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**The
Righteous Branch**

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The Righteous Branch.

The following verse carries echoes of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Jeremiah 33:14-18:** "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' ¹⁷For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever."

The LORD says, the days are coming when God will:

- Fulfil the promise He made to Israel and Judah

In the days the LORD fulfils this promise:

- A righteous Branch will spring up for David who will execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- God will save Judah and Jerusalem and establish them so that they live in safety and securely.
- Jerusalem will be called, "The LORD is our righteousness."
- The throne of David will never lack a man to sit on it.
- The Levitical priests will never lack a man to stand in the LORD'S presence.

To a limited degree God's promise was fulfilled to Judah and Israel when the LORD used Cyrus King of Media Persia to conquer the empire of Babylon and give the people of Israel written permission to return to their beloved homeland. Under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah they triumphantly returned with songs of praises and great rejoicing to rebuild their houses, their cities, Jerusalem, and the temple of God. Multitudes of scattered Jews returned from the nations they had fled to when escaping from the cruel armies of Assyria and Babylon and many who had established their families during the 70-year captivity uprooted their homes and excitedly returned to their homeland. After the temple of God was rebuilt and their faith establish a time of peace and safety prevailed for the people of Israel. Jerusalem prospered, nations spoke well of the city, Kings sat on David's throne and priests stood in the presence of God.

But even though Israel never again turned to idols and pagan gods after their seventy years in captivity to Babylon, their time of peace and prosperity came to an end. Sadly, during their time of great abundance and prosperity their kings, the religious leaders and those in authority became greedy for the riches of this world, the lust for money, power control and fame (the sense of being someone important) all these craving of the flesh became their gradual downfall. They began to ignore the poor and pervert justice; they oppressed the less fortunate for their own financial gain and eventually turned from the things God valued and used others to enhance their own wealth and power.

- Kings became corrupt and perverted justice in the land.
- Judah and Jerusalem became weak and did not live in safety or securely.
- Because of Jerusalem's gradual decline into wickedness the city was not called "The LORD is our righteousness."

- The throne of David did lack a man to sit on it.
- The Levitical priests did lack a man to stand in the LORD'S presence.

Nevertheless, this does not mean the words of the LORD failed, this is the majesty, wonder and splendour of Bible prophecy. Contained within almost every prophecy is a partial and local fulfilment of the prophecy for the people during the time of the prophet, but the language of most prophecies allows the prophets message to surpass the time of the prophet and travel through time and history to a future age and its perfect fulfilment which in this case is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the true Branch, the true King, and the true Priest of the LORD. The prophecy stated, the following events will take place in the days and at the time the LORD causes a righteous Branch to spring up for David who will execute justice (Jer. 33:14-18).

It is during the time of the righteous Branch that:

- God will save Judah and Jerusalem and establish them so that they live in safety and securely.
- Jerusalem will be called, "The LORD is our righteousness."
- The throne of David will never lack a man to sit on it.
- The Levitical priests (i.e., the resurrected redeemed in Christ) will never lack a man to stand in the LORD'S presence.

The true Branch of the LORD: the LORD said He will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David therefore this righteous Branch has to be associated with David (Jer. 33:15).

The following verses show that Jesus is the Son of David:

- **Matthew 1:1:** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David
- **Matthew 21:15:** But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant,
- **Luke 1:32:** He (Jesus) will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David
- **John 7:42:** Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David
- **Romans 1:3:** concerning his (God's) Son, who was descended from David
- **2 Timothy 2:8:** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David
- **Revelation 22:16:** "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Jeremiah said, the LORD will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, who will execute justice and righteousness in the land and Zechariah said, God will bring forth His servant whose name is the Branch and he will branch out from his place, and build the temple of the LORD (Jer. 33:15) (Zech. 3:8) (Zech. 6:12).

It is Christ who will:

- Bring health and healing to the people of Israel.
- Abundantly prosper them so that they live in security.
- Restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel.
- Rebuild Israel as they were at first.

- Cleanse and forgive Israel from all their guilt and their rebellion against Him.
- Cause nations to fear and tremble because of Israel's abundant prosperity.
- Make Jerusalem a city where God's name will be a name of joy, of praise and of glory before all the nations of the earth because of all the good that He does for Israel.

Conclusion: The LORD Jesus Christ is the ultimate and perfect fulfilment of the LORD'S promise to raise up a righteous Branch for David, who will execute justice and righteousness. (Jer. 33:14-18).

The climax of Jeremiah's prophecy will appear to all the inhabitants of the earth when: Christ returns the second time as King of kings and Lord of lords ruling and reigning from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his thousand-year millennial reign. Steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace, and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever, and will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth, or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the lion and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The Word of the LORD comes to Jeremiah a second time, continued:

- **Jeremiah 33:19-22:** The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ²⁰"Thus says the LORD: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, ²¹then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers. ²²As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me."

The LORD says, if anyone can stop the day or the night from coming at their normal times then it would be possible to break the covenant God had with David. Obviously, no-one has control over Day or Night, the Sun, or the Moon, which means the LORD is indirectly saying that it is impossible for anyone to break God's covenant with David

- **The covenant God had with David was:**
- There would always be a descendant of David to reign on the throne of Jerusalem.
- David's offspring would multiply.
- The Levitical priests would continue to multiply.

This is just fabulous, the wisdom and wonder of God surpasses anything the faithful of Israel or Judah could possibly understand during the time of Jeremiah.

After Jerusalem's time of prosperity, safety, and peace those in authority the kings and priests slowly declined into selfish greed for the riches of this world, they ignored the poor and oppressed the less fortunate to further their own real estate portfolio's, their wealth, and their power. But the prophecy of Jeremiah was not dependant on the righteousness of Israel at this time, the promise of the LORD partially rested on Jerusalem for a moment but then takes up wings and travels through time until it arrives at a lonely stable where a woman named Mary is giving birth to the true righteous Branch the LORD is raising up and who is named the Lord Jesus Christ. It

is through Christ the righteous Branch that all the words of Jeremiah's prophecy and the LORD'S promises to David will be fulfilled. Jesus is the son of David (descendant of David), therefore everyone who belongs to Jesus is an offspring of David, God through the Lord Jesus Christ is creating a new nation in Christ made up of Jews, and Gentiles (everyone who is not a Jew).

The apostle John says:

- **Revelation 5:9-10:** And they (those surrounding the throne of God) sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you (Jesus) to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Whoever belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what language, country, or nation they are from will become the fulfilment of Jeremiah's prophecy and the LORD'S promise to David

The apostle Paul beautifully explains the splendour of God's promise to David in the following verses:

- **Ephesians 2:11-22:** Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision (Jews), which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you (Gentiles) were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) who once were far off (from God) have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our (Jews and Gentiles) peace, who has made us (Jews and Gentiles) both one and has broken down in his (Jesus) flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he (Jesus) might create in himself one new man (Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles), so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us (Jews and Gentiles) both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility (between the Jews and Gentiles). ¹⁷And he (Jesus) came and preached peace to you (Gentiles) who were far off (from God) and peace to those who were near (Jews). ¹⁸For through him (Jesus) we both (Jews and Gentiles) have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you (Gentiles) are no longer strangers and aliens, but you (Gentiles) are fellow citizens with the saints (Jews) and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure being joined together (Jews and Gentiles) grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you (Jews and Gentiles) also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

All the promises to Israel are now in Christ. God's promises to Israel now include the Jews and the Gentiles, because under the New Covenant God is building an entirely new nation made up of Gentiles and Jews in Christ. Christ is the head of the New Nation; Old Testament Israel is now equal with the Gentiles in this new nation God is creating in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This new nation is the offspring of David the LORD promised to David: the apostle Paul said: Gentiles were separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus they have been brought to God by the blood of Christ. Jesus has made Jews and Gentiles both one by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances so that Jesus might create in himself one new man (Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles). In Jesus both Jews and Gentiles are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians. 2:1-22).

The practical application of what this means to you: if you belong to Christ, all the future and eternal promises God made to Israel also apply to YOU

God's people are despised:

- **Jeremiah 33:23-24:** The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ²⁴"Have you not observed that these people are saying, 'The LORD has rejected the two clans that he chose'? Thus they have despised my people so that they are no longer a nation in their sight.

The surrounding nations of Jerusalem:

- Do not consider Israel or Judah nations.
- Are saying, their God has rejected them.
- Despise the LORD'S people.

The lesson for us today: when God's people abuse the laws of God, they turn those that are without God even further away from Him.

The Word of the LORD comes to Jeremiah a second time, continued:

- **Jeremiah 33:25-26:** Thus says the LORD: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth, ²⁶then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."

The LORD repeats what He said in (v 20-22) by saying, if He has not fixed the order of the day and night and of heaven and earth, then He will reject the offspring of Jacob and of David, and will not choose one of David's offspring to rule over Israel, but God has fixed the order of day and night, heaven and earth, the LORD is indirectly saying that He will never reject the offspring of David, but will have mercy on them.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.