

The BRANCH OF THE LORD

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"In that day the **Branch of the LORD** shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel." (Isaiah 4:2)

"And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stem of Jesse, and a **Branch** shall grow out of his roots. And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD." (Isaiah 11:1-2)

"Behold, the days come, says 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. 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** (Jehovah-Tsidkenu)." (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

"In those days, and at that time, will I cause **the Branch of Righteousness to** grow up unto David; and He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. (Jeremiah 33:15)

Branch:

- from the Hebrew word **tsemach**, which means: "a sprout, a branch, a growth, a bud". (That is a New Branch!) (used in Isaiah 4:2, Jeremiah 23:5-6, & 33:15)
- from the Hebrew word **netser**, which means: "a green shoot, a sprout, a branch". (That is a New Branch!) (used in Isaiah 11:1-2)
- from the Hebrew word **choter**, which means: "a shoot, a rod, a twig." (used in Isaiah 11:1)
- One, of usually several, extensions or limbs that grow out from the trunk of a tree. Like wise one of many lines, or branches, of genealogical descent.

LORD: from the Hebrew word ***YHWH*** which means: Yahweh, or Yehovah: the proper name of the God of Israel. The-one-who-is; the-existing-one, the eternally existing Supreme Being. (the absolute and unchangeable one, always and forever living; the self-consistent-one). Usually translated with capital letters "LORD" or "GOD" - (But in some translations: Yahweh or Jehovah).

The term '**Branch**' in the Bible is occasionally used as a symbol of kings descended from royal ancestors. The verses quoted above are Messianic prophecies that speak concerning the genealogical descent of the promised Messiah, the Christ. Jesus is the Branch of the genealogical family tree that fulfills these prophecies; and has it's fulfillment illustrated in the following genealogy records of Jesus the Christ:

The Branch of the LORD:

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called **the Son of God!**" (Luke 1:35)

The Righteous Branch of Jesse & David:

"...being, as was being thought, the son of Joseph, ..., the son of Eli, ...**the son of David, ...the son of Jesse**, ...the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, ..., the son of Adam, **the son of God!**" (see Luke 3:23-38)

"The book of the generation of **Jesus the Christ, the son of David**, the son of Abraham; ..., and Salmon begat Boaz of Rachab; and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat **Jesse**; and Jesse begat **David the king**; ..., and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, **of whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ.**" (see Matthew Chapter 1)

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These verses also describe Jesus as being the '**Righteous**' Branch; and the **Branch of Righteousness**.

Righteous: from the Hebrew word *tsaddiq*, which means: "righteous, or just"

Righteousness: from the Hebrew word *tsedeqah*, which means: "righteousness, in the sense of 'rightness' or uprightness, or living justly, and uprightly according to the commandments of God."

Consider what has been said in these verses above concerning Jesus, the **Branch of Righteousness**:

1. Jesus is "beautiful and glorious" in His reign as King.
2. During the reign of Jesus, the "fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for those who are among the escaped of Israel".
3. Jesus is a "Rod out of the stem (David) of Jesse,"
4. "The spirit of the LORD (Jehovah) shall rest upon Him" - Jesus.
5. "The spirit of wisdom and understanding" – shall rest upon Jesus.
6. "The spirit of counsel and might," – shall rest upon Jesus.
7. "The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD" – shall rest upon Jesus.
8. The LORD, has raised up Jesus to be unto king David **a Righteous Branch** (a righteous descendant).
9. Jesus shall be "a King who reigns and prospers."
10. Jesus "shall execute judgment and justice (righteousness) in the earth."
11. In Jesus' "days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely."
12. The name by which Jesus shall be called, is: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!
13. Jesus "shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth."
14. Jesus "is called the Christ!" (Gods' promised Savior for all people!)

JESUS is...

the BRANCH OF THE LORD,

The Righteous Branch,

the Branch of Righteousness,

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!

the promised Messiah descended from King David!

**Beautiful, Glorious, Wise, Understanding, Wonderful Counselor, Just, Mighty
Lord, King, and Savior!**

May all praise, and glory, and honor be yours lord Jesus – always and always!

Thank You Lord of our Righteousness!