

Jeremiah 23:5,6

GOD PROMISES THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

- I. Hope in darkness.
 - A. The historical setting is very dark spiritually.
 - B. “Behold” is God calling.
 1. He brings the promise of the Branch (cf. Isa. 4:2; 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12).
 2. The figure of a “branch” speaks of an organic connection between the Son of David and the flock of God’s people.
 3. When this Branch sprouts forth, He comes from a stump.
- II. This Branch will establish a righteous rule.
 - A. He is “a righteous Branch” and “shall be called, “Jehovah our righteousness.”
 1. As a branch begins in a different, new direction, so Jesus points in a new direction, namely, righteousness.
 2. He has a “name” that “He shall be called.” (The repetition is for emphasis.)
 - B. He is a “King shall reign.”
 1. He will have the authority and right to rule, as a member of the royal line of David.
 2. As such He shall “prosper,” i.e., act prudently.
- III. The fruit of His righteous rule is that “Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.”
 - A. “Judah” and “Israel” are the true Judah and Israel, the elect sheep.
 - B. This salvation endures as long as the King continues: “in His days.”
 1. There is no end to His kingdom.
 2. The time will come when He will reveal this completely in the new heavens and earth, wherein righteousness dwells.