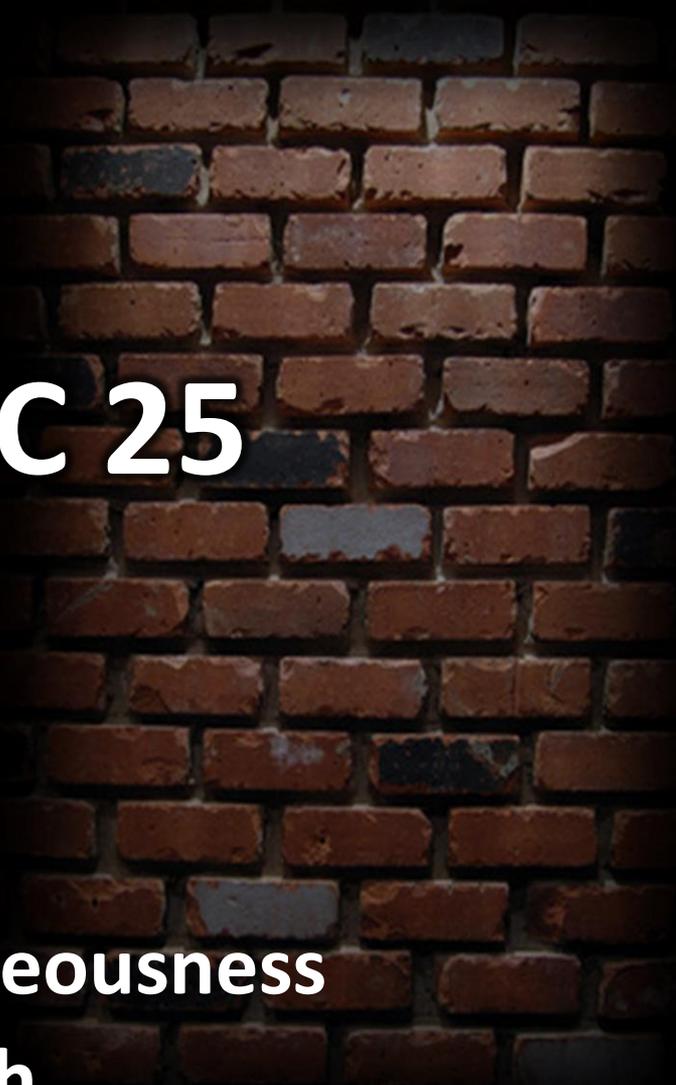


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1. Walking to Emmaus
2. The Beginning is Christ
3. Isaac: No Laughing Matter
4. Christ the Stone... The Cornerstone
5. Christ: Hold Fast
6. Christ Heaven's Captain: Joahua
7. Finding Christ in Noah's Ark
8. Mephibosheth: Time to Come Home
9. Restoration Project: Hosea
10. Great Light
11. Whostory: Psalm 22
12. Jubilee
13. Shepherd King
14. The River of Life
15. Joseph: Pictures of Christ
16. Christ in Song of Songs
17. Rest Area / Ancient Way
18. Christ Wrestling: Jacob
19. 7 Swims for Naaman
20. Passover
21. Big Fish, Little Fish: Jonah
22. Just the Job
23. Job-tastic
24. I will Pour Out



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**The King Our Righteousness
In Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 23

5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, 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. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

Foundational

- **Jeremiah** (hymry) meaning "Yahweh establishes" or "throws/lays a foundation"
- Do we need to allow some excavation and reinforcement of our foundations?



Jeremiah 1: His Foundation

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”

7 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.”

Shaky Foundations

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord.’ (Jer 23:1)

1 The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month. (Jer 1:1)

Kingly instruction...

Jer 21:11 “And to the house of the king of Judah say, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, **12** O house of David! Thus says the Lord: “Execute justice in the morning, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed”

- Josiah had been a good King – the law had been rediscovered and established. He oversaw revival for the people of Judah.

Kingly warning...

- But to Josiah's sons

Jer 22:13 “Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his upper rooms by injustice”

- And to the last one, Coniah specifically...

“Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not succeed in his days, for none of his offspring shall succeed in sitting on the throne of David and ruling again in Judah.”

David's Promise

2 Sam 7:16 "And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me. Your throne shall be established for ever."

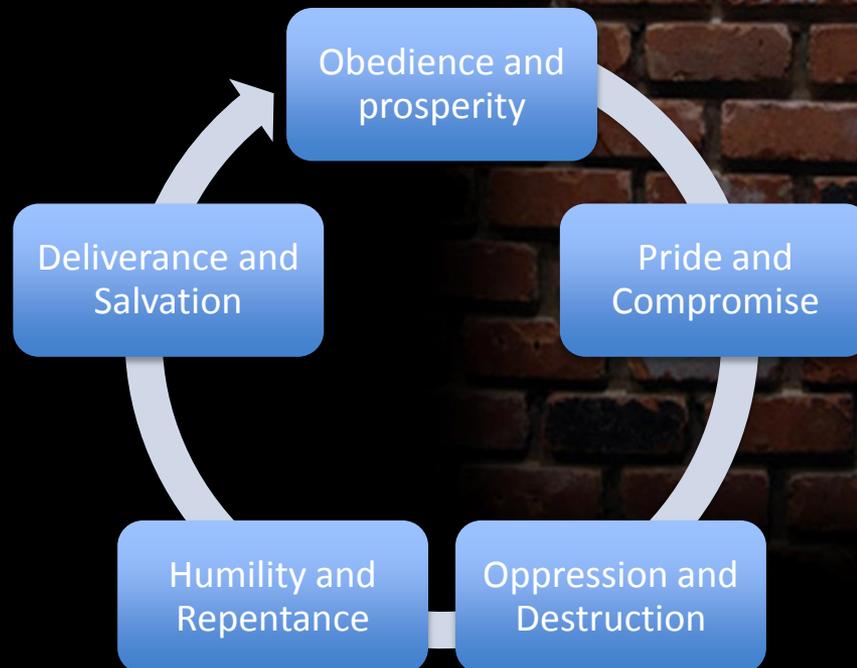
- God's promise to Israel's great king remains but is it in trouble?!
- The Kingdoms divided (under Solomon)
- The 10 Northern Tribes of Israel
- The 2 Southern Tribes of Judah
 - House of David people, Jeremiah's people

A Righteous Branch

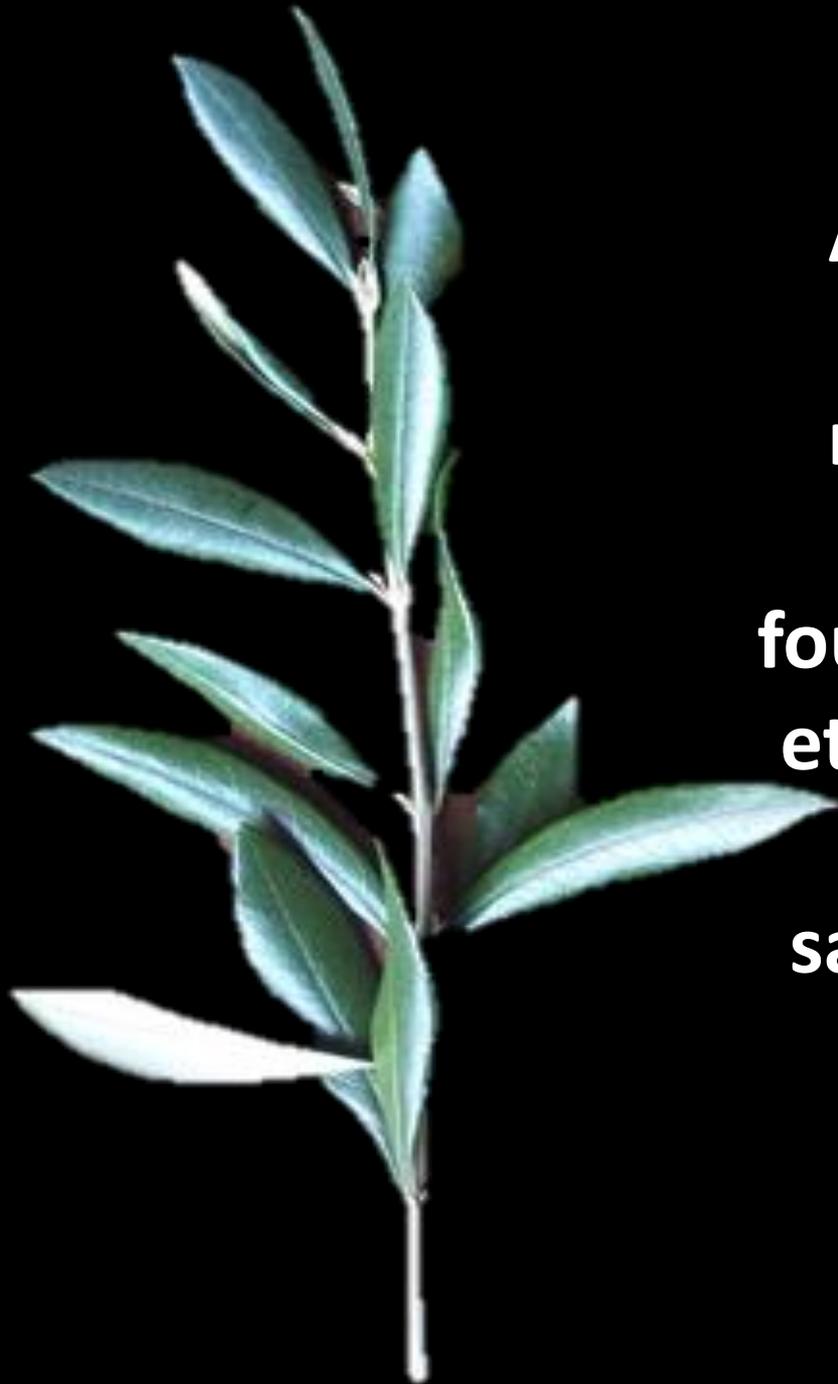


The OT Cycle of Redemption

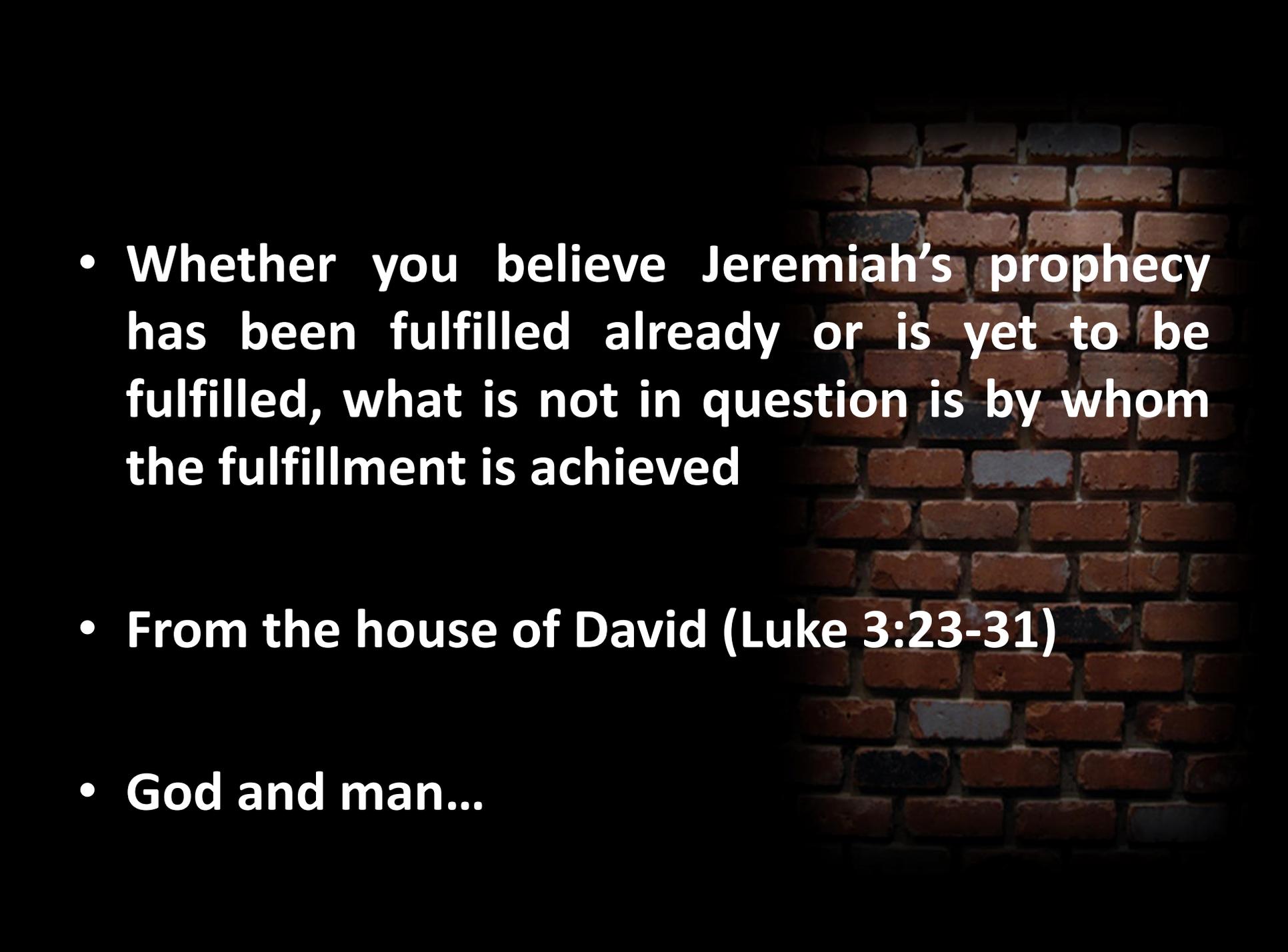
- God's Promises / Covenant / Rescue
- People's disobedience or inability to keep God's commands
- Warning to repent or face the consequences of sin
- Consequences of sin (Disaster / oppression)
- Repentance
- Rescue...



Clearly illustrated
in the book of Judges



**A Righteous Branch will
shoot up through the
middle of this cycle and
through these shaky
foundations to establish his
eternal Kingdom and once
and for all bringing
salvation and redemption
and becoming our
righteousness**

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- **Whether you believe Jeremiah's prophecy has been fulfilled already or is yet to be fulfilled, what is not in question is by whom the fulfillment is achieved**
 - **From the house of David (Luke 3:23-31)**
 - **God and man...**

The Lord is Our Righteousness

- **Not like Lord Sugar this is YHWH: The Lord**
 - Jn 12:45 'And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.'
 - Jn 13:13 'You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.'
- **Our Righteousness**
 - 1Cor 1:30 'And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption'
 - 2Cor 5:21 'He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.'

He Will Establish His Throne Forever

- **His Kingdom has come (Matt 10:7) in the person of Jesus (Luke 17:21)**
 - we can access it, submit to it and live in the reality of it today
- **And is Coming**
 - The fullness of His rule is not fully revealed yet
 - (Jer 23) ‘he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land’

Our King Today

- **If we want to see His Kingdom come on earth we need to know Him as our righteousness**
 - **Receiving His righteousness by faith**
 - **Seeking first His Kingdom and His Righteousness**
 - **Living as a citizen of His righteous rule**



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