**overnor of Judah appointed by the Babylonians. Jer. 41:1-2
2. **Was Jesus Assassinated? Yes…**
3. Yes, **J**esus **E**xpected His **E**nemies to want to kill Him – Matt. 16:21

*From that time forth began Jesus ﻿to shew unto His disciples, how that ﻿He must go unto Jerusalem, and ﻿﻿suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed…*

1. Yes, the **J**ews conspired to **E**xecute Him.
2. *Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the ﻿palace of the high priest…And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill Him.* Matt. 26:3, 4
3. *After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for ﻿He would not walk in Jewry,*

*because ﻿the Jews sought to kill Him.* Jn. 7:1

1. *Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets…* I Thes. 3:14, 15
2. Yes, as with Assassination, it can be defined as *a targeted killing of a* ***P****rominent* ***P****erson,*

 *often for* ***P****olitical reasons.*

1. The **J**ews sought to **C**rucify **J**esus. Jn. 19:15a

*But they* ***C****ried out, Away with Him, away with Him,* ***C****rucify Him.*

1. They **C**harged Him of not being **P**atriotic to **C**aesar: Jn. 19:15b

 *Pilate saith unto them, Shall I* ***C****rucify your King? The chief priests answered, ﻿We have no king but* ***C****aesar.*

1. **No, He willingly Surrendered Himself to be Captured and be Crucified.**
2. It was His **P**urpose in coming down to earth; Mt. 16:21
3. *From that time forth began Jesus ﻿to shew unto His disciples, how that ﻿He must go unto Jerusalem,*

*and ﻿﻿suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and ﻿be raised again…*

1. *The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.*

 Mt. 20:28; Mk. 10:45

1. He identified Himself to His enemies as the **P**erson they sought. Jn. 18:4, 5

*Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, ﻿*

*Whom seek ye? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am He.*

1. He was God’s **P**ropitiation for our Sins. Rom. 3:25
2. *Whom God hath ﻿﻿set forth ﻿to be a propitiation through faith ﻿in His blood, ﻿to declare His righteousness*

*for the ﻿remission of ﻿sins that are past, through the ﻿forbearance of God;*

1. *He is the propitiation for our sins…not for ours only, but ﻿also for the sins of the whole world.* I Jn. 2:2
2. *Herein is love, ﻿not that we loved God, but ﻿that He loved us,*

*and sent His Son to be ﻿the propitiation for our sins.* I Jn. 4:20

1. *Him, ﻿being delivered by the ﻿determinate counsel and ﻿foreknowledge of God, ﻿*

*ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*Acts 2:23

**Points To Ponder:** *God* ***A****llowed His* ***S****on to be* ***C****rucified for a* ***C****oming* ***F****uture* ***R****ule*

 *as* *King of Kings and* ***L****ord of* ***L****ords*. (Rev. 19:16)