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> Names & Titles of Jesus Lesson 10 The Branch

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Genesis 3 and Isaiah 53, In this lesson we are going to look at Jesus Christ – the Branch. The Bible says in Genesis 3:15. This is God speaking to the serpent on the day that mankind fell into sin. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Isaiah 53:1-3. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world. It grew up a tender plant. Because He that plant was so tender He appeared to be frail and weak so men had no desire for Him. Men wanted a conquering king with a sword in one hand and a shield in the other; they wanted a mighty monarch with a crown upon his head, a healer to bring about by his power the health of nations. When Jesus Christ took a different path... when that tender plant went to the cross at Calvary and laid down His life and died, those who did not previously despised Him joined the company of those who did despised Him all along and almost universally Jesus Christ was rejected by man because He did not meet their expectations. Even those who did believe Him doubted on the morning of His resurrection - they said, we thought He was going to restore again the kingdom to Israel.

What has gone unseen to humanity, has taken place in the council chambers of God, the fulfillment of the word of God, that root has grown deeper and spread farther, that tender plant has grown and has become a great and mighty tree. Three times in the Bible Jesus Christ is called the Branch with a capital "B" and in every one of those cases the name Branch referring to Jesus Christ looks forward to what He is going to do on this earth when He returns.

Those who despise Him do not believe He is coming back to this earth. That same Lord Jesus that was despised and rejected of men nailed to the cross and rose from the dead; He is coming back to this earth as God's branch.



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The Branch of Righteousness

Jeremiah 33:15-16 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of <u>righteousness</u> to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

It seems that anytime a man has stood to preach since as far back as we can see, if he could promise peace for Jerusalem he would be offering a message of hope that was needed in that hour. Certainly in our day the people of Judah and Jerusalem do not dwell safely. In fact, they probably cannot remember a time when they ever dwelt safely. They live with missiles flying over their city. Bombs explode all around their borders. On a daily basis nations are plotting their destruction. Why has **no one** been able to bring peace to that region of the world? Because the Bible says what is required is...

- Righteousness... not diplomacy.
- Righteousness... not military might.
- Righteousness...not a universal feeling of cooperation and coexistence.

One day somebody is going to come to Jerusalem who has never lied and never sinned, never lusted, never transgressed, never abused, never misused a single human being in all the course of human history His name is the Lord Jesus Christ... and because He is holy, pure, just He alone will stand upon the Mount of Olives outside that city of Jerusalem and He alone will be able to say to the warring powers and the disagreeing factions, I command you to cease. By the might and power of His holiness and by the authority of His righteousness He will bring an end to all the war, killing, bloodshed, famine, disease, heartache and the tears that have been shed over that piece of ground throughout history. There is a Branch that can get that job done.

The Servant BRANCH

There is a second branch growing out of this plant. It is the same person – the Lord Jesus Christ. Zechariah 3:8-9 *Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.* 9. For behold the stone that I *have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.* The BRANCH is coming who is powerful enough to take away all the wreck and the ruin wrought by dirty people thinking dirty thoughts and



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doing dirty deeds for six thousand years **one man** can clean it all up in a single day.

Zechariah 6;12, Zechariah 6:12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

The Bible says He shall grow up out of His place. You and I belong on planet Earth. Where does He belong? Jesus Christ is the Lord of glory. He is the **God** of heaven. When Jesus Christ is in His rightful place then and only then will this old world be right. It is not going to be right:

- ✓ No matter who you vote for!
- ✓ No matter how many on-line surveys you fill out.
- ✓ No matter how many protesting marches you go on.
- ✓ No matter what the United Nations does.

The only thing that is going to fix this old world is **Jesus** sitting on a throne on this earth, with all of the worship being directed **His way**!

The branch of the Lord

Isaiah 4:1-2. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. There are no men to marry. There has been so much death and bloodshed on the earth. Do you think it's bad now? Jesus said when that Great Tribulation starts it will be like no day before it and there will never be another day after it. Verse 2. In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. 3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: 4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. 5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. Do you know who is coming back? The Branch... the Branch is coming back.

That seed that fell in this old earth a long time ago, that tender plant that grew up and died upon that cross... it has been getting stronger and stronger for two thousand years and one day it is going to reach out and get rid of all the filth of murder and all the filth of molestation and all the filth of rape and all the filth of shooting and all the filth of stabbing and all the filth of robbery and all... He is going to clean it up. Hallelujah. That is the Branch of the Lord.

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The Righteous Branch

- He is the Branch of Righteousness Jeremiah 33.
- He is the servant BRANCH Zechariah 3
- He is the branch of the Lord Isaiah 4.
- He is the righteous Branch Jeremiah 23.

Jeremiah 23:5-6. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Do you want peace and happiness on earth? Jesus is your man. He is God's Branch. He is the only one who can bring it to pass. Every one of these passages we read about the Branch, in order for Him to bring about peace, joy and happiness, by righteousness He had to execute judgment.

- You cannot have peace unless you get rid of war.
- You cannot have life unless you get rid of death.
- You cannot have the righteous enjoying a kingdom unless you get rid of the unrighteous.

Everybody wants what Jesus can bring but they do not want Him to execute judgment upon that which is unrighteous.

Before you ask the Lord Jesus to be your savior and give you eternal life, you need to repent. Luke 13:3

- Before He can give you peace, you have to confess you have been at war with Him.
- Before He can save you, you have to admit you need to be saved.
- Before He can forgive your sins, you have to agree with Him that you are a sinner.

The Bible calls upon every one of us to exercise repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are willing to turn from your life of sin and rebellion and put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, He will give you the peace and the joy that you long for now and allow you to participate in this great kingdom He is going to establish, first you have to agree **His** judgment against sin and unrighteousness.

The Bible says believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Everybody wants to be on the winning side, why not join today and allow Him to be your Saviour, your King, your Branch.



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Name _____

Note: must include scripture with <u>all</u> your answers, including the T/F.

- 1. On the morning of His resurrection what did the men of Israel expect from Jesus?
- 2. Where would I find in the Bible the day the entire human race fell into sin?
- 3. Why has no one been able to bring peace to Jerusalem?
- 4. How many days will it take for the Branch to remove iniquity from the land?
- 5. What is meant by the term "out of his place"?

6. Fill in the blanks?

- a. He is the _____Isaiah 4:____.
- b. He is the ______Jeremiah 33:____.
- c. He is the ______Jeremiah 23:____.
- d. He is the _____Zechariah 3: ____.



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- 7. What is an important step before you ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be your savior and give you eternal life?
- 8. Jesus Christ has to do what In order to bring forth peace, joy and happiness?
- 9. Israel surrounded by all its' enemies, is a picture of the Christian life in what ways? (See if you can list 3, more will give you extra credit.)
- 10. How many times is Branch listed in the Bible with a capital "B"?
- 11. Why is that piece of ground in Israel so important to everyone?
- 12. Why is Jesus likened to a tender plant?
- 13. What was Adam and Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden?

True/false

- Israel is God's chosen people.
- Genesis 3:15 is the first prophecy of Jesus Christ's coming in the Bible.
- The Great Tribulation will be the worst time that man and/or the earth has ever experienced.

Scripture memorization Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)



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Isaiah 53:1-3; Jeremiah 23:5

Any Questions?