

In our last podcast, we discussed the right to access the tree of life and the right to enter the city, and how that right is only obtained by continually washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb, by continually betting our lives on the fact that **Only God is Good**, for He is our **Yahweh Tsidkenu**. We also talked about all those who are not permitted access to the city, the dogs (those who bite and devour one another), the sorcerers (those who use drugs to connect to the other side), the immoral (those whose very existence is identified by sexuality), and those who practice the lie (those in the household of God who know the truth, but do not live the truth). We concluded with Jesus declaring that this message, the entire **revelation** was given for His bondservants and delivered to the churches.

Let's continue in **Revelation 22**.

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Revelation 22:16

I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I **now** am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Let's pick up where we left off, just to get back into the contextual flow.

**REVELATION WAS PURPOSED FOR THE BONDSERVANTS OF JESUS CHRIST BUT
WRITTEN AND DELIVERED TO THE CHURCHES.**

We must not lose sight of the truth that this message, with all its warnings, exhortations, instruction, and guidance is for the bondservants of Jesus Christ, that they might have hope to endure to the end. To reinforce this truth, Jesus again sends us an intense **WARNING** to not be deceived by the false light.

The Root & Descendant of David, the Bright Morning Star

At near the very end of this book, and as a final **WARNING**, Jesus makes some intriguing claims about Himself. "*I **now** am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.*"

You may be thinking that it does not sound like much of a **WARNING**, but do not be fooled, this is a **WARNING** that will be heard by those who are now having an ear to hear what the Spirit now says to the churches.

*"I **now** am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."*

We addressed the image of the "root" back in chapter **5:5** as we discovered why the Lamb is the only one worthy to open the scroll of 7-seals. The meaning of this image is so important, and since it is tied to this **WARNING**, and the fact that He is the one who chooses to now come quickly, we need to revisit this image.

The Root

The reference to the Root of David comes from the **Codex** in the books of **Isaiah** and **Jeremiah**, but

there is also an interesting connection to references in the books of *Daniel*, *Zechariah*, and *Matthew*.

Isaiah 11:1

There shall come forth a root {shoot} from the stump of Jesse, and a **branch** from his roots shall bear fruit.

Jesse is King David's father (a descendent of Judah). King David is that root or shoot. Jesus (who is also a descendent of Judah) would be an offshoot of his stump or literally a branch that comes from his roots.

Jeremiah 23:5

Behold, the days are coming, declares **Yahweh**, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15-17

'Behold, days are coming,' declares **Yahweh**, 'when I will fulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 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. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is by which she will be called: **Yahweh** is our righteousness.' For thus says **Yahweh**, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel...

This is a prophetic word which declared that the Messiah would come forth as a branch from the tribe of Judah. But get this; in *Daniel* there is a complex passage which essentially says that the Anointed One (literally the Christ, or the Messiah) shall be cut off, like a tree that is stumped.¹

The passage explains that the Messiah would come forth and then would be killed, cut off, yet no one would understand what happened or why. They would all be shaking their heads in bewilderment. It would seem to everyone who watched these events unfold that all He tried to accomplish during His time on the earth was a waste of time, for suddenly He was killed and left with nothing and no one. People would not understand that He planned to die, it was all **Plan-A**, so He could be the one (the Lion of the tribe of Judah) who conquered the ultimate foe: sin and death.²

Then in *Zechariah* we discover a promise where **Yahweh** said He would bring in His servant the sprout. The man whose name is "sprout" will sprout out, or branch out, and He will build the Sanctuary of **Yahweh**.³ This righteous branch would be cut off but grow again, which is a reference to Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the way the Spirit of God would be busy about gathering His bondservants

¹ *Daniel 9:24-27*

² See *Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:20*

³ *Zechariah 3:8-10, 6:12-14*

to be the Lord's Sanctuary.⁴ **Zechariah** goes on to say that He (the righteous sprout, or branch) will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and He will be worshiped, all of which describes Jesus who sits on the throne as both king and priest.

Jesus is this root which sprung forth from Jesse.

The Branch

Here is a little prophetic irony. The fulfillment of Jesus being the "branch" (this root of Jesse) was both figuratively and literally fulfilled. In **Isaiah 11:1** ("*There shall come forth a root {shoot} from the stump of Jesse, and a **branch** from his roots shall bear fruit*") the Hebrew word translated "branch" is the word "*natsar*," or "*netser*," and it is what we have translated in the New Testament as Nazarene and Nazareth. This explains why **Matthew** states that Jesus' hometown is Nazareth, hence, He, Jesus, shall be called a Nazarene.⁵ Nazarene literally means the one who is the branch; consequently, His name is the "Branch."

Pilate even testified to this fulfillment when he wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."⁶ In effect, the sign above the cross proclaimed in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek:

**JESUS THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH,
OF THE ROOT OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,
THE KING OF THE JEWS!**

It is no wonder the Jews argued with Pilate to alter the text.⁷ It was a damning proclamation.

Ironically, unbelieving Jews still refer to Jesus as "the Nazarene," a name they use with scorn. For them, to say Jesus or Christ would give Him far too much credit. Yet, by calling Him "the Nazarene," they are unwittingly calling Him the Righteous Branch, of the Root of the Tribe of Judah—the Messiah—in fulfillment of those passages in **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and Zechariah**. Oh, the joyful irony of it all.

Jesus is the **root** of the tribe of Judah that came forth from the shoot that comes forth from the stump of Jesse. Jesus is the branch that bears fruit. He is the King of the Jews and the King of all, everywhere, all the time. He is the one.

Descendent of David

This title, "*the descendent of David*," is not just a statement regarding a genealogical fact, but it is a messianic statement. It was always understood that the Messiah would be a descendant of David.

Genealogy

In **Matthew 1:1** Jesus is recorded as being a direct descendant of David: "*The record of the genealogy*

⁴ **1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:21**

⁵ **Matthew 2:23**

⁶ **John 19:19**

⁷ **John 19:19-22**

of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”⁸

Messianic

As to the messianic implications, it was prophesied back in the days of Jacob (the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham) that it would be from his son Judah that the Messiah would come.

Genesis 49:8-10

Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, and as a lion, who dares rouse him up? *The **scepter** shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until **Shiloh** comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

Judah was prophesied as being the ruling tribe amongst his brothers, the tribe from which the scepter (an idiom for rulership) would lie. The Hebrew word “**Shiloh**” is a term that literally means “*he whose it is*” and it is an epithet of the Messiah, and a statement of possession and ownership. To Him belongs the obedience of the people, it is His birthright.

“*Shiloh*” derives from the Hebrew root word “*Sala*” meaning tranquil, to be at rest, to have quiet. This idiom, *Shiloh*, could be understood to mean that when “he whose it is” comes, the obedience of the peoples will be peaceful, tranquil, which is in direct contrast to the rule of the false Messiah which will be by force and oppression. There will be no peace. This is quite the prophetic declaration.

Then let’s jump forward to the time of Jesse, the father of David, from whom the shoot—the root—would come.

2 Samuel 7:12-14, 16 [Speaking to David, the prophet Samuel prophesied:]

When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ... Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.

Psalms 89:3-4

Yahweh said, "I have made a covenant with David, my chosen servant. I have sworn this oath to him: 'I will establish your descendants as kings forever; they will sit on your throne from now until eternity.'"

⁸ See also **Luke 3:23-38**

Psalm 132:11-18

Yahweh swore an oath to David with a promise he will never take back: "I will place one of your descendants on your throne. If your descendants obey the terms of my covenant and the laws that I teach them, then your royal line will continue forever and ever." For **Yahweh** has chosen Jerusalem; he has desired it for his home. "This is my resting place forever," he said. "I will live here, for this is the home I desired. I will bless this city and make it prosperous; I will satisfy its poor with food. I will clothe its priests with godliness; its faithful servants will sing for joy. Here I will increase the power of David; **my anointed one** will be a light for my people. I will clothe his enemies with shame, but he will be a glorious king."

The "**anointed one**," (literally, the oiled one) the one who is oiled by and with the Spirit of God, is another epithet for the Messiah, which in the New Testament is translated as the "Christ."

Isaiah 9:6-8

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of Heaven's Armies) will make this happen!

Isaiah 11:1-5

Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of **Yahweh** will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of **Yahweh**. He will delight in obeying **Yahweh**. He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay. He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked. He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.

Isaiah 11:10

In that day the heir to David's throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him, and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

Luke 1:30-33

"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "For you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel

forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Luke 1:67-75

Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy: "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness.

The **Codex** is clear, Jesus is the prophesied descendant of David, the promised Messiah, the Christ.

So, why is this coming up now? Why, right here at the very end of this book, is Jesus making this point of Him being the “root” and “the descendant of David”? What is He getting at?

There Can Be Only One

This is one last huge, gigantic **WARNING**. Soon, very soon, one will come who will identify himself as the Christ—the Messiah the one for whom everyone has been waiting, including those who are waiting for the Mahdi to appear (the Islamic version of the Messiah).

This man will come on to the world stage and he will take his seat of authority from within the “*naos*” – from within the holy place, which is a euphemism for the true believers, the bondservants of Jesus Christ (much like Judas came forth from the midst of the chosen twelve apostles). Then shortly after the blowing of the 5th Trumpet, this man will become possessed by the Beast, and he will declare that he is God, and that he alone is to be worshiped, and he will kill anyone who refuses to bow the knee.

Jesus warned us about this time.

Matthew 24:23-28

Then if anyone may say to you, 'Behold, here is **the Christ**,' or 'There He is,' may you not believe him. For false Christs and false prophets will in the **future** be caused to arise and will in the **future** show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance.

So, if they may say to you, 'Behold, He **now** is in the wilderness,' may you not go out, or 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' may you not believe them. For just as the lightning chooses to **now** come from the east and chooses to **now** flash even to the west, so in the **future** choose to be the coming of the Son of Man in the **future** choose to be. Wherever the corpse **now** may be, there the vultures will in the **future** be caused to gather.

Jesus also chastised the Jewish leaders **WARNING** them that they are so in love with the praises of man, that one day they will honor and welcome one who comes in his own name. This has overtures to

the coming one who will claim to be the Christ, the Messiah.

John 5:41-44

I do not **now** receive glory from men, but I know you, that you do not **now** have the love of God in yourselves. I have come to you in my Father's name, and you do not **now** receive me. If another may come in his own name, you will in the **future** choose to gladly welcome him. How can you choose to **now** believe when you are **now** receiving glory from each other, but you do not **now** seek the glory that is from the one God?

Jesus said that they would gladly choose to welcome another that is of a different kind, not the same kind (He used the Greek word "*allos*" which means another of a different kind and not "*heteros*" meaning another of the same kind). His point is that this man, this false Messiah is another like Him, but of a different kind. Jesus came as a man in His Father's name (**Yahweh**), but this man will come in his own name. Jesus came as the **Anointed One**, the oiled one, filled with the Holy Spirit. But this other man will come with spirits of a different nature, and ultimately, he will be possessed by the Beast.

At first, the demons or spirits that possess him will be of a nature like the hawk, swift with a large, curved bill and sharp talons which are used to bite and tear at their prey. But when the Beast possesses this man, he will be likened to the eagle, that bird of prey that surprises and overwhelms its prey and decapitates their kills. He will dominate and crush his enemies.⁹

Furthermore, the use of the singular pronoun, "his," and "him" points us not to the many who, over the centuries have claimed, or will claim, to be the Messiah, but to the one who will convince the world that he is the one, that he is God and that he alone must be worshipped; of course, all under the threat of death for failure to comply.

Don't Be Fooled

By reminding us that He is the "*root*" and "*the decedent of David*," Jesus is **WARNING** everyone to **NOT BE FOOLED**. Be ready, there is only one root, there is only one who is *Shiloh*, there is only one Messiah, there is only one "Branch," the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 24:42-44

Therefore, you are commanded to **now** be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord **now** chooses to come. But you are commanded to **now** be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief would choose to **now** come, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason, you also are commanded to **now** choose to be ready; for the Son of Man chooses to **now** come at an hour when you do not **now** think He will.

⁹ See the allusion in *Job 39:26-27*, and *Daniel 11:9, 15, 25, 29, 40*

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will pick up with a look at the Bright Morning Star and dive into an interesting expose on the false light, the imager of the Bright Morning Star. I had hoped we would get to it this week, but we will have to wait. It is beyond fascinating, so tune in next week to learn more about the Angel of Light.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."