

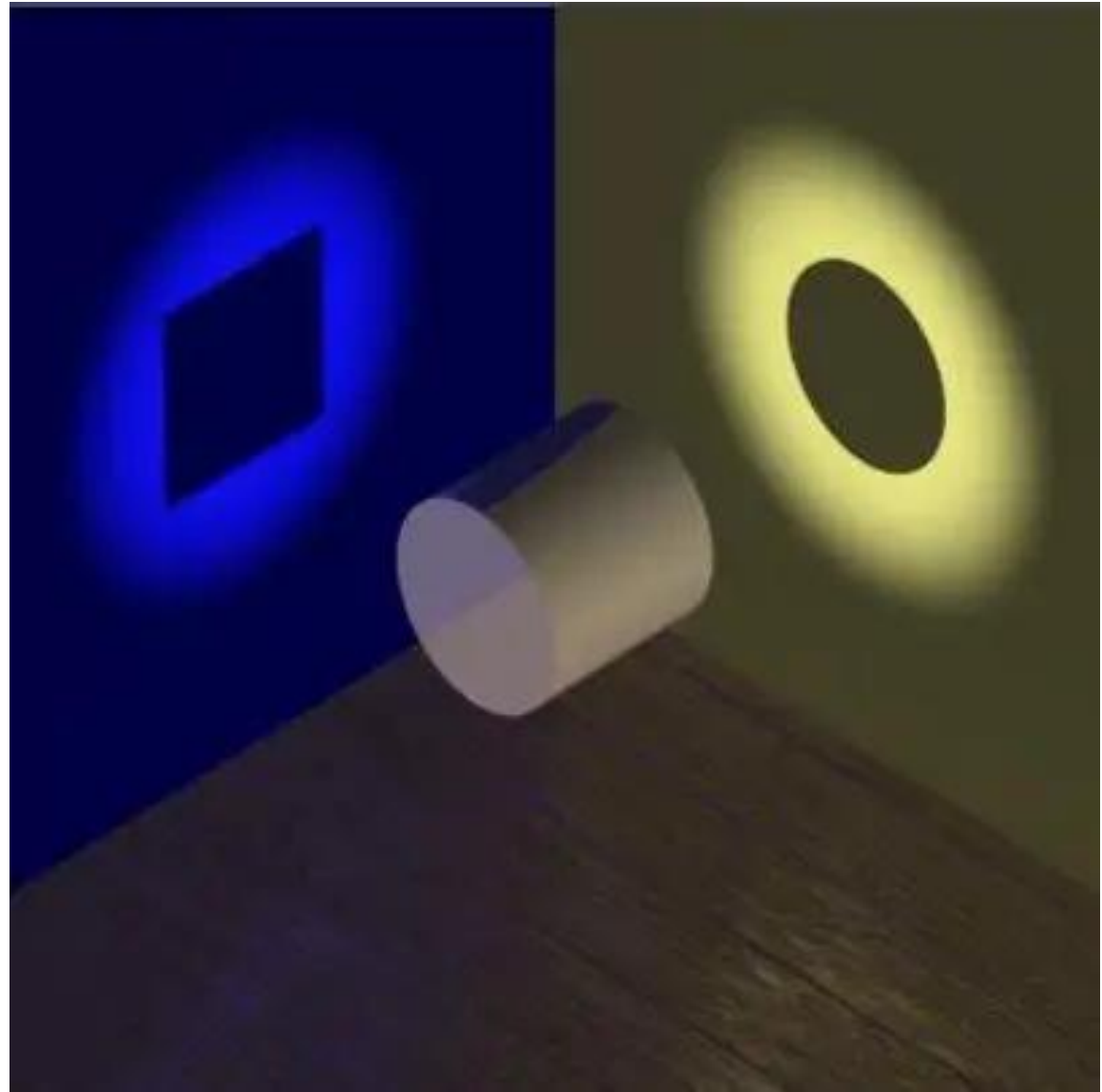
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OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Jeremiah 23:1-8, 33:14-26

Lesson: The Righteous Branch of David



Jeremiah 23:1-8, 33:14-26: The righteous Branch of David

- The Book of Jeremiah

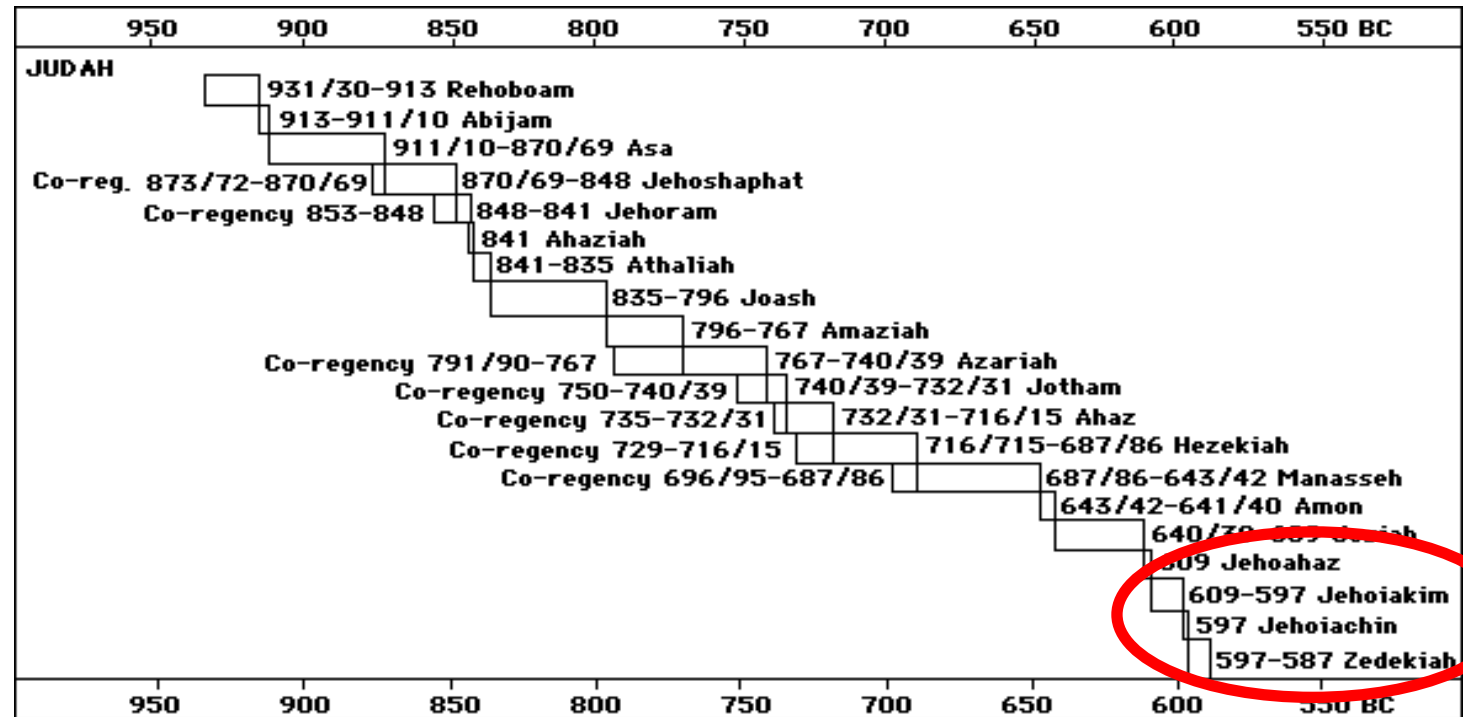
- Prophet to southern kingdom of Judah. Ministry spanned pre- and post-exile.
- Ministry ~627- 585/561 BC
- Theme: God's final warning

Theme: God holds leaders responsible for their actions, and because they all fail He will provide an eternal, wise King who will reign in righteousness, and bless His people.

I. The reason for the King's reign (Jer 23:1-8)

A. An indictment of Judah's failed leaders (vv. 1-2)

1. The failure of Judah's kings (ch. 22)
2. The failure of Judah's "shepherds"
3. God's view of the people



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- C. A promise of the perfect leader (vv. 5-8)
 - 1. A rightful King: the branch of David
 - 2. A righteous King
 - 3. The spectacle of His coming



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Application:

- God holds leaders accountable
 - We should take our leadership positions seriously
 - We should appreciate leaders who are serving faithfully
- God will provide a perfect King
 - We need more than *only* a Savior...we also need a King!

For He rescued us **from** the domain of darkness, and transferred us **to** the kingdom of His beloved Son... Col 1:13

- We are not only His subjects, but His family! The “Lord OUR Righteousness”

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor 5:21

II. The blessings of the Kingdom (Jer 33:14-26)

A. The means of the Kingdom blessings (vv. 14-18)

1. Blessings for the nation of Israel: Through Christ as the Righteous Branch of David!
2. Blessings for the city of Jerusalem: Through Christ as the King and High Priest!

B. The certainty of the Kingdom blessings (vv. 19-26)

1. The certainty of the King's roles
2. The greatness of the King's people
3. The assurance of the King's acceptance



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Application:

- God has a plan to bless His people – through His King

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. Rev 20:6

- That plan is as certain as the rising sun!