

Jesus: David's Branch



Jeremiah 23:1-6
Jeremiah 33:14-18
Zechariah 3:8-10
John 15:1-8
1 Peter 2:9-12

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are tending My people: “You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds,” declares the LORD. “Then I Myself will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:1-4

YaHWeH's Indictment

- ❖ Israel has forgotten what YaHWeH has done and treated Him as common (see Jer. 2-5).
- ❖ Israel has turned back to idolatry (see Jer. 10-11).
- ❖ The leaders are not doing their jobs.
- ❖ These shepherds are going to be replaced.



*“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch;
And He will reign as king and act wisely
And do justice and righteousness in the land.
In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell securely;
And this is His name by which He will be called,
“The LORD our righteousness.””*

-YaHWeH in Jeremiah 23:5-6

YaHWeH's Solution

- ❖ YaHWeH has not forgotten His covenant with David.
- ❖ He will bring a righteous leader for the people.
- ❖ This leader will act in righteousness and justice.
- ❖ He will be the righteous leader that comes to Israel.



“Behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: the LORD is our righteousness.’ For thus says the LORD, ‘David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to prepare sacrifices continually.’”

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a symbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the Branch. For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ‘In that day,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘every one of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.’”

Zechariah 3:8-10

David's Lineage

- ❖ The Branch will be from David's lineage. Jesus is from the line of David (see Matt. 1 and Luke 3:23-38).
- ❖ The Branch will execute justice and righteousness.
- ❖ He will fill the role of the Levitical priest forever. Jesus is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- ❖ The Branch will remove sin.



“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.”

John 15:1-4

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

John 15:5-8

The Vine and Branches

- ❖ Greek differentiates between branch and vine. Hebrew does not. So grapes have branches in Hebrew.
- ❖ **Εγώ ειμι (Ego Eime)**- “I AM.” This is the same grammar structure YaHWeH uses in Exodus 3 when talking to Moses.
- ❖ Jesus is the Vine (Branch in Hebrew) that the church draws its sustenance from.
- ❖ The Father molds (prunes) Christians to be what He wants them to be.
- ❖ The branches bear fruit through God's help. We cannot bear fruit on our own.

But you are A chosen race, A royal priesthood, A holy nation, A people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12

The New Priesthood

- ❖ Christians are now God's priests.
- ❖ We fill the same role as the Levitical priests with the exception of animal sacrifices.
- ❖ We are to live such Holy lives that outsiders see our lives and glorify God.



What About Us?

- ❖ God keeps His promises.
- ❖ God is faithful and He expects His people to be faithful too.
- ❖ The church draws its strength and spiritual nutrition from Jesus. We are expected to bear good fruit.
- ❖ Through Jesus, God has removed the iniquity of those who come to Him and obey Him.
- ❖ Jesus judges justly and righteously. He applies the same standard to everyone.



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