

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

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- 4) A *Sheltering* “Presence” (4:5-6)

² In *that day* the Branch of the LORD will be *beautiful* and *glorious*,
and the fruit of the earth will be the *pride*
and the *adornment* of the survivors of Israel.

³ It will come about that he who is *left in Zion*
and *remains in Jerusalem* will be called holy—
everyone who is *recorded for life* in Jerusalem.

⁴ When the LORD has washed away the filth of the *daughters of Zion*
and purged the *bloodshed* of Jerusalem from her midst,
by the *spirit of judgment* and the *spirit of burning*,

⁵ then the LORD will *create* over the whole area of *Mount Zion*
and over her *assemblies* a *cloud by day*, even *smoke*,
and the *brightness* of a *flaming fire* by *night*;
for over all the *glory* will be a canopy.

⁶ There will be a shelter to *give shade* from the *heat* by *day*,
and *refuge* and *protection* from the *storm* and the *rain*.

The *Characteristics* of the **Messianic Kingdom** { A Summary }

Previously we learned that:

A. During the **Messianic Kingdom**, the nation of **Israel** will be **preeminent** among the nations, and **Jerusalem**, particularly the “**mountain**” of the **house of the LORD** (the **Temple mount**), will be established as the *governing authority* in the **Kingdom** (2:2).

B. During the **Messianic Kingdom**, all the **nations** will seek to “**go up**” to the **mountain** of the **LORD**, to the **house** of the **God of Jacob** (3:3a). They will “**stream**” into **Jerusalem** →

→ That **He** may **teach us** concerning *His ways*
→ And that **we** may **walk** in *His paths*.”

→ For the **law** will **go forth** from **Zion**
And the **word of the LORD** from **Jerusalem**. (3:3b)

C. During the **Messianic Kingdom**, **God** will “**judge** between the **nations** (2:4a).”
He will **render decisions** for many peoples (2:4b).”

Let the **field exult**, and all that is in it.
Then all the **trees** of the forest will **sing for joy**
Before the **LORD**, for **He is coming**,
For **He is coming** to **judge the earth**.

He will **judge** the world in *righteousness*
And the **peoples** in *His faithfulness*. (Psalm 96:12-13)

Then a **shoot** will **spring** from the **stem of Jesse**,
And a **branch** from his roots will **bear fruit**...

And **He** will **delight** in the *fear of the LORD*,
And **He** will **not judge** by what **His eyes see**,
Nor make a **decision** by what **His ears hear**;

But with *righteousness* **He** will **judge** the **poor**,
And **decide** with *fairness* for the **afflicted** of the **earth**;
(Isaiah 11:1, 3-4a)

D. The **Messianic Kingdom** will be **characterized** by a **true and lasting peace** (2:4b).

→ “they will **hammer** their **swords** into **plowshares** and their **spears**
into **pruning hooks** (2:4b)”

→ “**Nation** will **not** lift up **sword** *against* nation (2:4c),”

→ “and *never again* will they **learn war** (2:4c).”

Tonight we learned that:

- E. In the ***Kingdom***, the Messiah, the “**Branch of the LORD**,” will be “**beautiful and glorious** (4:2a).” In the ***Kingdom***, the Messiah, the “**fruit of the earth**,” will be the “**pride and the adornment**” of the **surviving remnant** of Israel (4:2b).

May there be **abundance of grain** in the **earth** on top of the **mountains**;
Its **fruit** will **wave** like *the cedars of Lebanon*;
And may **those** from the city **flourish** like **vegetation** of the **earth**.

May **his name endure forever**;
May **his name increase** as long as the **sun shines**;
And let **men bless themselves by him**;
Let all **nations** call **him blessed**. (Psalm 72:16-17)

For **my eyes (Simeon)** have seen **Your salvation**,..
A **LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES**,
And the **glory** of **Your people Israel**.” (Luke 2:30, 32)

- F. In the ***Kingdom***, the **surviving remnant**, those who are “**left in Zion**,” and remain in **Jerusalem** will be characterized by **holiness**—“everyone who is **recorded for life** in **Jerusalem** (4:3).”
- G. During the establishment of the ***Kingdom***, the **Lord** will **wash away** the **filth**, and **cleanse** (cast out) the **bloodshed** of **Jerusalem** through the **Spirit of judgment** and the **Spirit of burning**—a fire that **sifts** and **refines**.

“But who can endure **the day of His coming**? And who can stand when **He appears**?
For **He** is like a **refiner’s fire** and like **fullers’ soap**.
He will sit as a **smelter** and **purifier** of **silver**,
and **He** will **purify** the **sons of Levi** and **refine** them like **gold** and **silver**,
so that they may **present** to the **LORD offerings** in **righteousness**.” (Malachi 3:2-3).

“As for **me** (John the Baptist), **I baptize you** with **water** for **repentance**,
but **He** who is **coming** after me is **mightier than I**,..
He will **baptize you** with the **Holy Spirit** and **fire**...

and **He** will thoroughly **clear His threshing floor**,
and **He** will **gather** His **wheat** into the **barn**,
but **He** will **burn up** the **chaff** with **unquenchable fire**.” (Matthew 3:10-13)

- H. In the ***Kingdom***, the **LORD** will create a “**cloud by day**,” and “**a flaming fire by night**” over the **whole area** of **Mount Zion**. Over the “**glory**” will be a **canopy**, and a **shelter** to give **protection** from **heat** and **rainstorms** (4:5-6) (see Isa. 25:4)

The “Branch” of the LORD

A *Messianic* Title

In *that day* the Branch of the LORD will be *beautiful* and *glorious*,.. (4:2)

Then a shoot will **spring** from the *stem* of Jesse,
And a branch from **his roots** will bear *fruit*...

But with *righteousness* He will *judge* the poor,
And *decide* with *fairness* for the **afflicted of the earth**;
And He will *strike the earth* with the *rod of His mouth*,
And with the breath of His lips He will *slay the wicked*. (Isaiah 11:1, 4)

“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**. (Jeremiah 23:5)

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**.
(Jeremiah 33:15)

Then say to him (**Joshua** the **high priest**), ‘Thus says **the LORD of hosts**,
“Behold, a **man** whose **name** is Branch,
for He will *branch out* from **where He is**;
and He will **build** the temple of the **LORD**. ” (Zechariah 6:12-13)

“**I, Jesus**, have sent **My angel** to testify to you these things for the **churches**.
I am the root and the **descendant of David**, the **bright morning star**.”
(Revelation 22:16)

What is the **name** of **King Messiah**? R. Abba bar Kahana said:
“**LORD [Adonai]** is **his name**, for it is written,
I will raise unto David a righteous Shoot...and this is the name.
whereby he shall be called: The Lord is our righteousness.(Jer. 23:5-6).”

R. Y’hoshu’a said: “**SHOOT [Tzemah]** is **his name**, for it is written,
Behold a man whose name is Shoot and who shall shoot up out of his place
and build the Temple of the Lord (Zech. 6:12).”

The Messiah is called by eight names: Yinnon, Tzemah (**Shoot**),
Pele [“Miracle”], Yo’etz [“Counselor”], **Mashiach** [“Messiah”], El [“God”],
Gibbor [“Hero”], and Avi’Ad Shalom [Eternal Father of Peace”].
(The Messiah Texts, Raphael Patai, pgs.21-22)