

## Psalm 113-114

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Psalms 113 through 118 are known to Jews as the “Egyptian Hallel.” Psalm 113, like the two before it, begins in Hebrew with *hallel jah*, or praise Jehovah. Jews traditionally sing all six Psalms before their seder or Passover meal commemorating their deliverance from Egypt. At times it is followed by Psalm 136 as the “Great Hallel.” The complete list of Hallel Psalms is 104-106, 111-113, 115-117, and 135-140.

Matthew 26:30 tells of the last supper, “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.” It is possible that the hymn they sang was the same Hallel we are studying.

### Notes

**114:2** The word “sanctuary” here in Hebrew is *qodesh*, also meaning apartness, holiness, or sacredness. Judah signifies praise. We are reminded of Psalm 22:3, “Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.”

### Questions for study and discussion:

1. We are told to praise the name of the Lord. Why is “the name of the Lord” mentioned so often in scripture? If there is but one God, why does He give a distinctive name? (see Exodus 3:13-14)
2. How often, how long, and for what reason are we to exalt the name of the Lord?
3. Where do we see Christ in Psalm 113?
4. 113:9 can be seen as referring to Israel, past and future. In what way?

5. How can we apply 113:9 to ourselves?

6. How might 114:2 refer to the church and Israel in the kingdom age?

7. What does 114:5 mean?

8. What do verses 144:7-8 refer to in Israel's history? Is there a further symbolic meaning?