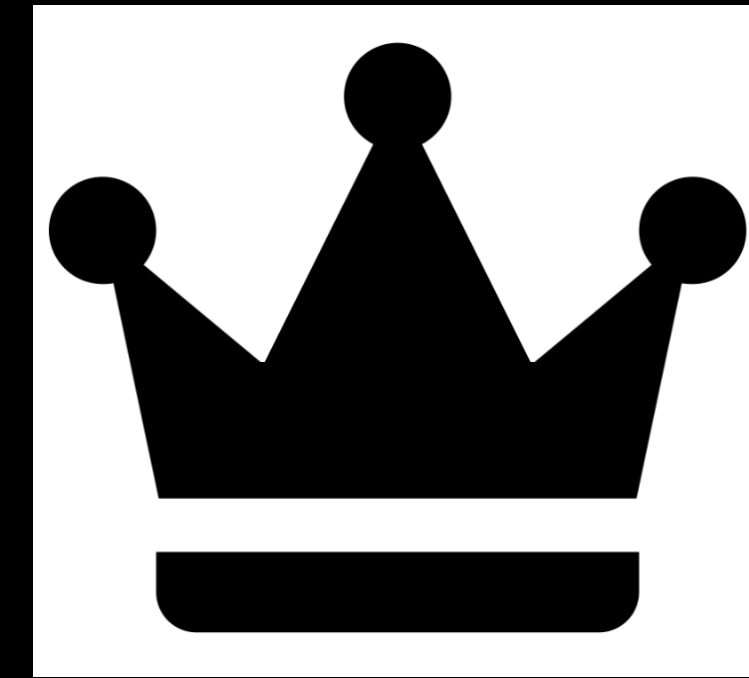


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Matthew 2:23



Jeremiah 23:1-8
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Matthew 1:1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, **the son of David**, the son of Abraham:

John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, “JESUS THE **NAZARENE**, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

Revelation 22:16 “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.”

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Matthew 2:19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,
20 “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” 21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, 23 and came and lived in a city called **Nazareth**. *This was* to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a **Nazarene**.”

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Jeremiah 23:1 “**Woe** to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!” declares the Lord.

2 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.

- The kings and priests have misled the people.
- Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah were mentioned prior.
- Woe to them and their evil deeds (they were bad kings).

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Jeremiah 23:3 “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**. 4 **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.

- The scattered flock is identified as the exiled remnant.
- The world changes radically, but the mission doesn't.
- God had a plan for His people.

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Jeremiah 23

5 “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.

- There is hope for everyone... the days are coming.
- This King will be from David’s line.
- “Semah” is the Hebrew word for branch here, not “neser.”
- Most likely, Nazareth was established after people returned from exile and were focused on the hope of a coming King.
- King Jesus would come with authority, wisdom & justice.

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Jeremiah 23

6 “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.’

- Isaiah lived in the fall of the northern kingdom, Israel.
- Jeremiah lived in the fall of the southern kingdom, Judah.
- Zechariah lived in the post exilic period.
- The Lord is righteousness and is our righteousness.
- God is faithful to His promises.

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Jeremiah 23:7 “Therefore behold, **the days are coming,**” declares the Lord, “when they will no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ 8 but, ‘As the Lord lives, who **brought up and led back** the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ Then **they will live** on their own soil.”

- There is hope for everyone. The days are coming.
- The exodus was a big deal.
- The second exodus was a big deal too.
- The Messiah brings deliverance from exile.

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John 10:11 “I am **the good shepherd**; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

1 Peter 2:25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to **the Shepherd** and Guardian of your souls.

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Celebrate the Child who is The Royal Branch, Jesus of Nazareth.

Pray for our country (and world) and for the church.

Pray for church leaders to be responsible with the direction.

Listen to God's Word (The Law, The Prophets, The Writings, The Gospels & The Teachings of the Apostles).

Acknowledge The Shepherd as good and as your King!

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